



Duncombe News

29th September 2017



As I write the U11 Football Team are involved in another tournament on the back of two tournament wins at Forest School and Haileybury College. Who knows they might get the treble? Regardless, what is clear is that our pupil's capacity to go toe to toe with regional competitors is excellent and a real testament to the exceptional work going on in our PE and Games department. Part of that plan for further progression lies with the improved astro facility and I'm delighted that the final phase of construction is now underway. Do please look out for the updates from Mr Thomas and the Facebook posts on the progress being made. It's all very exciting!

5V treated the school to an assembly on the benefits gained from the PGL experience earlier in the month. A combination of media, acting and humour enabled the class to really build on the 'can do' approach that forms so much of what we do here at Duncombe. A great effort - well done to Miss Varney and the entire 5V team.

On the theme of the 'Can do spirit' I received a correspondence from a local resident this week regarding blocked access to their driveway. It is critical that when parking and waiting to collect and drop off that we do not block any driveways or double park. A positive working relationship with our neighbours is in everyone's best interest and I thank you for assisting with this.

A very busy week next week with Year 6 Parents' Evening on Tuesday, individual photos on Wednesday, Open Morning on Thursday and our Senior School's Evening on Thursday from 7.00pm. I am delighted to share that having met with Martin Collier the new Master at Haileybury this week that he will be part of the Haileybury team available to speak with on the evening. In addition the Heads of Bishop Stortford College, St Edmund's College and Queenswood will be joining their teams and there will be Heads of Lower School, Registrars and Deputy Heads galore! This is a wonderful opportunity to come along and ask questions face to face, collect materials and add further understanding to the decision making about the transition from Duncombe at the end of Year 6.

Do have a wonderful weekend. Mr Phelan.

Well done to this week's Pupils who received a Headmaster's Award.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 3rd October - Year 6 Parents' Evening. 4.30pm to 8.30pm in New Hall.

Wednesday 4th October - Individual and Sibling Photographs.

Thursday 5th October - Open Morning for Prospective Parents.

Senior Schools Fair. 7pm to 9pm.

Friday 6th October - Year 5 visit Hindu Temple.

Sports Fixtures

Thursday 5th October - U9 Football v Lochinver (away). Time 1pm.

Saturday 8th October - U10 Football Tournament at St Edmund's Prep.

Wednesday 11th October - U11 Football and Netball v St Edmund's Prep (away). Time TBC.

Thursday 12th October - U8 Netball Festival at Heath Mount. Time TBC.

Wednesday 18th October - U11 Hockey v Heath Mount (away). Time TBC.

U11 Football v St Christopher School (away). Time TBC.

Looking Forward

Monday 9th October - Music Assembly for invited performers. 8.50am start in Old Hall.

Tuesday 10th October - Reception to Bekonscot Model Village.

Wednesday 11th October - Year 3 to Celtic Harmony Camp

Thursday 12th October - Open House Coffee in Treetops. Mrs Baxter, Miss Burton, Miss Varney, Miss Rea, Mrs Pannett, Miss Theobald, Mrs Marrion, Mrs Thomas, Miss Flowers, Miss Sands, Señor Torres and Miss Cartwright.

Friday 13th October - Lower School Harvest Festival (children only).

Upper School Harvest Festival (Parents welcome). Holy Trinity Church at 2.30pm.

Monday 16th October - Nursery Parents' Evening in Treetops. 4pm to 8pm.

Tuesday 17th October - Reception to Year 3 Parents' Evening . 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

Wednesday 18th October - Year 1 to Audley End.

Reception to Year 3 Parents' Evening . 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Thursday 19th October - Nursery and Reception sharing afternoon. 2.45pm to 3.30pm.

School finishes at normal time and all After School Clubs will be on as normal.

Friday 20th October - Half Term begins.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ethan B (5V) who has qualified for his Junior Padi scuba diver. Well done Ethan!



Year 1 Trip to Audley End

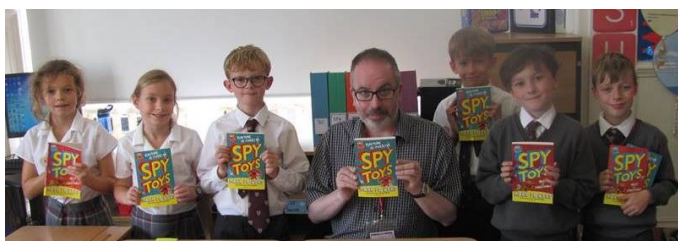
We are pleased to inform Year 1 that their Audley End trip has been rescheduled for Wednesday 18th October. All the details are the same as previously communicated.

The Year 1 Team

Mark Powers visits Duncombe

On Thursday afternoon Years 3-6 met Mark Powers, author of Spy Toys. The books are described as Toy Story meets James Bond and include some fun-loving, crime fighting cuddly toys, that are ready to protect the Prime Minister's children. Mark told us all about his inspiration for the series of books as well as his road to becoming an author. Mark explained that to become a good writer, you must read a lot of books as well as write a lot of stories. A very clear message which many of our children agreed with! The talk was finished with some very thoughtful and interesting questions from the children.

Mrs Micele-Jones.



Senior School Fair, Thursday 5th October 7-9pm

We're looking forward to welcoming you to our Senior School Fair this coming Thursday. We not only have an array of schools attending but also the new Master of Haileybury, Martin Collier, will be coming along with the Principal of Queenswood Mrs Joanna Cameron, Mr Bill Toleman Headmaster of Bishop's Stortford College and Headmaster of St Edmund's College Mr Paulo Durán. Further details can be found in the Parentmail.

Individual and Sibling Photographs

Individual and Sibling photographs will take place on Wednesday 4th October. Please be aware that all children need to have smart hair and uniform and wear their blazers. Girls can wear either summer or winter uniform. Photographs of sibling groups are only available for children attending Duncombe. If your child does not attend Treetops on this day and you would like their photograph to be taken, please advise the School Office who will make the necessary arrangements.

We would also like to inform you that there will be an early registration on Wednesday 4th October at 8.15am in order to get the photographs started. Please can you ensure your child is in school by 8.15am on the 4th. Thank you.

ACADEMIC YEAR DATES 2018-2019

- Autumn: Wednesday 5th September to Thursday 13th December
- Half Term: Friday 26th October to Friday 2nd November
- Spring: Monday 7th January to Thursday 28th March
- Half Term: Friday 15th February to Friday 22nd February
- Summer: Wednesday 24th April to Friday 12th July
- Half Term: Friday 24th May to Friday 31st May

May Day Holiday: Monday 6th May

Thursday 11th July – Term ends for EKY, KG & N

[Speech Day: Friday 12th July]

Harvest Festival - Friday 13th October

A Harvest Festival celebration will be held for Lower School (EKG - Year 3) on the morning of Friday 13th October which will be for children only.

A service for Upper School (Years 4, 5 & 6) and parents will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bengo in the afternoon of Friday 13th October at 2.30pm. Children may leave with their parents after the service, or return to school with staff for After School Club.

As usual we ask that children who are not of school age do not attend the Upper School service to ensure the enjoyment of everyone. We do offer a crèche service from 2pm to 3.30pm on the day. If you would like to book your child into crèche please fill in a form which can be found in the School Office by Friday 6th October.

We invite all the children to bring in a small parcel of non-perishable items on the day (a shoe box without a lid for example). These will be donated to the Hertford Foodbank (located on Cowbridge in Hertford) to help support local people in crisis. For more information please visit <http://hertforddistrict.foodbank.org.uk>. Children in EKG, KG and Nursery should bring in one item each, rather than a small box. Children will have to carry the boxes so please ensure that they are not too heavy!

The foodbank has a 'shopping list' of items they are running low on and these would be greatly appreciated:

UHT milk in 1 kg cartons,

Tinned meat

Jars of cooking sauce (chilli/sweet & sour/curry),

Instant custard powder in packets,

Jars of instant coffee (100 g),

Skimmed milk powder,

Tinned potatoes,

Tinned garden peas,

Tinned carrots,

Tinned tomatoes,

Tinned spaghetti hoops,

Jars of pasta sauce,

Granulated sugar 1 kg,

Rice 1kg,

Tinned ready mixed custard,

Tinned rice pudding,

Packets of sweet biscuits,

Data Collection Forms

Please can you return your Data Collection Form to the School Office by Wednesday 4th October 2017 please. It is important that we have all up to date contact and medical information for all pupils.

Date for your Diary

We are pleased to inform you that our very popular Ice Skating at Van Hages evening has been booked for Friday 8th December. Booking forms will be sent out in due course.

Lost

Named PE bag belonging to Ava Pearce.

Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 2nd October



Homemade Soup and Fresh Baked Bread available Daily

MONDAY
Soup of the Day
Served with Fresh
Homemade Bread

Dish of the Day
Beef Bolognese
with Spaghetti

Vegetarian Option
Quorn Bolognese with
Spaghetti

Jacket Potato Bar
Tuna Mayonnaise
Cheese

Vegetables
Steamed New Potatoes
Steamed Green Beans
Homemade Garlic Bread

Dessert
Rice Pudding with Chocolate
Chips or Jam Sauce
Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY
Soup of the Day
Served with Fresh
Homemade Bread

Dish of the Day
Chicken and Broccoli
Filo Pie

Vegetarian Option
Roasted Vegetable and
Halloumi Bake

Pasta Bar
Tomato Sauce
Cheese

Vegetables
Steamed Sweetcorn
Steamed Carrots

Dessert
Sticky Toffee Banoffee
Sponge
with Cream
Fresh Fruit
Yoghurt

WEDNESDAY
Soup of the Day
Served with Fresh
Homemade Bread

Dish of the Day
Pork Sausage Casserole

Vegetarian Option
Macaroni Cheese

Jacket Potato Bar
Baked Beans
Cheese

Vegetables
Rustic Roast Potatoes
Steamed Medley of
Vegetables

Dessert
Chocolate Chip Cookie
Strawberry Milkshake
Fresh Fruit
Yoghurt

Where possible Gluten and Dairy Free
equivalent dishes will be offered

Week 2

THURSDAY
Soup of the Day
Served with Fresh
Homemade Bread

Dish of the Day
Slow Roast Brisket Of Beef
with Gravy and Yorkshire
Pudding

Vegetarian Option
Cherry Tomato and
Mushroom Frittata

Pasta Bar
3 Cheese Sauce
Cheese

Vegetables
Roast Potatoes
Roasted Beetroot
Steamed Medley of
Vegetables

Dessert
Strawberry Jelly with Cream
Fresh Fruit

THIS WEEK'S MENU

FRIDAY
Soup of the Day
Served with Fresh
Homemade Bread

Dish of the Day
Pizza Day
Pepperoni
Cajun Chicken
Margarita

Jacket Potato Bar
Baked Beans
Cheese

Vegetables
Jacket Wedges
Steamed Garden Peas
Baked Beans

Dessert
Chocolate Fudge Cake
Fresh Fruit
Yoghurt

COGNITA
The Restaurant

11th September, 20th October,
23rd October, 13th November, 6th
December 2017

