



We have ploughed the fields and scattered this week, celebrating harvest festival across the school. The donations of food will be of great help to the Young Persons Service this year. A huge thank you to all for supporting and to Reverend Thompson for making Upper School feel so welcome at Holy Trinity.

As ever it has been a very active week with matches, trips and engaging learning both inside and outside of the classroom. As we move into the final week of this half term there is an excellent opportunity to reflect on the experience of the term so far and much to look forward to in November onwards. The chance to step back and review is critical. Seeing the bigger picture, and where we are heading, is a crucial part of what we do in whatever field we are in. Here at Duncombe the opportunity for staff to speak with parents about their children's learning and the next steps are why our Parents' Evenings are important. For many, you have had such meetings in the past two weeks, for others this will be straight after half term. The important thing is to look at the next steps against what has been achieved so far and then, with school and home aligned, our pupils continue to progress.

Next week sees visits to the Cambridge Arts Theatre for Years 4 and 5, matches and a music assembly. We bring things to a close on Thursday afternoon with the Treetops Sharing Afternoon which is a celebration of what our youngest pupils have been achieving in the past few weeks. To celebrate the start of Half Term our Parents' Association are hosting the Son et Lumière Laser Show which is certain to be an amazing experience.

Have a lovely weekend. Mr Phelan.

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



Diary Dates

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

Looking Forward

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.

Tuesday 13th November - Light and Dark Workshop for Year 1 at Duncombe.

Thursday 15th November - Open Morning for Prospective Parents. 9.45am start.

Year 5 Parents' Evening in New Hall from 4.30pm to 8.30pm.

Friday 16th November - Phil the Bag collection.

Sports Fixtures

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.

Monday 12th November - U11 Football v Manor Lodge (away). 2.30pm start.

Thursday 15th November - U8 Football and Netball v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3pm start.

Friday 16th November - U9 Football v St Joseph's in the Park (Hartham). Time TBC.

U9 Netball v St Joseph's in the Park (home). Time TBC.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Amber S (1T) who passed her Primary Modern Dance exam with distinction. Amber also received a Certificate of Achievement from her dance school for hard work, improved technique and knowledge of the syllabus. Well done Amber!



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



Baby News

Congratulations to Mrs Galaska who welcomed baby Mia into the world on 2nd October. We wish the whole family lots of happy times.

Half Term Finish Time

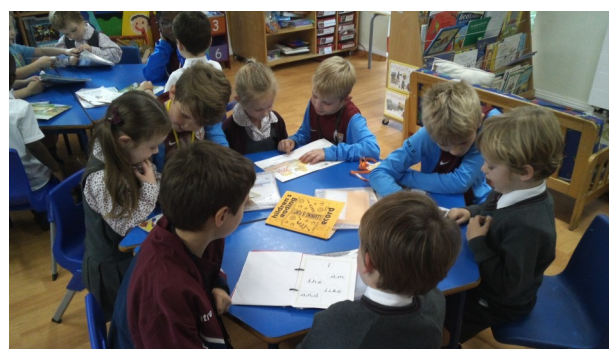
Please note that we break up for Half Term on **Thursday 25th October** at normal time. All After School Clubs will run as normal.

Reception and Year 4 Buddy Reading

On Thursday, a specialist task force of Reading Experts (in the guise of Year 4 pupils!) were sent out to help Reception Oak and Apple pupils with their reading skills. Their mission was to listen to the younger children read and give them encouragement and support. Year 4 pupils did their teachers proud, by role modelling excellent reading behaviours. They assisted their reading buddies with using their phonic knowledge effectively and helped them improve their blending and segmenting skills. By asking questions about what might happen next at various points in their Oxford Reading tree texts, our Reading Experts actively encouraged Reception pupils to read for meaning.

Their Reception reading buddies hugely enjoyed the experience, as did Year 4, who loved the nostalgic trip down memory lane, reliving all of Biff, Chip and Kipper's adventures! What a wonderful way for Year 4 to put their reading skills to good use and for Reception to see where their reading will take them in years to come.

Miss Cartwright



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 21st 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.

REMINDER: 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 to 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



Poppy Launch Tickets

On Saturday 27th 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 27th October until 11th November, so there is ample time to see it. The venue is still a secret and will be revealed to the successful invitation holders.

Lost Property

May we remind you that it is always worth checking the lost property boxes outside the door by the car park. These boxes are clearly labelled and often the first place lost property is put.

Lost

Named PE bag belonging to Estelle Olivier which may have been picked up by another child. Please check to see if you have accidentally picked it up.

Named coat belonging to Monty Douglas.

Here is the next recipe card 6 for the Thomas Franks competition.



OATMEAL BISCUITS

- 225g Butter
- 156g caster sugar
- 2 egg yolks
- 225g self raising flour
- 4 drops vanilla essence
- 30g porridge oats plus 50g oats for moulding

METHOD

1. Put all ingredients into a bowl and mix together thoroughly.
2. Mould into cylinders that are slightly bigger than a 50p and about 1 cm deep.
3. Once moulded Place on top of a baking sheet lined with baking parchment and sprinkle oats over the top of each biscuit. Make sure you leave enough space between each biscuit as they tend to end up 3 x bigger than they start.
4. Oven bake at Gas Mark 4 / 175 °C for 18 minutes.
5. Once cooked leave on baking tray to cool as the biscuits will firm up as they cool down.

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Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 22nd October 2018



Homemade Soup and Fresh Baked Bread available Daily

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Where possible Gluten and Dairy Free Week 2
equivalent dishes will be offered

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread	Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread
Dish of the Day Spaghetti Bolognaise	Dish of the Day Chicken Korma Curry with Poppadum's and Mango Chutney	Dish of the Day Hearty Beef Chilli with Nachos, Sour cream and Salsa	Dish of the Day Roast Chicken with Gravy and Cranberry Sauce
Vegetarian Option Pasta Primavera	Vegetarian Option Vegetable Korma with Poppadum's and Mango Chutney	Vegetarian Option Quorn Chili with Nachos, Sour cream and Salsa	Vegetarian Option Butternut Risotto
Jacket Potato Bar Tuna Mayonnaise Cheese	Pasta Bar Tomato Sauce Cheese	Jacket Potato Bar Baked Beans Cheese	Pasta Bar 3 Cheese Sauce
Vegetables Steamed New Potatoes Steamed Green Beans	Vegetables Steamed Rice Sagallo Steamed Garden Peas	Vegetables Jacket Wedges Potatoes Steamed Sweetcorn	Vegetables Rustic Roast Potatoes Steamed Medley of Vegetables
Dessert Apple and Blackberry Crumble Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Warm Pear Sponge with Cream Fresh Fruit	Dessert Duncombe Power Bar Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Raspberry Ripple Mousse Marble Sponge Fresh Fruit Yoghurt

