



Duncombe News

6th October 2017



October has arrived with a flurry of events and activities. As a whole school community we greatly enjoyed celebrating our treble winning U11 Football Team who, having secured the Regional ISFA crown last week, will now be competing at the National Finals next year at the St George's England FA training grounds! An amazing achievement and one that will inspire all of our teams to continue to give of their best.

Our Senior School Evening was a very busy night with 15 leading schools available for parents to discuss next steps after Year 6 at Duncombe. I was delighted that a great number of Heads attended with their teams. I received many very positive comments about our Duncombe pupils who have moved on to senior schools in the past years and was most encouraged that they have really taken the spirit of getting fully involved with them. We build this approach over the years and to get the regular feedback that it really is embedded in our pupils post Duncombe is extremely pleasing.

I had the opportunity to attend a conference earlier in the week with a Key Note Speaker Professor Dame Alison Peacock. Dame Alison leads the Chartered College of Teaching and spoke about the importance of learning without limits. Her message was about encouraging pupils to try different activities and experiences at an early age. By doing so engenders a learning style of *why not give it a go?* As I reflected on the Duncombe experience for our pupils, the Forest School sessions, the House system and the newly launched Duncombe Diploma, I was struck with how our Duncombe model dovetails with Dame Alice's ideas and philosophy. A thought provoking event and one which will impact on further staff discussion I'm sure.

Year 5 are attending the Bhaktivedanta Manor Hindu Temple today and will have a report for next week's newsletter. Do look out for the report about the 'Hunting of the Snark' Year 4 Theatre visit which was a very positive learning experience.

We have several trips planned for next week along with a number of sporting events and a Music assembly. The week culminates with our Lower School and Upper School Harvest Festivals on Friday so plenty to look forward to.

Do have a wonderful weekend. *Mr Phelan.*

Diary Dates

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.

Sports Fixtures

Saturday 7th 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 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

Here are the treble winning U11 Football Team seen here being congratulated by the whole school in assembly this week.

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



The Hunting of the Snark

Year 4 set off on their very own adventure on Wednesday to watch the *Hunting of the Snark* at Broadway Theatre in Letchworth. Inspired by the genius of Lewis Carroll and his much loved classic poem, a greedy banker and his stowaway son set off on a quest to find the legendary Snark. With a collection of quirky and comical characters such as the Jub Jub bird and the Bandersnatch, the children were enthralled from start to finish. Not only did the musical element provide plenty of entertainment, but the hilarious jokes had us laughing all the way back to Hertford!



Nursery and Reception Parents' Evenings

Please note the locations for the Parents' Evenings for Nursery and Reception:

Monday 16th October

Nursery Parents' Evening 4pm to 8pm

Location = Treetops Nursery Classrooms

Tuesday 17th October

Reception Parents' Evening 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Location = Reception Oak in 5T

Location = Reception Apple in 6T

Wednesday 18th October

Reception Parents' Evening 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Location = Treetops Reception Classrooms

Christmas Fair - Sunday 3rd December 2017

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching and we really need your help! There were many kind donations received from families and small businesses last year and this was much appreciated! If you are able to donate a raffle prize or you know of anyone that is, then please do email us at duncomberaffle@gmail.com.

If you would like to hire a stall at the Christmas Fair please get in touch with Emma Colletti via email:

emma@loughtoncontracts.com.

Duncombe Senior School Fair 2017

Thank you to all the parents that attended our Senior School Fair last night. The evening was a great success and we're pleased so many of you found it helpful.

World Teachers' Day

Yesterday Duncombe joined in the global celebrations with other Cognita Schools for World Teachers' Day. As a school we produced a short video paying tribute to our teachers at Duncombe. The video can be found on our Facebook page, please take a look, like and share.

Sickness Bug

Can we please remind you that if your child is unwell with sickness or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours from the last episode. It is essential that this is adhered to in order to avoid the spread of this highly contagious bug.

A poster for 'Half Term Rugby Camp 2017'. The top part has a blue background with a white banner that says 'Half Term Rugby Camp 2017'. Below the banner is a circular logo for 'Junior Sharks Rugby Camp 2017' featuring a shark. The background of the poster is green grass. Text on the poster includes: 'For girls and boys of all abilities, ages 6-14, come along and have some half term fun, try out some rugby with your friends.' Below this is a white box with a blue border that says 'Where & When: Hertford Rugby Club October 23rd - 24th'. At the bottom, there is contact information: 'To REGISTER please go to www.juniorsharksrugby.com', 'Email: juniorsharksrugby@yahoo.com', 'Twitter: @sharkstouchrug', and 'Tel: James 07767201030 or Fozzy 07739881550'. There is also a small logo for 'THOMAS CHILDS' in the bottom right corner.

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, Bengoe 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 for 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 no later than Monday 9th 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,

Lost

Named PE bag belonging to Ava Pearce.

Named fleece belonging to Jordan Homann.

Named black football boot belonging to James Radcliffe.

Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 9th October



Homemade Soup and Freshly Baked Bread available Daily

Where possible Gluten and Dairy Free equivalent dishes will be offered

THIS WEEK'S MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	Indian Theme Menu	Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread
Dish of the Day Barbecue Chicken	Dish of the Day Cottage Pie	Indian Theme Menu	Dish of the Day Roast Gammon with Gravy and Cranberry Sauce	Dish of the Day Freshly made Salmon Fishcakes with Lemon and Tartare Sauce
Vegetarian Option Jacket Potato Bar Tuna Mayonnaise Cheese	Vegetarian Option Roasted Butternut with Courgette, Feta and Cherry Tomato	Indian Theme Menu	Vegetarian Option 3 Cheese Jalousie	Vegetarian Option Cauliflower Nuggets Sour Cream Dip Jacket Potato Bar Coleslaw Cheese
Vegetables Rissole Potatoes Steamed Sweetcorn Rustic Slaw	Pasta Bar Tomato Sauce		Jacket Potato Bar Baked Beans Cheese	Vegetables Oven Wedges Baked Beans Sweet corn
Dessert Apple & Blackberry Crumble with Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Vegetables Stir fried Cabbage Steamed Carrots and Peas		Vegetables Oven Wedges Baked Beans Sweet corn	Vegetables Baked Beans Sweet corn
	Dessert Jam Sponge with Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt		Dessert Vanilla Ice cream with Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Bakewell Tart Fresh Fruit Yoghurt

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THE ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Week commencing: 18th September, 9th October - 20th
November, 11th December 2017

