

# Duncombe News

What a wonderful day Sunday was! The weather did not disappoint helping to make the PA May Fair an absolute triumph. I observed a school community that is able to do the most incredible things collectively. As we neared 3.00pm and the site was a hive of activity and fun with no sign of anyone wishing to leave; I thought it might go on for much longer! As you all know, events such as these do not just happen. I have written to Caroline Gruselle, The Chair of the PA committee, to thank her and her dedicated team for such a well organised day. I know she would be the first to say that so many of you pulled together to make the day a great success. Thank you to everyone involved for making it such a great experience.

3C treated us to '3C The Musical' on Monday. A stunning collection of songs, media clips and exploration of the entire learning journey this year to date. An excellent performance with such a great deal of evidence showing progression and growth in both knowledge and confidence. Well done to Miss Cartwright, the entire 3C team and pupils for such a good assembly.

4G rounded off the week with their assembly focused on the Anglo Saxons. A thoroughly informative, entertaining and comical production with a great deal to reflect on. The pupils had clearly worked hard and demonstrated an ability to work collectively in delivering a performance that was enjoyed by all. With links to the 1980's Ghostbusters and the A Team, it certainly had the audience fully engrossed. Well done to Mrs Galaska and 4G.

Our pupils continue to work hard and focus well in their learning. I observed a wonderful Year 6 Science lesson which explored forensic science techniques. The level of enquiry was most encouraging with the pupils challenged to think about their experimental skills along with the biology of the uniqueness of our *dactylograms* or fingerprints. The buzz created awe and wonder surrounding whether the children had ulnar or radial loops, whorl patterns including the very rare accidental loop or an arch pattern, was extremely encouraging to observe. It remains a genuine privilege to be able to sit in and observe a class and their teacher working so effectively together. Great to see!

The Yr 1 and Yr 6 Maths workshop was a high energy affair with our older pupils working collaboratively with Year 1 on a number of numeracy activities. This was greatly enjoyed by all the pupils who really entered into a very meaningful dialogue centred on their learning in maths and how it can be applied in a number of ways. With Mrs Takawira and the Year 1 team working together our pupils gained a great deal from it. Do look out for more information about the event.

Next week pupils will be involved in examinations in class and Year 6 will be taking SATs examinations. So plenty of rest over the weekend will be very useful. I will be attending a Heads' conference from Wednesday afternoon to Friday evening. Miss Sands will be Deputising in my absence and will write to you all in Friday's Newsletter next week. Have a wonderful weekend. *Mr Phelan.*

## Diary Dates

**Thursday 18th May** - Year 4 Come Dine with Us and York Meeting.

**Friday 19th May** - Music Assembly. Parents Welcome. 8.50am start in Old Hall.

5T Assembly. Parents Welcome. 8.50am start in New Hall.

Whole School Sports Afternoon (pupils only).

Year 2 Activity Evening and Sleepover.

## Sports Fixtures

**Monday 22nd May** - U9 Cricket v Heath Mount (away). 3.15pm start.

**Thursday 25th May** - U9 Rounders v Bishop's Stortford College (away). Time TBC.

**Wednesday 7th June** - Mixed U10 and U11 Rounders v Bishop's Stortford College. Time TBC.

## Looking Forward

**Monday 22nd May** - Year 6 to Normandy.

3F Assembly. Parents Welcome. 8.50am start in New Hall.

**Friday 26th May** - Half Term - School Closed.

**Monday 5th June** - Second half of Summer Term starts.

**Tuesday 6th June** - Whole School Photograph.

No Swimming for Years 2, 3 and 4.

**Wednesday 7th June** - Year 2 to Southend.

Tolmers Meeting for Year 3 Parents. 9.15am start in 3C.

**Thursday 8th June** - Open Morning for Prospective Parents.

Year 2 Parent to Lunch. Times TBC.

**Friday 9th June** - Sports Day (Reception to Year 6) at Wodson Park.

## Car Park Safety

Further to the safety reminder in the newsletter on the 28th April 2017 I am saddened I have to report that there has been a second potentially serious near miss in the car park this week.

On this occasion children who should have been under the supervision of their parents ran into the car park unaccompanied and into the path of a moving vehicle. This could have resulted in a very serious injury or even worse.

Can I please ask for your full cooperation in ensuring that you supervise your children at all times when they are in the school grounds before and after school. Children must not enter the car park without being under the direct supervision of their parent or their nominated carer.

Your support and understanding to ensure the safety and welfare of all is much appreciated.

*Ian Thomas, Business Manager.*

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Maddi B (5S) who came first in her age category in the 2017 British Youth Championships last weekend in Telford. The other 24 entrants were tough to beat but Maddi persisted and eventually succeeded. This means she is now British National Under 10 Girls Foil Champion 2017. Maddi and her family would like to thank Bryant Blades Fencing Club where Maddi trains, and particularly Acland Bryant, Maddi's Coach for giving up his weekend to travel to Telford. Bryant Blades run the after school fencing club here at Duncombe and they are always keen to find new talent so why not try it! Well Done Maddi and Bryant Blades!



Congratulations to William D (Nursery Maple) who reached his class goal this week.



Well done to 3C for a brilliant assembly on Monday!



Well done to 4G for a brilliant assembly today!



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



## We gave you a run for your Money!

Duncombe Bear has been very vocal the last few months and I have been extremely appreciative of his support throughout training and the marathon. Almost 3 weeks on and the fundraising has just about come to a stop. Over £2,600 has been raised for Cancer Research! I have been overwhelmed with the support from all the children, parents and staff. It was fantastic to come into school on the Monday and hear about how people followed on the app and really got involved. I would like to say a huge heart-felt thank you to everyone! My next aim is to get the whole school running more....watch this space. Thanks again! *Mr Le Tissier*

## My fundraising pages

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### Event details:

2017 Virgin Money London Marathon

Page status: Active

Funds raised to date: £2,615.00

## Tennis Success

Our first ever tennis tournament took place at St Edmunds on Friday. Due to the unknown there was a little bit of nervousness but that was soon brushed aside as the first matches got underway. The tournament started with girls doubles and boys singles then was followed by boys doubles and girls singles.

Every match was fought hard for and we 'aced, smashed and volleyed' ourselves into winning the whole tournament by a very substantial margin!! Amazing result and a big well done to Ava B, Bella G, Zoe S, Megan C, Archie D, Louis Y, Luc S and Zane B. *Mrs Price*.

### Year 4 Train and River Boat Trip

On Thursday 11th May, in preparation for our trip to York, we took a train ride to Ware. Even though the train journey was over in a few moments, we thoroughly enjoyed relaxing on the train and catching a few sights of the beautiful Hertfordshire surroundings. When we arrived in Ware we walked beside the river to the boat which would return us to Hertford. While aboard the boat, we listened to lots of information about the local area, the wildlife and the history behind the gazebos, Maltings and the 'new' river. We even took the time to ensure we crossed the road safely and discussed the importance of being aware of our surroundings. A fun and relaxing morning was had by all.



### Music Contact

We would like to inform you that Mrs Sutton is our Music Team Leader and not Mrs Turner. If you have any music related queries please email:

[jo.sutton@duncombe-school.co.uk](mailto:jo.sutton@duncombe-school.co.uk)

Thank you.

### Half Term

Just as a reminder we break up for half on Thursday 25th May and school will be closed on Friday 26th May, being the start of half term.

### Warmer Weather

Now that the warmer weather is (hopefully) upon us, can we remind you to ensure:

- Your child has a full, named water bottle at the start of the day
- You apply sun cream to your child before school
- Your child has a sun hat.

### Tolmers Meeting for Year 3 Parents

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017, you are invited to attend a Q&A session with Year 3 staff between 9.00am and 9.15am about our forthcoming residential trip to Tolmers. For those unable to attend, information will be sent out beforehand.

### Hatfield Charity Update

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the May Fair and took part in 'Pin the Dummy on the Baby' and 'Guess what's in the nappy'. You helped us to raise £137, which is absolutely incredible! Zoe S (5T) pinned the dummy in the correct place and Henry S (4G) won the prize draw for guessing what was in our rather disgusting but occasionally pleasant smelling nappies!

Don't forget our 'Design an outfit for a baby' competition is running until Friday 18th May, there are prizes for Lower and Upper school. It is just £1 to take part.

Coming up at the end of June, we will be hosting a movie night, this is open to all children in years 3 to 6. For just £5 a ticket we will show a 'classic' Disney movie (to be confirmed) and each child will receive a drink, ice cream and popcorn. More information will be released over the coming weeks.

Thank you once again for supporting Bliss this term.  
*The Hatfield Charity Team.*

### Lost

Named hat belonging to George Munro.  
Named shorts belonging to Elliott Constance.  
Named blazer belonging to Bella Cornish.  
Named green and black tennis racket belonging to Harry Hickey.

Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 15th May



Week 2

THIS WEEK'S MENU

MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
<b>Soup of the Day</b> with Fresh Homemade Bread	<b>Soup of the Day</b> with Fresh Homemade Bread	<b>Soup of the Day</b> with Fresh Homemade Bread	<b>Soup of the Day</b> with Fresh Homemade Bread	
<b>Dish of the Day</b> Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti, Parmesan & Garlic Bread	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Sausage meat plait with onion gravy	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Roast Chicken with jus and Cranberry Sauce	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Chilli Beef Tacos with Sour Cream & Salsa Cajun Rice	School Picnic
<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Roast Tomato with Cannellini Beans & Basil Sauce with Wholemeal Pasta	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Cheesy Layered Sweet Potato Bake	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Stuffed Baked Butternut Squash with Feta & Roasted Tomatoes	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Quorn Chilli Beef Bean Tacos with Brown Rice	
<b>Jacket Potato Bar</b> Tuna Mayonnaise	<b>Pasta Bar</b> Tomato Sauce	<b>Pasta Bar</b> Cheese Sauce	<b>Jacket Potato Bar</b> Baked Beans	School Picnic
<b>Vegetables</b> Steamed Green Beans Sauté Courgettes with Peppers	<b>Vegetables</b> Parsley New Potatoes Garden Peas and Carrots	<b>Vegetables</b> Rustic Roast Potatoes Steamed Vegetable Medley Leek Mornay	<b>Vegetables</b> Sweetcorn , Coleslaw, Cajun Rice	
<b>Dessert</b> Apple and Pear Oat Crumble with Cream Fresh Fruit	<b>Dessert</b> Fudgy Chocolate Brownies Fresh Fruit	<b>Dessert</b> Ginger Cookie or Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	<b>Dessert</b> Jam Sponge with Vanilla Custard Fresh Fruit	

