



It has been a week punctuated with exciting trips for a number of our year groups including Year 5's visit to a Hindu temple, Year 3 visiting the Celtic Harmony Camp and Reception visiting Bekonscot Model Village. Each visit ties in with the children's learning experience and very much enriches the programme offered to our pupils as communicated through our Duncombe Diploma. Allied to this our pupils enjoyed celebrating 25 years of the Forest School movement. Here at Duncombe we have seen the Forest School curriculum grow and evolve over the past 5 years. To mark this, pupils engaged in several activities including creating camp fires and a celebratory birthday cake! With Year 4 off to Cambridge Science Park next week and many other trips and events for the coming half term, it is clear that our outdoor learning and educational visits programme is second to none.

5SU led assembly today with the theme of the Year 5 trip to PGL. As one would expect, musicality played a significant part with 5SU getting fully involved on the stage with their final adaptation of Shotgun which had us all joining in by the end. The children projected well, held the audience's interest and articulated so very well the impact and importance of outdoor learning. A great way to start the form assemblies, laying down the gauntlet for all who are to come. Well done 5SU and Mrs Sutton for a most enjoyable and informative assembly.

Next week we celebrate our Harvest Festival. An important event in the termly calendar marking the changing of the seasons, the importance of being thankful for what we have as well as remembering others who are not as fortunate. Our Hatfield House Charity Coffee Morning for RP Fighting Blindness was well supported this week and the showcasing of the ICT hardware and software enabled fascinating discussions about their power to impact positively on teaching and learning. Thank you to all who sent cakes and came along to support. Such events really do reflect well on our community. Do have a wonderful weekend. Mr Phelan.

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



### Diary Dates

**Tuesday 16th October** - Year 4 to Cambridge Science Centre.

Nursery to Year 3 Parents' Evening. 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

**Wednesday 17th October** - Nursery to Year 3 Parents' Evening. 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

**Friday 19th October** - Lower School Harvest Festival (children only).

Upper School Harvest Festival (Parents welcome). Holy Trinity Church at 2.30pm.

### Looking Forward

**Monday 22nd October** - Music Assembly. 8.50am in Old Hall.

**Tuesday 23rd October** - Year 4 to Cambridge Arts Theatre to see Horrible Histories Awful Egyptians.

**Wednesday 24th October** - Year 5 to Cambridge Arts Theatre to see Horrible Histories Terrible Tudors.

**Thursday 25th October** - Sharing afternoon for Treetops. 2.45pm to 3.30pm.

School finishes at normal time and all After School Clubs will be on as normal.

PA Laser Show Event. 6.30pm for 7.15pm start.

**Friday 26th October** - Half Term begins. School closed.

**Tuesday 6th November** - Year 6 to the Natural History Museum.

Year 3 Parent to Lunch. 3K at 12.45pm and 3G at 12.50pm.

**Thursday 8th November** - Year 4 Parents' Evening in New Hall. 4.30pm to 8.30pm.

**Friday 9th November** - Year 6 to Amaravati Buddhist Monastery.

### Sports Fixtures

**Wednesday 17th October** - U10 Netball v St Joseph's in the Park (home). 3.15pm start.

U11 Football at St Joseph's in the Park (away). 2.30pm start.

**Thursday 18th October** - U10 Football at Hartham. Time TBC.

U9 Netball v St Edmund's Prep (home). Time TBC.

**Wednesday 24th October** - U11 Netball v Stormont. Time TBC.

U11 Football v St Christopher School. 2.30pm start.

**Tuesday 6th November** - U7 Football v St Edmund's Prep (home). Time TBC.

**Wednesday 7th November** - U10 Netball v Sherrardswood (away). Time TBC.

**Thursday 8th November** - U8 Football and Netball v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3.45pm start.

## Well done to this week's Lower School Stars of the Week



## Outdoor Learning

Here are some of Year 6 who have recently enjoyed planting Spring bulbs in our wonderful garden.



## World Nursery Rhyme Week for Treetops



As always Treetops will be celebrating World Nursery Rhyme week. Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood development and education. We will be hosting lots of activities throughout the week where children will be learning new nursery rhymes and singing old favourites. On **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** we are inviting the children to come to school dressed as a nursery rhyme or a character from a nursery rhyme. There are so many to choose from but here are a few ideas to get you started!

- Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
- Incy Wincey Spider
- This Little Piggy Went to Market
- Ten Green Bottles Sitting on the Wall
- Five Green and Speckled Frogs
- Round And Round The Garden
- The Grand Old Duke of York

We look forward to seeing how many different nursery rhymes are used.

*Mrs Copeman, Head of EYFS.*

### Late Arrivals

Could we please ask that you sign your child/children in at the School Office if they arrive after registration which is 8.45am. It is vitally important that we know children have been dropped off at school if they arrive after this time.

### Ice Skating

Unfortunately the uptake numbers for the Van Hage ice skating evening were low last year and did not cover the cost of hiring the rink. For this reason we have not booked it for this year. We will review this again going into the next academic year.

## Thomas Franks Catering Staff Update

Following an 8 year association with Duncombe I can share with you that Mrs Reeves, our Chef Manager, will be leaving us on Friday 9th November 2018 to take up a new and challenging role with Thomas Franks our catering company.

Mrs Reeves has been key to developing and improving the catering provision here at Duncombe and I know we are all going to miss her. I am sure you will all want to join me in wishing her every success and happiness in the next stage of her career and to thank her for all she has done to support the school.

On the back of this news I am delighted to be able to share with you that Thomas Franks have appointed Mr Goulston to the role of Chef Manager at Duncombe.

Mr Goulston is currently working for HCL, the catering division for Hertfordshire Council, as a Mobile Cook Manager. Mr Goulston brings with him a wealth of experience and earlier this year was awarded National School Chef of the Year 2018 by the Lead Association for Catering in Education (LACA), an association that represents the School Food Industry.

It is planned that Mr Goulston will join us on Monday 5th November 2018 and will work alongside Mrs Reeves for the first week. In the following weeks, as part of Mr Goulston's induction, he will be supported closely by members of the Thomas Franks Relief and Executive Chef Teams to ensure a smooth transition.

I met Mr Goulston a couple of weeks ago and I know he is very enthused about the prospect of working at Duncombe and for Thomas Franks.

As we move forward I believe this to be the start of an exciting new chapter in our partnership with Thomas Franks.

*Ian Thomas, Business Manager*

## Harvest Festival - Friday 19th October

A Harvest Festival celebration will be held for Treetops and Lower School (EKG - Year 3) on the morning of Friday 19th 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 19th 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. 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 15th October.

This year we are donating our gifts to the Young Persons Service who are the leading provider of supported accommodation for young people aged 16 to 25 in Hertfordshire. They support over 140 vulnerable young people across Hertfordshire who are homeless or in need of housing. Part of this service involves helping them with cooking and hygiene and so we are asking for donations of this nature.

We therefore invite all the children to bring in a **small** parcel of non-perishable items on the day (a small box without a lid for example). 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!

Please donate any non perishable food items such as; UHT in cartons, tinned meat, pot noodles, packets of biscuits, packets of soup, tinned food, tinned fruit etc.

Also any of the following toiletry items; toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shower gel, deodorant etc.

NB: Please do not donate anything in glass jars.

Thank you.



## Poppy Launch Tickets

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October, The Royal British Legion will launch the Hertfordshire Poppy Appeal 2018 at an outdoor venue in Hertford, with a breathtaking display of 15,000 poppies made by the Secret Society Of Hertford Crafters alongside schools, care homes and other community groups.

**As one of the schools who contributed to this amazing installation, we are delighted to have been offered a small number of invitations to view an exhibition and short film showing the story of the SSOHC Poppy Appeal project, with refreshments and of course, viewing the Poppy display on launch date.**

**The invitation for Duncombe is for a visiting time between 12.30pm and 1.30pm.**

If you would like to be one of those involved in this special day please contact the School Office by Friday 19th October. Tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis.

For information the poppy installation will be on public display from 27<sup>th</sup> October until 11<sup>th</sup> November, so there is ample time to see it. The venue is still a secret and will be revealed to the successful invitation holders.

## Year 5 Visit the Hindu Temple

On Tuesday, Year 5 were lucky enough to visit Bhaktivedanta Manor Temple, as part of our Hinduism studies. On arrival we travelled by ox and cart for a short tour. The oxen were huge! Some of us even got to drive the cart. After that we learned why cows are so important to Hindus. We then fed the cows a special treat of carrots. This was the highlight for many of us. Later we visited the magical gardens and discovered some beautiful statues of gods and goddesses. In the manor house, we learned that in Hinduism there is one god who has over 33,000,000 forms. We dressed up in saris, shawls and turbans. Next we had patterns painted on our faces. Once we were ready, we headed in the shrine to see a service. There was a strong smell of incense and the delicious curry that we were about to consume. Lunch was glorious! Everyone ate lots of mutter paneer, chapatis, rice and chips. It was a brilliant experience to learn about Hinduism.



*By our roving reporters, Moriah, Sophie and Thomas.*

### Year 3 go to the Celtic Harmony Camp

Year 3 have been studying the Celts as part of humanities this term. How excited we were to dress up as Celts to go to the Celtic Harmony Camp. On arrival we walked up the lane and entered the camp through big wooden gates with a woolly mammoth painted on it. Wow! We saw Celtic round houses and a large Chieftain round house. Year 3 classes were split into two tribes, 3K became "Snakes" and 3G became "Boars". We had such an exciting day learning how to make a head band out of rush, painting blue woad symbols on our faces, archery, going on a quest, learning about weapons and finished off with some trading. A fantastic day for all.



### Hatfield Charity Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Hatfield Charity Coffee Morning on Thursday. With your support we have raised well over £300 for RP Fighting Blindness so far. A special thank you goes to Mrs McCullagh and Mrs Madge who helped with this event.

Our next fund raiser will be a competition and will be launched shortly.

*The Hatfield Charity Team.*

### Reception go to Bekonscot Model Village

Reception had a terrific time at Bekonscot Model village on Thursday. The teachers used some fairy dust to sprinkle over the children to turn them into giants, this made the buildings seem really small! All the children were excited to point out the different buildings they could see such as churches, shops, schools and castles. We took part in a transportation workshop and learned about how people travelled around 100 years ago. We looked out for different modes of transport on our walk around. The children were most impressed with the model railway running through the village.



### Son Et Lumiere - Duncome P.A.

Tickets are selling fast for 'Son Et Lumiere', an exciting new event that has been introduced to replace the fireworks night, brought to you by the Duncombe PA.

Be sure not to miss out on this Laser extravaganza, with amazing laser lights that will be sure to illuminate the night sky, all accompanied by a huge soundtrack. On the night there will be great food, drinks, a quiet room, a glowstick stand and much more.

Make sure you get your ticket applications in by the 22nd October to ensure you have your places secured!

Plus don't forget that all funds raised go towards the PA, which funds various initiatives within Duncombe, enriching our children's journey at school.

This really will be a night you won't want to miss!

*The PA Team*

**Here is the next recipe card 5 for the Thomas Franks competition.**



**Nursery and Reception Parents' Evening  
Tuesday 16th October**

We would like to inform you that Nursery and Reception teachers will meet with parents in Main School classrooms on Tuesday 16th October from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. The classrooms will be clearly labelled and will be as shown below:


- Nursery Maple - Library (up the main stairs to the left)
- Nursery Birch - 6TH (up the main stairs to the left)
- Rec Apple - 6TA (top of the main stairs)
- Rec Oak - 5SA (up the main stairs to the right)

Please note that on Wednesday 17th October Nursery and Reception Teachers will meet with parents in their own classroom in Treetops.

**Lost**

Named blazer belonging to Monty McCullagh.

**Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 15th October 2018**

 <b>Homemade Soup and Fresh Baked Bread available Daily</b>		<b>THIS WEEK'S MENU</b>		
		<small>Where possible Gluten and Dairy Free Equivalent dishes will be offered</small>		<b>Week 1</b>
Monday	Tuesday	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Soup of the Day</b> Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	<b>Soup of the Day</b> Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	<b>Soup of the Day</b> Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	<b>Soup of the Day</b> Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	<b>Soup of the Day</b> Served with Fresh Homemade Bread
<b>Dish of the Day</b> Chicken and Broccoli Filo Pie	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Tray bake sausages with roasted vegetables	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Freshly made Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Roast Pork with Gravy and Apple Sauce	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Lemon and Herb Crumbed Fish with Tartare Sauce
<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Autumn Vegetable Crumble	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Spanish Omelette	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Roasted Vegetable Lasagne	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Pumpkin Biryani	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Macaroni Cheese
<b>Jacket Potato Bar</b> Tuna Mayonnaise	<b>Pasta Bar</b> Tomato and Basil	<b>Pasta Bar</b> Cheese Sauce	<b>Jacket Potato Bar</b> Baked Beans	<b>Jacket Potato Bar</b> Coleslaw Cheese
<b>Sides</b> Sweetcorn New Potatoes	<b>Sides</b> Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables Steamed Peas	<b>Sides</b> Rustic Roast Steamed Medley of Vegetables	<b>Vegetables</b> Rustic Roast Potatoes Steamed Green Beans Courgette Gratin	<b>Vegetables</b> Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas Baked Beans
<b>Dessert</b> Spiced Banana Bread Fruit or Yoghurt	<b>Dessert</b> Queen of Puddings Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	<b>Dessert</b> Marble Shortbread Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	<b>Dessert</b> Chunky Fruit Jelly Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	<b>Dessert</b> Chocolate Beetroot Cake Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

