



## Duncombe News

Just a brief note from me today. I shall, as ever, write to you all over the Easter holiday in more detail. I can hardly believe that we have come to the end of the Spring Term! Where does the time go? Our Upper School Swimming Gala saw Hatfield crowned as champions this year! Congratulations to them. Well done to all involved and to Miss Varney and the team of staff.

Our Treetops and Lower School Mother's Day assemblies were a delight as ever. Combined with the Tea Towel initiative from the PA, I think Mums have been at the forefront of the children's minds this week. Lots of lovely songs, poems and paintings. Well done to all involved.

Our U11 teams were involved in the Cognita Festival of Sport with the boys returning home victorious and the girls gaining the runners up spot. Well done to both teams for a great day of sporting participation. An excellent way to sign off the term.

Reverend Thompson spoke with Lower and Upper School in assembly this week with a focus on Easter. The pupils, as ever, listened attentively. Do have a wonderful break and we will look forward to catching up at the start of the Summer Term on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April. *Mr Phelan.*

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



### Diary Dates

**Wednesday 19th April** - School resumes for Summer Term.

**Thursday 20th April** - Year 6 Enrichment and Normandy Meeting. 7.00pm in Old Hall.

Speech and Drama resumes.

**Friday 21st April** - Shaking up Shakespeare for Years 3 to 6.

### Sports Fixtures

**Tuesday 2nd May** - U11 Cricket v St Joseph's in the Park. 2.30pm start.

**Wednesday 3rd May** - U10 Rounders v Westbrook Hay. Time TBC.

U11 Cricket v Westbrook Hay. Time TBC.

**Thursday 4th May** - U9 seven-a-side Rounders v Westbrook Hay. 2.30pm start.

**Friday 5th May** - U9 Cricket v St Christopher School. 2pm start.

U11 Tennis v St Edmund's Prep. 3.45pm start.

### Looking Forward

**Monday 24th April** - 5V Assembly (Parents welcome).

Toddler Group resumes.

**Tuesday 25th April** - Year 5 to Colchester Zoo.

**Wednesday 26th April** - Class and Sports Team Photographs.

NACE Evening Challenge Workshop for Parents. 7pm start in New Hall.

**Thursday 27th April** - Open Morning for Prospective Parents.

**Friday 28th April** - Happy Puzzle Company Challenge Day for Pupils.

### Happy Mother's Day!

There wasn't a dry eye in the school this morning as Nursery, Reception and Years 1 to 3 took part in a special Mother's Day assembly.

The children sang their hearts out and spoke with confidence about what their mummies' mean to them all.

Happy Mother's Day!



### Duncombe Bear's next mission ....

“Hi Everyone, Duncombe Bear here (or DB to my friends), how are you all? I'm fine thank you, very kind of you to ask. Oh, you want to know what have I been up to? Well something very very exciting!

I decided to take a bit of rest and relaxation time after my mission into outer space, but whilst I was doing this I was hunting for a new challenge. I found one and this time I have my buddy joining me, our very own Mr Le Tissier.

For the past few months Mr Le Tissier and I have been training very hard before and after school and at weekends in the rain, wind and the little bit of sunshine we've had. We have been training for the **2017 London Marathon!** YES DB is running the London Marathon - and I will be going for a PB - Personal 'Bear'st!

The charity we're running for is Cancer Research; a charity close to Mr Le Tissier's heart. You can read more about his story in the link below.

Together we want to raise as much money as possible, we value your support and would appreciate any donations towards our cause, which you can do via our page <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/thomas-le-tissier-SAVMLMBONDS3332017-86629380>

Over the next few weeks, we'll be keeping you updated on our progress as we get nearer the race date, so keep checking our Facebook page for updates across the Easter Holiday.

Right, I'm off for a run. Thanks everyone!”

*DB, 2017 London Marathon runner.*



### Congratulations

Congratulations to Ben D (NM) who reached his class goal this week. Well done Ben.



Congratulations to Shayan P (NB) who reached his class goal this week. Well done Shayan.

Congratulations to Hatfield House who won the Upper School Swimming Gala this week.



### Kindergarten Mums Enjoy Playtime!

On Thursday Kindergarten Blossom invited their mums to play to celebrate Mother's Day. The children in Kindergarten enjoyed giving their mummies an insight in to their day in Treetops.

We made play dough flowers decorated with plenty of glitter, painted flowers with marbles, explored ice with tweezers and made a very large train track.

Thank you to all the mummies and nannies who were able to attend.

Happy Mother's Day from Kindergarten Blossom  
*Mrs Fisher.*



## London Marathon

As well as Duncombe Bear, one of our parents, Mr Price, is running the London Marathon. If you would like to sponsor him here is a link to his fundraising page:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=ChrisPriceFundraising>

## St Patrick's Day Quiz Night Success - to be sure!

A really big thank you to everyone who came to our St Patrick's Day themed quiz night last Friday. Sarah Whitaker and her team staged a truly fantastic evening with delicious Irish inspired food and decor. Well done to the winning team - "We Only Came for the Booze" - in what was a close finish. Well played to everyone else who took part and thank you on behalf of us all to Sarah and her helpers. Together we raised just over £1,300.

*The PA Team*

## Jokes for Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who has posted a joke into the PA boxes. We will be deciding the winner over the Easter holiday and will announce who has won a prize in the first week of next term. All proceeds are in aid of Red Nose Day. *The PA Team*"

## May Fair

Your donations of children's toys and books, wrapped sweets and bottles would be most appreciated in anticipation of our May Fair, Sunday 7th May from 12 - 3pm.

*The PA Team*

## Speech and Drama

Please note that Speech and Drama resumes on Thursday 20th April 2017.

## Uniform

Please check all uniform during the holiday to ensure it is correctly labelled and belongs to your child. Either summer or winter uniform may be worn at the beginning of the Summer Term but summer uniform is compulsory after half term.

## Morning Drop Off Time

May we remind you that drop off for Lower School and Upper School is from 8.15am. If you need to drop your child off before 8.15am please book them into our Breakfast Club. Thank you.

## Class & Sports Team Photos

Class and Sports Team Photographs will be taken on Wednesday 26th April. All children must wear their summer uniform and blazers please. If your child does not attend Treetops on a Wednesday and you would like them to participate, please speak to the class leader.

## Duncombe Sport

We are pleased to attach the latest edition of Duncombe Sport.

## Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 17th April



Homemade Soup and Fresh Baked Bread available Daily

## THIS WEEK'S MENU

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Butter Chicken with Mango Chutney, Onion Salad, Raita and Naan	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Beef and Vegetable Lasagne Homemade Garlic Bread	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Pupils Choice Cod Fillet Fingers with Homemade Tartare Sauce
	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Chick Pea & Vegetable Curry with Mango Chutney, Onion Salad, Raita and Naan	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Quorn and Vegetable Lasagna	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Crispy Cauliflower Nuggets
Easter Monday	<b>Jacket Potato Bar</b> Baked Beans Cheese	<b>Pasta Bar</b> Fresh Tomato and Basil Cheese	<b>Jacket Potato Bar</b> Coleslaw Cheese
Inset Day	<b>Sides</b> Brown Rice, Garden Peas & Sweetcorn Sagaloo	<b>Vegetables</b> Garden Salad Steamed Green Beans	<b>Vegetables</b> Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas Baked Beans
	<b>Dessert</b> Apple and Blackberry Oat Crumble with Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	<b>Dessert</b> Orange and Melon Jelly Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	<b>Dessert</b> Soft Scoop Chocolate Ice Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt

