

Friday 21st April

Duncombe News

Welcome back and a very warm welcome to our new families who have joined us this term. I have been delighted with how well the pupils have come back and enjoyed hearing about some of the lovely experiences over the holiday period. It is always lovely to catch up.

We have a great deal ahead of us this term and I am doubly excited about the wonderful news that planning permission has been granted for the covered games area. Mr Thomas is working closely with a number of parties to ensure that all goes smoothly and he will keep you up to speed along the way. The momentum to get to this point was very much supported by the feedback and positive comments in the surveys carried out over the past 18 months. Such feedback lends great weight to planning and as we look to further projects in the future I will again be asking for your support.

Mr Le Tissier will be running with Duncombe Bear this Sunday in the London Marathon in aid of Cancer Research. He spoke with all children during assembly today and explained about the history of the term Marathon and how he has been preparing. We of course wish them both every success and it's fair to say we are all very proud of them. Good luck also to the Duncombe parents who will be running on Sunday. I wonder if it will be a PB for DB?

We will be holding our NACE Challenge Information Evening for parents next Wednesday at 7.00pm. Please do let the Office know if you are planning to come along so we can organise packs and seating. This is open to all and I think it will be a very interesting and engaging evening.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and enjoy St George's Day on Sunday. *Mr Phelan.*

Here is this week's Pupil who received a Headmaster's Award. Well done!



Diary Dates

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.

Sports Fixtures

Wednesday 26th April - U10 Rounders v Sherrardswood (away). 2.30pm start.

U11 Cricket v Sherrardswood (away). 2.30pm start.

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 1st May - Bank Holiday. School Closed.

Tuesday 2nd May - Upper School Bake Off.

Thursday 4th May - Open House Coffee Morning 8.30am in Old Hall. Mrs Durham, Miss Burton, Miss Varney, Ms Rea, Mrs Pannett, Miss Theobald, Mrs Marrion, Miss Barton, Miss Flowers and Mrs Sheriff will be in attendance. Lower School Bake Off.

Friday 5th May - 4M Assembly. Parents welcome

Saturday 7th May - May Fair. Midday to 3pm.

Monday 8th May - 3C Assembly. Parents welcome

Friday 12th May - 4G Assembly. Parents welcome

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following pupils who passed their music exams:

Samantha A (4M) - Grade 1 Piano with Distinction

Maya B (4G) - Grade 2 Violin with Merit

Jonathan D (5V) - Grade 1 Guitar

Boris D (5V) - Grade 1 Guitar with Merit

George M (6LT) - Grade 1 Guitar

Well done to them all!

Tensile Roof to Cover Existing Artificial MUGA Sports Area

I am delighted to be able to share with you the exciting news that over the Easter Holiday period we have been granted planning permission to add a tensile roof over our existing artificial MUGA sports area.

A visual impression of what the proposed cover will look like is shown below.



We are all very delighted by this news which will provide a much needed covered sports area for our pupils.

We are currently in discussions with our shortlisted contractors with a view to the work taking place over the summer holiday period with completion by the end of August 2017.

We will of course keep you update on this very exciting project.

Ian Thomas, Business Manager

Food For Life Award

I am delighted to announce that in conjunction with Thomas Franks, our caterers, we are currently working towards the Food for Life Schools Award which is run by the Soil Association.

A Food for Life Schools Award is a great way for us to demonstrate that our school is doing fantastic work to provide healthy school meals, great lunchtimes and food education that has a positive impact on both pupils and the wider community.

Further details about the award can be found on the website link below. Over the coming weeks you will notice some slight changes in the lunchtime menu to reflect the award criteria.

<http://www.foodforlife.org.uk/schools>

Ian Thomas, Business Manager

Easter Holiday Works

We had a busy programme of maintenance and upgrade works over the Easter holiday period, the highlights of which are shown below:

- New Flooring for Treetops Breakfast Club Room
- Installation of Shade Sails for the Summer
- Safety Check of Step Stools and Ladders
- Removal of Redundant and Obsolete Equipment
- Replacement of 9 Fence Posts in Treetops Garden
- Replacement Water Heater in Art Loft
- Installation of 2 new LED Flood Lights in Parent Car Park near to Music Studio
- New Path to Music Studio to allow safe access when Car Park is open
- Removal of Sink Unit in 5S and Creation of New Bag Storage Area
- Upgrade to Door Handles and Replacement of Lock with Thumb Turn in New Wing, Bottom of New Wing Stairs and in New Hall
- Replacement LED Lighting in 5S, 5T, 5V, 4M, 4G & 4B
- Piano Tuned in Old Hall & Music Studio
- Re-securing of Speed Humps
- Replacement of Floor Bar outside Girls Toilets to allow trollies to pass more easily
- Installation of Chrome Chandelier outside First Aid Room and at Top of Main Staircase
- Installation of LED Light outside Girls Toilet
- Windows Cleaned Inside & Out
- New Coat Hooks for 4B
- New Shelves for Music Studio
- New Teacher Desks for 3F
- Deep Clean of Treetops Classrooms & Toilets
- New Storage Cupboards to the First Aid Room

Ian Thomas, Business Manager

Good Luck Duncombe Bear and Mr Le Tissier

It's the BIG weekend for DB and Mr Le Tissier as they run the London Marathon on Sunday for Cancer Research. Together they've raised an amazing amount of money and there's still time to sponsor if you wish.

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/thomas-le-tissier-SAVMLMBONDS3332017-86629380>



Be part of the action and track their progress on Sunday with the links below, their running number is **57281**

Web page: [http://results-](http://results-2017.virginmoneylondonmarathon.com/2017/)

[2017.virginmoneylondonmarathon.com/2017/](http://results-2017.virginmoneylondonmarathon.com/2017/)

App: <https://www.virginmoneylondonmarathon.com/en-gb/event-info/spectator-info/>

Good luck DB and Mr Le Tissier!

Uniform

May we remind you that either Summer or Winter uniform can be worn up until half term. Please remember that short white socks can only be worn with the girls Summer uniform. Please see our website for the full uniform list.

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.

Your Support Please

Pupils have been reminded not to kick footballs around at pick up. We had an incident where a grandparent was hit before Easter and we wish to avoid this. Thank You for your support.

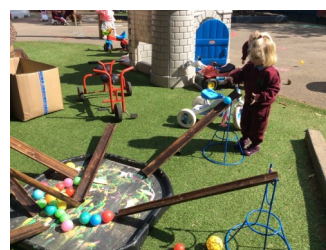
May Fair

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

New Toys in the Treetops Garden

Thank you so much to all of you who attended the Treetops Art exhibition recently. We are delighted to let you know that we have been able to buy some lovely resources for the garden including giant octagons, large building blocks and wooden water channels. The children have been having great fun building and exploring with them this week.



Treetops Easter Egg Hunt

Everyone has had great fun in The Dell this week hunting for eggs. The children were delighted that the Easter Bunny made a special trip to deliver our eggs. Thank you to the PA for organising this for us.



Fixture Change

Please be aware that the U10 & U11 Rounders match due to take on 24th May will now take place on Wednesday 7th June. This match is against Bishop's Stortford College. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

Water Bottles

Now that the weather is becoming warmer it is vital that all pupils in Upper School have a clearly named water bottle that they can take offsite during Games lessons and Sports Fixtures. Thank you. *Mr Sopher.*

Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 24th April



Week 2

THIS WEEK'S MENU

MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Soup of the Day with Fresh Homemade Bread	Soup of the Day with Fresh Homemade Bread	Soup of the Day with Fresh Homemade Bread	Soup of the Day with Fresh Homemade Bread	Soup of the Day with Fresh Homemade Bread
Dish of the Day Turkey Bolognaise with Spaghetti, Parmesan & Garlic Bread	Dish of the Day Lamb Rogan Josh with Onion Salad, Mango Chutney & Raita	Dish of the Day Roast Chicken with Gravy and Cranberry Sauce	Dish of the Day Chilli Beef Tacos with Sour Cream & Salsa Cajun Rice	Dish of the Day Chicken Fillet Burgers with Relish
Vegetarian Option Roast Tomato with Cannellini Beans & Basil Sauce with Wholemeal Pasta	Vegetarian Option Cheesy Layered Sweet Potato Bake	Vegetarian Option Stuffed Baked Butternut Squash with Feta & Roasted Tomatoes	Vegetarian Option Quorn Chilli Beef Bean Tacos with Brown Rice	Vegetarian Option Sweet Potato & Chick Pea Burger with Relish
Jacket Potato Bar Tuna Mayonnaise	Pasta Bar Tomato Sauce	Pasta Bar Cheese Sauce	Jacket Potato Bar Baked Beans	Pasta Bar Tomato and Herb
Vegetables Roast Peppers, Courgettes & Sweetcorn	Vegetables Basmati Rice, Naan, Garden Peas	Vegetables Rustic Roast Potatoes Spring Greens & Carrots	Vegetables Sweetcorn, Coleslaw, Cajun Rice	Vegetables Chips, Baked Beans, Garden Peas
Dessert Peach & Strawberry Oat Crumble with Custard Fresh Fruit	Dessert Fudgy Chocolate Brownies Fresh Fruit	Dessert Homemade Cookies or Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Dessert Apple & Raisin Puff Pastries Fresh Fruit	Dessert Homemade Berry Swirl Cheesecake Fresh Fruit

