



Duncombe News



4th May 2018

An exciting mix of events this week which started with a wonderful Music Showcase featuring our strings team. Each played beautifully and the progression through the year groups was so very encouraging. A truly inspiring way to start the week and I know that Mrs Sutton shared that there are a couple of places available for September string lessons. Please do speak with her or Mrs Selwood in the office if this is of interest to you and your child is currently in Year 2 or above.

The week ended with a delightful 3C assembly based on their studies of The Romans. Great acting, dancing and singing combined with some well timed jokes and exceptional knowledge of all things from this ancient empire. These moments are extremely important experiences for our children bringing together learning, teamwork, public speaking and dealing with new challenges. I know Miss Cartwright and Mrs Hills were rightly proud of 3C's achievements. Well done to all!

The Bake Off continued this week with pupils really pushing the limits and producing food that any self-respecting chef would be proud of. Congratulations to all who were involved, to get to the second round is an immense achievement. Congratulations also to those who are through to the final round.

As raised in the Easter letter to families our annual Parent Survey will be shared next week via a Parentmail. I have mentioned before, the survey is such a helpful tool in enabling further progression and development. Our recent site development has been very much supported by the feedback we have received from our parent body giving real weight to proposals and helping us to get across the line with our covered play area. Previous feedback about our Forest School provision into Key Stage 1 and 2 has enabled our expansion of opportunities in this area and I shared an article last week about the benefits of Forest School on pupils' learning. So please do take some time to follow the link and complete the survey. I will often start a staff meeting with the overwhelmingly positive comments that are shared, which has such a great impact at such a busy time of the year.

Do have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and we shall see you all on Tuesday 8th May.

In the meantime, May the 4th be with you! *Mr Phelan.*

Well done to 3C for a brilliant assembly!



Diary Dates

Mon 7th May - Bank Holiday - school closed.

Thur 10th May - Year 3 depart for Bushcraft.

Year 2 Parent to Lunch. 2G at 12.15pm and 2A at 12.20pm.

Fri 11th May - 4MJ Assembly (Parents Welcome). 8.50am start in New Hall.

Year 3 return from Bushcraft.

Looking Forward

Sunday 13th May - May Fair. Midday to 3pm.

Monday 14th May - Exam Week.

Year 4 River Trip to Ware.

Friday 18th May - Music Assembly (Parents welcome). 8.50am in Old Hall.

Monday 21st May - Year 6 to Normandy.

Tuesday 22nd May - Year 1 Parent to Lunch. Times TBC.

Year 4 Come Dine with Us and York Meeting.

Thursday 24th May -Year 2 Sleepover

Friday 25th May - Half Term - School Closed.

Sports Fixtures

Wednesday 9th May - U10 Girls Cricket v Westbrook Hay (away). Time TBC.

Friday 11th May - U11 Tennis v Queenswood (away). Time TBC.

Wednesday 16th May - U11 Cricket v Sherrardswood (away). 2.30pm start.

Wednesday 23rd May - U10 Cricket v Westbrook Hay (away). 2.30pm start.

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



Congratulations

Congratulations to Rosie A (5T) who took part in the National Swimathon Challenge to raise money for Marie Curie and Cancer Research UK. Rosie swam 1.5km (60 lengths) in 36 minutes and raised a staggering £850 including gift aid! The unexpected highlight was meeting Duncan Goodhew and wearing his Olympic gold medal! Well done Rosie!



Pedestrian Access

Can we please remind you to use the pedestrian entrance when coming in and out of school. Please do not walk in to school by the car park entrance for safety reasons.

Drop Off

We would like to remind you doors open for morning drop off at 8.15am for Lower and Upper School. If you need to drop your child/children off before that time please book them into the Breakfast Club. Children should not be left unattended outside school before 8.15am please.

An Urgent Plea for Help

With just one week to go until the May Fair, we do not yet have sufficient volunteers to be able to run all the stalls planned for the afternoon. Please sign up to help out if you possibly can. Either put your name down against a time slot on the sign up sheets, which can be found on the PA Board in Old Hall, or email us at ParentsAssociation@duncombe-school.co.uk and we will add you to the list.

We still also need more bottles in order to run the Bottle Tombola and would be grateful for any donations.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated and/or signed up to help out on the day. We look forward to seeing you there.

The PA Team

Gardening news!

The Secret Garden is really progressing well. We have some wonderful plants, flowers and veg coming through now. Yesterday a team of Upper School gardeners were outside upcycling old wellies and they now look amazing with trailing plants. There are lots of coloured buckets filled with pansies and Lavender has been planted to attract the pollinators. We also acquired a lovely Dog Rose from the Woodland Trust to plant in the centre of the Year 6 bed. Our potatoes are now showing good signs of growth and the Kitchen Garden is really thriving. Year 2 had a fantastic time planting the vegetable plants that Mr. Colletti kindly donated, a huge thanks to him. We are now looking forward to eating the crop! We are working hard to develop this wonderful resource, please take a look as you pass by.

Miss Angus and Mrs Marrion



IAPS Clay Pigeon Shooting Competition

Good luck to Bethany N (6S) who is taking part in the IAPS Clay Pigeon Shooting Competition today. Latest news is Bethany achieved 17 out of 30 hits and on one of the traps Bethany has been put forward for best girl shot of the day.

We will let you know Bethany's final score in the next Newsletter.



Nursery Trophies

Well done to Ruby W (NB) and Tani O (NM) who were awarded the trophies this week in Nursery.



Support Mrs Takawira.

Next weekend Mrs Takawira will be taking part in the London Moon Walk, which involves walking 26 miles in the middle of the night around the picturesque parts of the city. This is all in aid of raising money for Breast Cancer Research and treatment. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

<https://moonwalklondon2018.everydayhero.com/uk/adrienne-2>

Thank you, Mrs Takawira.

Found

We have a number of cuddly toys, watches and pieces of jewellery in the School Office. If you think you might have lost one of these items please come to the School Office. Thank you.



Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 7th May 2018



Homemade Soup and Freshly Baked Bread Available Daily

Where possible Gluten and Dairy Free equivalent dishes will be offered

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Week 4

MONDAY

Bank Holiday

TUESDAY

Dish of the Day
Greek Lamb Moussaka **D**

Vegetarian Option
Roasted Vegetable and Quorn

Pasta Bar
Fresh Tomato Basil Sauce

Vegetables
Steamed Sweetcorn and Garden Peas

Dessert
Marble Sponge Custard **D**
Yoghurt
Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Dish of the Day
Pulled Pork Served on a ½ Bap with Rustic Slaw **G**

Vegetarian Option
Spring Onion, Cheese and Cherry Tomato Quesadilla **G,D**

Jacket Potato Bar
Baked Beans

Vegetables
Leafy Mixed Salad
Garlic Bread

Dessert
Cherry Shortbread with Fresh Fruit
Yoghurt

THURSDAY

Dish of the Day
Roast Carvery of Meats with accompaniments

Vegetarian Option
Summer Vegetable Tart **D,G**

Jacket Potato Bar
Baked Beans
Cheese

Vegetables
Oven Wedges
Baked Beans
Sweet corn

Dessert
Fruit Jelly with Cream
Fresh Fruit
Yoghurt

FRIDAY

Dish Of The Day
Freshly made Salmon
Fishcakes with Lemon and Tartare Sauce **G,D**

Vegetarian Option
Courgette and Cauliflower
Nuggets with
Sweet Chilli Dip **G**

Jacket Potato Bar
Coleslaw

Vegetables
Oven Wedges
Baked Beans
Garden Peas

Dessert
Berry Swirl Cheesecake **G,D**
Fresh Fruit or
Yoghurt

