

Friday 11th March 2016



# Duncombe News

It was good to see so many of you at the Parents' Evenings across this week. I was delighted with the feedback and greatly encouraged by the commitment on display from parents, pupils and staff to continue to challenge and support our children in their learning.

2JA shared in their assembly about the importance of working memories which help us in many aspects of life. I greatly enjoyed their dance routines, acting and team work as we began our week in style. 3B brought the week to a conclusion with their exciting assembly themed around the Human Body! All pupils put in wonderful performances and had clearly greatly enjoyed the experience. Well done to both forms.

The MasterChef competition has begun to heat up, and the standard on offer was once again very high. Well done to all the pupils involved. Each time they make it harder and harder to select candidates for the next stage and continue to demonstrate a passion and focus that will serve each of them well.

The trips for Year 6 to Parliament and the Imperial War Museum and for Year 1 to a Glass Workshop were very successful and I was pleased with the comments from both year groups about the experiences and what they had learned. As we get closer to the EU referendum we shall be looking at the issues raised and encouraging pupils to reflect on their own ideas and opinions. I am sure they will greatly welcome the chance to talk to you about this as well.

I spoke to our older pupils about the importance of treating their own and other people's possessions correctly and with respect and asked Lower School staff to do the same. In a fast paced school with lots to do and plenty of movement it is reasonable that things might not be 'ship shape' for all occasions, however, I felt moved to demonstrate the impact of casually leaving one's possessions anywhere and relying on others to do the leg work in sorting it out. My message was clear and to the point and I thank you in advance for your continuing support of this message.

A sporty and scientific focus next week with the Upper School Swimming Gala, Cognita Festival of Sport and the Science Workshop on Thursday. We shall also look forward to hearing how our U11 Netball team got on at the York tournament. Have a lovely weekend *Mr Phelan*.

## Here are this week's Pupils who received a Headmaster's Award. Well done to them!



## 2JA Assembly photo



## 3B Assembly photo



## Diary Dates

**Monday 14th March** - 'Wrong Trousers Day' for Hatfield's Charity (£1 to enter).

**Tuesday 15th March** - Upper School Swimming Gala at Hartham. 9.00am start. (No swimming for Years 2 and 3) 1.00pm Year 5 to GSK.

**Thursday 17th March** - Cognita Festival of Sports.

**Friday 18th March** - Breakfast Music Assembly (including Year 2 Recorders). 8.50am in Old Hall. No after school Self Defence.

PA Quiz Night.

## Looking Forward

**Tuesday 22nd March** - Toddle Waddle for children in Early Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Nursery. 9.00am start. Parents, grandparents and siblings welcome.

Year 5 Parents' Evening 5.30pm to 8.30pm.

**Wednesday 23rd March** - Reception Trip to Mill Green Museum.

Nursery Parent to Lunch at 11.45am. (No creche available.)

**Thursday 24th March** - End of Term.

Treetops and Years 1-3 - finish time 2.45 pm,

Years 4-6 - finish time 3.00pm.

There will be no After School clubs but after school care will be available until 6.00pm. Please let us know if your child requires care.

**Tuesday 19th April** - School resumes for Summer Term.

**Wednesday 20th April** - Swimming resumes for Years 2, 3 and 4.

**Thursday 21st April** - Year 6 Enrichment and Normandy Meeting. 7.00pm in Old Hall.

## Sports Fixtures

**Friday 18th March** - U11 Hockey v Felsted (away).

**Monday 21st March** - U9 AB&C Rugby v Heath Mount (away). 2.15pm start.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Mrs Takawira who gave birth to Elijah Alan on Monday 7th March. The Takawira family are delighted and all doing well.

Congratulations to Boris D (4CH), for making the Herts County Tennis Team after coming 3rd in the selection tournament! There will be 3 further sessions this month and the final 6 will be picked to represent Hertford at the Regional Competition on 17th April. Good luck Boris!



### **Staff News**

We are delighted to announce that following the recent interview process, Miss Micele has been appointed as Head of English and will start in post from September.

Miss Micele joined Duncombe in September 2014 as an Upper Key Stage 2 teacher, she has successfully lead and gained Duncombe's membership of NACE and is excited to bring her ideas and skills to this key position. Miss Micele is a Cambridge graduate who has several years experience in both the state and independent sectors.

### **World Book Day Design a Dolly Peg Competition**

Thank you to everyone who entered the 'Design a Dolly Peg Competition', with your help we raised a wonderful £250 towards Hatfield's charity.

Well done to all the winners: Andrew C (Nursery Birch), Mia K (Nursery Maple), James M (2JA), Henry S (3CF), Jonathan D (4CH) and Charlotte E-E (6F)



### **Beep Beep! Road Safety Day**

Every year thousands of tots and infants aged 2-7 take part in a special Beep Beep Day organised by their nursery, playgroup, childminder or infant school to help save little lives.

Today in Treetops our EKG and KG children took to our play zebra crossing and practiced how to 'Stop, Look and Listen' and know when it's safe to cross the road.



### **Year 6 Visit Houses of Parliament**

On Monday the week got off to a very early start for Year 6 as they had a 9.00am appointment at the Houses of Parliament. The children had expert guides to show them around. They started in Westminster Hall where Guy Fawkes was tried and where Henry VIII is reputed to have played tennis. Afterwards they visited both houses – the House of Lords and the House of Commons and saw the famous red and green benches, the Speaker's chair and the golden throne that the Queen sits in when she opens parliament. The children were able to, and did, ask lots of questions – I wonder if we have any future MPs in Year 6? Later in the IWM the children collected what they thought were the most interesting artefacts for a imaginary new gallery in the museum. This most enjoyable and informative day received a resounding 'thumbs up' from Year 6 pupils. *Mrs Foy.*



  
 Duncombe School  
 Come along to our  
 Duncombe Treetops Toddlers  
**Easter Party**  
  
 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 10am – 11.15am  
 We have loads of fun games and activities planned . . . and maybe the Easter Bunny will make an appearance! So wrap up warm for the Dell Easter Egg Hunt  
 Tea and coffee available whilst you have fun with your little ones  
 Party is free **BY INVITATION** only, for children aged 1-3yrs, spaces are limited so 'hop to it' and book your space with Lucy Evans on 01992 414109  
**SEE YOU THERE!**


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### Hatfield Charity Event - 'The Wrong Trousers' Monday 14th March

Don't forget to wear 'The Wrong Trousers' to school on Monday!

This is the next charity event being run by Hatfield. You can wear the craziest and funniest trousers (or skirt) to school but you will need to wear your blouse and cardigan or shirt, tie and jumper.

Please remember to bring in £1 on the day to join in with the fun. We are looking forward to seeing all of the outrageous outfits! *The Hatfield Charity Team*

### Toddle Waddle

We are looking forward to lots of you joining us for the Toddle Waddle on Tuesday 22nd March at 9am, all parents, grandparents and siblings welcome.

### Self Defence on Friday 18th March

Please be aware that there is no Self Defence on Friday 18th March. If you require after school care please let the School Office know.

### Niko Brown Glass workshop

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week Year 1 visited Niko's Workshop to make a piece of fused glass. As each small group of seven walked down to Folly Island we were full of excitement as this was a new trip for all of us.

Niko welcomed us and talked to us about fused glass and the importance of being safe in her workshop. Each child drew a design and then choose small pieces of glass to lay on their small clear square of glass.

These designs were then put in a kiln which Niko told us would reach temperatures of 800 degrees centigrade to fuse the pieces together. We all had a fantastic time exploring this new material and all are thrilled with the results. The coasters will make their way home before Easter.

Here are some quotes from the children  
 'James said 'Superb, I loved doing the design';  
 Cooper said 'I loved making the picture with the glass, it was awesome';  
 Joe said ' I thought that the big blue furnace was like a big mouth about to eat the glass.';  
 Ruby said 'I liked using the big tweezers to pick up the little bits of glass to put them on my picture.'  
*Mrs Durham and Mrs Turner.*



## Lost

Named hat belonging to Kea Wyles.

### Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 14th March



## Weekly Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Dish of the Day</b> Savoury Pork Lattice with Gravy	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Chicken Curry with Poppadum's and Mango Chutney	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Freshly made Beef Burgers on a ½ Bap with Red Slaw	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Roast Chicken with Gravy And Cranberry Sauce	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Creamy Fisherman's Pie
<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Quorn Chilli with Rice	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Roasted Vegetable and Goats Cheese Slice	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Quorn Burger on a ½ Bap with Red Slaw	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Mushroom and Spring Greens Frittata	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Pizza Margarita
<b>Jacket Potato Bar</b> Tuna Mayonnaise Cheese	<b>Pasta Bar</b> Creamy Tomato sauce	<b>Jacket Potato Bar</b> Baked Beans cheese	<b>Pasta Bar</b> Cheese Sauce	<b>Pasta Bar</b> Cheese Sauce
<b>Vegetables</b> Steamed New Potatoes Steamed Green Beans	<b>Vegetables</b> Steamed Rice Spinach Sag aloo Steamed Sweetcorn with Peas	<b>Vegetables</b> Rissole Potatoes Steamed Sweetcorn	<b>Vegetables</b> Roast Potatoes Steamed Carrots Broccoli	<b>Vegetables</b> Roast Potatoes Steamed Carrots Broccoli
<b>Dessert</b> Creamy Rice Pudding with Choc Chips Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	<b>Dessert</b> Apple and Cinnamon Sponge with Vanilla Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	<b>Dessert</b> Chocolate topped Flapjack Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	<b>Dessert</b> Strawberry Ice cream with Fruit Sauce Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	<b>Dessert</b> Chocolate Beetroot Cake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt

Daily Salad Bar  
With a Selection of Home cooked Meats & freshly Prepared Salads  
Fresh fruit salad available daily

