

Friday 6th May 2016



Duncombe News

It has been wonderful to see the better weather return and our activities this week have continued to be purposeful and engaging. We are all looking forward to the May Fair and the forecasts are for the good weather to continue. Thank you in advance to the PA team and to all those taking on different jobs and activities to help make this event a success. This is always a lovely event and I look forward to seeing you all there.

The 3CF assembly challenged our pupils to have a 'growth mind set', something Miss Cartwright and Mrs Ferguson have been pioneering this year. The ability to be open to new ideas, different ways of doing things and drawing these experiences with already learned ideas and skills can be extremely powerful. The assembly received rave reviews with the pupils delivering a very detailed and enjoyable content in a variety of ways. Well done to all involved. A wonderful message delightfully shared.

I greatly enjoyed attending the Brighton College Conference this week, where Key note speakers included Nick Gibbs Minister of State for Schools, Sir Nicholas Soames and Dr David Starkey. The theme was that of Leadership and it was fascinating to consider some of the ideas shared and the individuals they referred to including Elizabeth I, Sir Winston Churchill and Lady Thatcher. What struck me was the call to action regarding Public Service. The notion of others first rather than 'what's in it for me?' was, I felt, both thought provoking and well put.

Next week is extremely busy including the interviews for our new Deputy Head and our Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration Picnic on Friday. Let's hope the sun continues to shine! *Mr Phelan.*

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



Diary Dates

Monday 9th May - Exam Week.

Thursday 12th May - Open House Coffee in Old Hall Mrs Copeman, Miss Watson, Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Griffith, Miss Ashcroft, Ms Norton, Señora Couzens, Mrs Welch, Miss Micele, Miss Limrick, Mrs Potter, Mrs Hurley and Mr Le Tissier will be in attendance.

Friday 13th May - 4M Assembly. Parents welcome. The Queen's 90th Birthday Picnic (children only).

Looking Forward

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. Time TBC.

Friday 20th May - 5T Assembly (Parents welcome).

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.

Sports Fixtures

Monday 9th May - U9A Cricket & Rounders v Friend's School (away). 2.30pm start.

Wednesday 11th May - U11B Cricket v Friends' School (away). 2.30pm start.

Thursday 12th May - U9 Rounders v Kingshott School (away). Time TBC.

Monday 16th May - U9A Rounders v St Christopher School (away). 3.15pm start.

Wednesday 18th May - U11 Cricket & Rounders v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3.45pm start.

Monday 23rd May - U9A Cricket v St Christopher School (away). 2.30pm start.

Congratulations

Ava and Sadie

Congratulations to Ava B (4CH) and Sadie C (4R) who were the Winners of the U9 East Grinstead Netball Tournament. It was their first ever tournament and they won all 9 games. Well done Ava and Sadie!



Congratulations to James W (3CF) who was recently presented with the U8 Player of the Season award at Hertford Hockey Club. Well done James!



Congratulations to Aiden S (Nursery Birch) who reached his class goal this week. Well done Aiden!



May Fair

We are looking forward to seeing you at the May Fair on Sunday. For any children who have their nails painted, they may keep their nail varnish on until Monday 9th May. All nail varnish must be removed by Tuesday 10th May.



The Big Write

Week commencing 16th June the children will be taking part in, 'The Big Write' with the theme of: 'The Queen's Birthday'.

The premise of Big Writing is that if children can't say it or talk about it, then they can't write it. The better we can talk, the better we can write. Having a wide vocabulary and using language well helps children with all of their learning.

Here are some ways in which you can help your child at home with their writing:

- Talk – ask your children what they are writing about next week. For this task, in particular, perhaps discuss the Queen's birthday celebrations.
- Take the opportunity to comment on interesting use of VCOP (vocabulary, connectives, sentence openers and punctuation) when reading with your child.
- Use a dictionary or a thesaurus to find interesting words to use.
- Be prepared to explain new words to your child and give examples of how to use them.
- Read often and widely with your child.
- Encourage children to use phrases or words seen in a book in their own writing.
- Take it in turns to tell a story. One person starts, the other says what happens next etc.
- Look at a picture or photo and describe it; use it to tell a story.

Thank you for supporting your child.

Elaine Foy Literacy Coordinator.

Year 5 and 6 Hertford Theatre Trip

On 5th May 2016 Years 5 and 6 went to Hertford Theatre to see Stig of the Dump. As some of the children had read the book they were eager to see the production.

Barney is an adventurous boy with a sister called Lou. Whilst staying with his grandma Barney meets a caveman like character, called Stig. They go on many magical adventures together including taking part in a tribal ceremony.

My favourite part of the production was when grandpa sang a song to Barney in the first act of the play. I particularly liked it because it was very uplifting and made us all laugh. I was a little disappointed because Stig was played by a puppet but they did manipulate the puppet very well.

Stig of the Dump was an enjoyable play and I would recommend it to Duncombe students. Josh's rating ****

From our roving reporter Josh Posner.

Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 9th May



Weekly Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Dish of the Day Gammon Ham and Cheese Pasta Bake</p> <p>Vegetarian Option Vegetable Korma with Rice</p> <p>Jacket Potato Bar Tuna Mayonnaise Cheese</p> <p>Vegetables Rissolle Potatoes Green Beans</p> <p>Dessert Apple Charlotte with Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Dish of the Day Lamb Kofta with Pitta Bread and Tatziki</p> <p>Vegetarian Option Cheese and Potato Layer Bake</p> <p>Pasta Bar Creamy Tomato sauce</p> <p>Vegetables Jacket Wedges Potatoes Steamed Rice Side Salad</p> <p>Dessert Chocolate Fudge Cake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Dish of the Day Sweet and Sour Pork with Prawn Crackers</p> <p>Vegetarian Option Mushroom Pancakes</p> <p>Jacket Potato Bar Baked Beans</p> <p>Vegetables Steamed Rice Sagaloo Steamed mixed Vegetables</p> <p>Dessert Cherry and White Chocolate Chip Cookie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Dish of the Day Roast Chicken with Gravy</p> <p>Vegetarian Option Cheese and Red Onion Puffs</p> <p>Pasta Bar Cheese Sauce</p> <p>Vegetables Roast Potatoes Steamed Carrots and Broccoli</p> <p>Dessert Strawberry Jelly with Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Queens 90th Picnic</p> <p>Queens 90th Picnic</p>

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