

Friday 13th May 2016



# Duncombe News

What a marvellous May Fair! With the sun shining and everyone pulling together it really made for a sense of great pride in Duncombe and what it can do. I have written to Mark Armitage and to his PA Team expressing my sincerest of thanks for their leadership and hard work. To all of you involved, thank you. Your efforts made for a most enjoyable day and it was delightful to see young and old together having such a fun time.

Speaking of fun, we have greatly enjoyed a picnic in honour of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday today. Each pupil was fully engaged with the experience and with traditional sports day games and activities along with a cake, ice cream or lolly we certainly toasted Her Majesty's good health in a fine fashion. Each pupil has been given a commemorative bookmark in recognition of the day and I know they certainly had a very good time. Once again, thank you to the PA for their continued support.

The 4M assembly was a triumph! Looking at the theme of Queen Elizabeth II, we went on a whirlwind tour of new and old TV programmes that explored the life and role of the Queen. With some very good comic lines and clear understanding of the impact of the Monarchy on British life, 4M lead us in a rousing rendition of the National Anthem followed by three cheers! A wonderful way to start the day and enjoyed by all. Well done 4M and Miss Micele, sterling stuff!

I have been enjoying observations of lessons this week with a focus on Maths. In Year 1, I greatly enjoyed watching and talking to our pupils about using fractions. With growing confidence they were able to use accurate mathematical language and were very willing to be challenged. Year 2 built on this work looking at fractions to 10, and using division and multiplication of whole numbers. A greater degree of challenge and concentration needed, but again they rose to this extremely well and were pushed at pace to really get involved. In Year 4 the order of the day was 3D shapes. I enjoyed a wonderful lesson centered around mathematical exploration and I was delighted with the dialogue and passion that this created. It truly was an inspirational lesson and I left feeling very excited about the potential for just how far this learning can be taken. Wonderful to see and great to be able to share.

Next week truly is action packed with the Latin Assembly on Monday, Year 4 York Trip meeting followed by the Come Dine experience, The Barnado's concert at the Royal Festival Hall and 5T performing their assembly on Friday.

We carried out a 'lock down' practice today with the whole school. Much like the need for fire drills, we are required to practise a lock down procedure in a school year. The policy can be found on our school website should you like to read it.

Finally, well done to Year 6 who successfully navigated their way through their examinations with poise and focus. A great effort by all. Another busy week for them lies ahead and the reality of Normandy comes ever closer!

Have a wonderful weekend. *Mr Phelan.*

## 4M Assembly



## Diary Dates

- Monday 16th May** - Latin Assembly (Parents welcome).
- Wednesday 18th May** - Barnardo's Concert, Years 5 & 6 Choir. Royal Festival Hall.
- Thursday 19th May** - Year 4 Train and Boat Trip to Ware.  
Year 4 Come Dine and York Meeting.
- Friday 20th May** - 5T Assembly (Parents welcome).

## Looking Forward

- Monday 23rd May** - Year 6 visit to France.  
Breakfast Music Assembly (Parents Welcome).
- Tuesday 24th May** - Year 2 Parent to Lunch.
- Wednesday 25th May** - Year 4 to the Natural History Museum.
- Thursday 26th May** - Year 2 to Southend.  
School finishes at normal time for Half Term.
- Friday 27th May** - Half Term - School Closed.  
Year 6 return from France.
- Monday 6th June** - Second half of Summer Term starts.  
EKG Welcome Meeting. 9.30am start.
- Wednesday 8th June** - Year 1 to Woburn Safari Park.  
Reception Parent to Lunch.  
Ballet Show in New Hall.
- Thursday 9th June** - Open Morning for Prospective Parents.
- Friday 10th June** - Sports Day (Reception to Year 6) at Wodson Park.

## Sports Fixtures

- Monday 16th May** - U9A Rounders v St Christopher School (away). 3.15pm start.
- Tuesday 17th May** - U11 Cricket and Rounders v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3.45pm start.
- Monday 23rd May** - U9A Cricket v St Christopher School (away). 2.30pm start.
- Wednesday 8th June** - U11B Cricket v St Christopher School (away). 2.30pm start.  
U11A&B Rounders v St Christopher School (away). 2.30pm start.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulation to Jake C (4R) who played for Ware Lions on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May in their Emerald League Cup Final at The Hive Football Club in Barnet. They played against St Albans U9s and, despite numerous attempts on target, the score at half time was 0-0. Ware Lions upped their game and scored the winning goal 15 minutes into the second half. Well done Jake and his team for winning the league.



### **Music Instrumentalists for the Autumn Term.**

Over the next few weeks, Mrs Price and I will be looking at spaces created on our teachers timetables when the Year 6 children are taken off at the end of this Summer Term.

If you wish your child to learn an instrument here at Duncombe please let myself or Mrs Price know as soon as you are able. We may be able to organise a short trial on the chosen instrument if necessary.

To remind you, we offer tuition on piano, guitar, violin, flute, brass, clarinet, drums, guitar, and voice. Instrumental tuition begins when a child is in Year 3 unless spaces become available whilst they are in Year 2.

Please contact us as soon as you are able via email.

[Sarah.Price@duncombe-school.co.uk](mailto:Sarah.Price@duncombe-school.co.uk)

[Jane.Turner@duncombe-school.co.uk](mailto:Jane.Turner@duncombe-school.co.uk)

Thank you. *Mrs Turner.*

### **Hertford Museum Visit**

Nursery Maple and Nursery Birch stepped back in time this week when Hertford Museum came to visit. Joanne brought us a fantastic range of old toys to explore. The children all loved the Jack in the Box, spinning tops, yo-yo's and skittles to name but a few. They used some excellent vocabulary to describe what the toys did and how they worked.



### **Woburn Charity Update**

Many thanks to all of you who supported Woburn's Charity, Carers in Herts, at the May Fair last Sunday. We raised nearly £200 with 'Name the Teddy' and 'Throwing the Wet Sponge at the Teacher' games.

Please save your silver coins for our next event on Friday 20th May when we will be laying a silver trail to cover a large heart. *The Woburn Charity Team.*

### **Latin Assembly**

This Monday 16th May, the children who attend Latin Club are sharing some of their learning in a special assembly held in Old Hall at 8.50am. The assembly will include Roman songs, a Latin play and even some Harry Potter spells! Parents of children who are performing are warmly invited to attend. Year 3 pupils will also be in attendance to experience first hand what learning Latin has to offer, should they wish to join Latin Club next academic year.

*Miss Cartwright*

### **Access to School**

May we remind you that the school is not open to parents on a Saturday morning. We have had a few instances of parents coming into the school on a Saturday morning to collect various items. If you need to collect something please do this in normal school hours. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Lost**

Named coat belonging to Alice Galluccio.

Named blazer belonging to Oliver Castley.

**Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 16th May**



**Weekly Menu**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Dish of the Day</b> Freshly made Beef Lasagne with homemade Garlic Bread</p> <p><b>Vegetarian Option</b> Roasted Vegetable Lasagna With homemade Garlic bread</p> <p><b>Jacket Potato Bar</b> Tuna Mayonnaise</p> <p><b>Vegetables</b> Baby New Potatoes Green Beans Sauté Courgettes with Peppers</p> <p><b>Dessert</b> Apple and Blackberry Oaty topped Crumble with Cream Fresh Fruit</p>	<p><b>Dish of the Day</b> Freshly made Chicken Burgers on a ½ Bap with Side Salad</p> <p><b>Vegetarian Option</b> Tomato, and Roasted Vegetable Halloumi Gratin</p> <p><b>Pasta Bar</b> Fresh Tomato Sauce Cheese</p> <p><b>Vegetables</b> Rissolle Potatoes Steamed Sweetcorn</p> <p><b>Dessert</b> Warm Chocolate Drop Sponge Fresh Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p><b>Dish of the Day</b> Freshly made Lamb Mousaka</p> <p><b>Vegetarian Option</b> Creamy Butternut Risotto (Vegetarian Parmesan)</p> <p><b>Jacket Potato Bar</b> Baked Beans Cheese</p> <p><b>Vegetables</b> New Potatoes Steamed Broccoli and Garden Peas</p> <p><b>Dessert</b> Ginger Cookie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p><b>Dish of the Day</b> Roast Turkey with Gravy</p> <p><b>Vegetarian Option</b> Sweet Pepper and Mushroom Omelette</p> <p><b>Pasta Bar</b> 3 Cheese Sauce</p> <p><b>Vegetables</b> Roast Potatoes Steamed Summer Vegetables Roasted Beetroot</p> <p><b>Dessert</b> Vanilla Ice Cream with Toffee Sauce Fresh Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p><b>Dish of the Day</b> Herb Crusted Cod with Lemon and Tar Tare Sauce</p> <p><b>Vegetarian Option</b> Cheesy Macaroni</p> <p><b>Jacket Potato Bar</b> Coleslaw Cheese</p> <p><b>Vegetables</b> Oven Baked Jacket wedges Baked beans Garden Peas</p> <p><b>Dessert</b> Summer Fruit Cheesecake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt</p>
<p><b>Daily Salad Bar</b> With a Selection of Home cooked Meats &amp; freshly Prepared Salads Fresh fruit salad available daily</p>				