

Welcome back. I do hope you had a lovely half term holiday and a very warm welcome to our new families and pupils who have joined us this week. In assembly today our pupils welcomed back our intrepid space explorer which included; watching the full footage of the space launch and descent, a press interview with DB himself, led by Year 6, some wonderful singing of 'Ground Control to Major Ted' based on another DB (David Bowie's) wonderful work, masks created by Upper School, flags created by Lower School and the special award for bravery bestowed upon our hero.

Each pupil has been given a postcard to commemorate the event along with a 'Sent into Space' sticker. For Upper School pupils they now have the knowledge that the art work, produced as part of the workshops, was carried in the payload that went with Duncombe Bear and they have a sticker to authenticate this as well!

The learning and enthusiasm has been exceptional and when we were 'Liked' by Major Tim Peake himself over the holidays on our Facebook page, I think it is fair to say that we have achieved even more than we thought was possible. I am sure this adventure will be long remembered and already pupils are starting to think of further adventurous pursuits.

The Hertford Food Bank has written to Miss Sands to express their gratitude to all pupils and parents for the donations received following our Harvest Festivals. Do have a look at the letter in the Newsletter as it makes for a very heart-warming read.

We have lots going on next week including the 1T assembly on Friday 11th November and the first of our Year 5 Parents' Evenings. Do have a lovely and safe Bonfire Weekend.

Mr Phelan.

Staff Update.

We would like to inform you that Mrs Bonanni will be leaving Duncombe at the end of this term to take up a teaching post at St Christopher School in Letchworth. We are delighted to tell you that Mrs Ferguson and Miss Cartwright have agreed to both teach full time from January 2017.

3CF will become 3C and will be taught by Miss Cartwright for the whole week. 3B will become 3F and will be taught by Mrs Ferguson for the whole week.

The Year 3 Team are working closely together to ensure a smooth transition and both Mrs Ferguson and Miss Cartwright are extremely excited about taking on Year 3 from the New Year.

We, of course, wish Mrs Bonanni every success as she works much closer to home, and will say a proper goodbye at the end of the term.

Diary Dates

Thursday 10th November - Open Morning for Prospective Parents.

Year 5 Parents' Evening. 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Friday 11th November - 1T Assembly (Parents Welcome). 8.50am start.

Sports Fixtures

Wednesday 9th November - U11 A&B Football v St Christopher School (away). 2.30pm start.

Monday 14th November - U7 A&B Football v St Edmund's Prep (home). 4pm start.

Tuesday 15th November - U11 Netball v St Joseph's in the Park (home).

Wednesday 16th November - U11 Hockey A&B v Heath Mount (away).

Thursday 17th November - U8 A&B Football v St Edmund's Prep (away).

Tuesday 22nd November - U11 5-a-side Hertford & District Prep Football Tournament (home). 2.30pm start.

Wednesday 23rd November - U11 A&B Football and Netball v Westbrook Hay (away). 2.30pm start.

Looking Forward

Monday 14th November - Upper School assembly at Holy Trinity Church (children only).

Year 4 Parents' Evening. 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

Wednesday 16th November - Year 3 Roman Day.

Moving to Kindergarten Meeting. 6.30pm in Treetops.

Thursday 17th November - Open House Coffee Morning 8.30am in Treetops. Miss Ruskin, Mrs Vinall, Mrs Wiscarson, Mrs Hills, Mr Foley, Mrs Coughlan, Mrs Sopher and Mrs Turner will be in attendance.

Friday 18th November - 2LA Assembly. (Parents Welcome). 8.50am start.

Year 6 to Amaravati Buddhist Monastery.

End of Autumn Term Date

We would like to remind you that we break up for Christmas on **Thursday 15th December**. As this is the end of Autumn term school will finish early as follows:

- Treetops and Years 1-3 finish at 2.45pm
- Years 4 - 6 finish at 3.00pm.

Please note that no after school clubs will take place but after school care will be available.

The Spring Term commences on Thursday 5th January 2017.

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



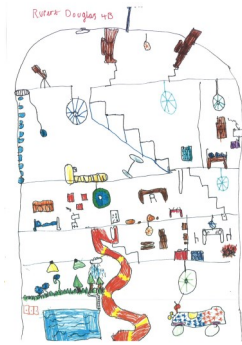
Congratulations

Congratulations to Hodge M (5S) who plays for the Spurs U10 Team. The U10 team played a tournament in half term against Juventus, Southampton and Birmingham City. Spurs won the tournament overall and played really well. The 4-1 win against Juventus was a great match and was a fantastic team effort, well done to Hodge and the team.



Futuristic Art Competition Winner

Congratulations to Rupert D (4B) who won the Futuristic House art competition sponsored by Steven Oates. Rupert won a £50 Amazon voucher and his artwork will feature on the front of the estate agent's magazine which will be distributed to 35,000 homes in and around Hertford!



Duncombe Bear's Space Travels

Congratulations to Jake C (5S), Jessica M (4B) and Zoe D (6S) who are the proud winners of the space art competition.



Ground Control to Major Ted!



Nursery Learn about Duncombe Bear's Space Travels

Nursery have enjoyed learning about Duncombe Bear's travels into space. Today we created our own rocket pictures to celebrate his successful journey.



DB receiving his Bravery for Space Exploration Award.



Upper School Dismissal - Uniform/PE Kit

May we remind you that pupils in Upper School must wear either their Duncombe Uniform or Duncombe PE kit (when instructed by their teacher) when being dismissed at the end of the day.

Wreath Festival

Duncombe are delighted to have been invited to take part in the Wreath Festival at All Saints Church in Hertford. It will take place on Friday 25th, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th November.

All Treetops classes plus Years 1 and 2 are preparing a wreath per class. Every child will contribute to their class wreath.

The Year 3 choir will be walking down to All Saints on the afternoon of Friday 25th and will be singing a selection of traditional Christmas carols. Parents are invited to come and watch their child sing and collect them directly from All Saints after the event.



WREATH FESTIVAL & CHRISTMAS MARKET
25-27 NOVEMBER 2016

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2016
Opening Times: 10.00am - 5.00pm
Blessing of Festival
The Rt Rev Dr Michael Beasley
Bishop of Hertford with
St Joseph in the Park School Singing: 11.00am
Judging of the Best Wreaths
Her Worship, Councillor Dr Linda Beauford,
Mayor of Hertford and
Mrs Esid Marsh, Member of All Saints'
Flower Club: 12.00 noon
Mill Mead School Choir Singing: 1.30pm
Duncombe School Singing 2.30pm
Grand Raffle, Cup Cake Stall, Herts Air
Ambulance Stall.
Free Entrance and Parking for Visitors

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2016
Opening Times: 10.00am - 5.00pm
Special Guest: Colonel Keith Cockman
Christmas Market
Including: Crafts, Cards and Decorations, Vintage
Gifts, Home Made Cakes, Books, Aschiana Charity
Stall, Simply Scarves, Leah Pyllos Willow Baskets,
Tal Christie Shearwater, Herts Air Ambulance Stall,
Grand Raffle, Tombola, Children's Activities
Wheatcroft School Singing: 11.00am

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2016
Opening Times: 12noon - 3.00pm
Sunday Services: 08.00am and 10.00am
Festival Sunday Lunch: 12.30pm
*Tables have been booked for the event. Please book early.

Highlights include: 'Story of Wreath' Exhibition, Prayer Wreath and Memorial Space
'Musical Interludes by Musicians of All Saints'

Refreshments Served All Day and Lunches between 12noon and 2.00pm

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE: SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2016 - 6.30pm
(Followed by Mulled Wine Reception)

ALL SAINTS CHURCH - Queens Road, Hertford, Hertfordshire SG13 8AE
www.allsaintshertford.org

Proceeds from the Wreath Booking Fees in aid of Herts Air Ambulance and Proceeds from all other activities in aid of All Saints Church Funds

Duncombe Sport

Please find attached the first issue of Duncombe Sport for this academic year. As you know this comes out at the end of each half term.

Phil the Bag

On 23rd November the ladies from the School Uniform Shop are arranging a Phil the Bag collection. The PA will receive a payment based on the weight of clothing items donated, so please look out any garments you no longer want, pop them in a black bin sack and bring them in on the morning of 23rd. Please place your bags outside the Music Room for collection. Please do not bring bags in before the 23rd as there is nowhere to store them. This is a great opportunity for a clear out while helping to reach our fundraising goal!

Many thanks.
The PA Team

Individual and Sibling Photographs

Individual and sibling photographs will be coming home today in book bags. As usual please place your order online with Gillman & Soame as per the instructions included with the photographs.

Lost

Named coat belonging to Evie Reid.
Two named jumpers belonging to Elliott Constance.
PE bag belonging to Isabella Brown.
Named fleece belonging to Isabelle Fordham.
Named PE kit, football kit and boots belonging to George Storm.

Thank you From Hertford Foodbank

We wanted to share with you the lovely letter below from the Hertford Foodbank. As you can see they are very appreciative of our generous donation.



Hertford & District foodbank
Hertford United Reform Church
Cauldwell
Hertford
SG14 9PG

2nd November 2016

Dear Miss Sands
On behalf of the Trustees and clients of Hertford and District Foodbank I would like to thank you for the donation of food which we received from your recent Harvest Festival.

You will be pleased to hear that the food totalling 508.22kg which was amazingly generous and is very much appreciated.

The clients of the Foodbank are so grateful for the help that they receive when times are difficult for them, and without the generosity of so many local people we would not be able to provide this much needed help.

Please pass on our thanks to your pupils, parents and staff for their incredible generosity and support.

Yours sincerely
Janet Bird

Janet Bird - Trustee

Hertford & District Foodbank - Registered charity number: 1110288 | Registered in England & Wales

Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 7th November



Warren restaurant Weekly Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the Day Gammon and Sweetcorn Pasta Bake	Dish of the Day Mild Chicken Curry with Poppadum's	Dish of the Day Freshly made Beef Burgers on a 1/2 Bap with Side Salad	Dish of the Day Roast Pork with Apple Sauce and gravy	Dish of the Day Oven Baked Fish Fingers
Vegetarian Option Roasted Butternut with Courgette, Feta and Tomato	Vegetarian Option Vegetable Korma with poppadum's	Vegetarian Option Mushroom Stroganoff	Vegetarian Option Spanish Omelette	Vegetarian Option Cheese and Spring Onion Quesadilla with Salsa and Sour Cream
Jacket Potato Bar Tuna Mayo/maïaise Cheese	Pasta Bar Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato Bar Baked Beans Cheese	Pasta Bar 3 Cheese Sauce Cheese	Jacket Potato Bar Coleslaw Cheese
Vegetables Steamed New Potatoes Broccoli	Vegetables Savoury Potatoes Steamed Garden Peas with Carrots	Vegetables Steamed Rice Steamed Sweetcorn Mixed Salad	Vegetables Roast Potatoes Green Beans and Carrots Cauliflower Cheese	Vegetables Jacket Wedges Garden Peas Baked Beans
Dessert Warm Apple Charlotte with Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Jam Sponge with Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Ginger Cookie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Vanilla Ice Cream with Toffee Sauce Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Banoffee Pie Fresh Fruit

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