



An action-packed week again here at Duncombe with our pupils and families fully involved in a number of activities including our Parent to Lunch and the PA Macmillan coffee morning. Thank you to all who attended and supported across the week. Such occasions are important, as they reflect the community we are, what we value showcasing and showing our children the power of collective efforts. It's always a rich and varied programme on offer here at Duncombe, which this week saw trips to Affinity Water, Audley End and Theatre visits. Subjects such as science, English, maths and drama were developed throughout these events. In addition, lessons as ever saw our pupils challenged and supported in their learning. On the sports field matches and tournaments have been played. Indeed, the ISFA U11 Football regionals is currently underway as I write. I was struck by a piece of reading this week which reflected on the value of taking stock every now and then and connecting the dots of the experiences and events in our lives. Here is an excerpt: A few years ago, Steve Jobs gave the commencement speech at Stanford University. He told the audience that his decision to drop out of college years earlier was the best one he'd ever made. Why? In part because dropping out of required courses that bored him made it possible for him to drop in on any courses that interested him. One of these was a course on calligraphy, a class that seemed entirely impractical, focusing as it did on all the minute details that make for great typography.

"None of this," he told the Stanford students, "had even a hope of any practical application in my life. But ten years later, when we were designing the first Macintosh computer, it all came back to me. And we designed it all into the Mac. It was the first computer with beautiful typography. If I had never dropped in on that single course in college, the Mac would have never had multiple typefaces or proportionally spaced fonts. And since Windows just copied the Mac, it's likely that no personal computer would have them. If I had never dropped out, I would have never dropped in on this calligraphy class, and personal computers might not have the wonderful typography that they do. Of course it was impossible to connect the dots looking forward when I was in college. But it was very, very clear looking backward ten years later." Jobs drove the point home again, saying, "You can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backward. This approach has never let me down, and it has made all the difference in my life."

I'm not suggesting dropping out but I am saying that often it is the time after, when we look back, that we see how much we have done and also how each of the experiences have impacted on what we have become and what we can do. In many ways this is the perfect narrative for Prep Schools; together we build up the experiences and opportunities upon which our children will draw down on countless times in their futures.

Next week continues with a plethora of events and experiences which include World Teacher Day on the 5<sup>th</sup>

October, so do look out for the Tweets and get involved, as well as a project linking with our sister school Stamford in Singapore and an exploration of space! Have a wonderful weekend. Mr Phelan.

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 2nd October** - Year 6 Parents' Evening in New Hall from 4.30pm to 8.30pm.

**Wednesday 3rd October** - Individual and Sibling Photographs.

**Thursday 4th October** - Open Morning for prospective parents, 9.45am start.

## Looking Forward

**Tuesday 9th October** - Year 5 to the Hindu Temple.

**Wednesday 10th October** - Year 3 to the Celtic Harmony Camp.

**Thursday 11th October** - Reception to Bekonscot Model Village.

Hatfield Charity Coffee Morning. 8.30am in Old Hall.

**Friday 12th October** - 5SU Assembly. Parents Welcome.

**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.

## Sports Fixtures

**Wednesday 3rd October** - U11 Football and Netball v St Edmund's Prep. 3.45pm start.

**Thursday 4th October** - U9 Football Tournament at Lochinver House. 1pm start.

**Wednesday 17th October** - U10 Netball v St Joseph's in the Park (away). 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.

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



### **Year 2 Visit to Affinity Water**

Year 2 were lucky enough to visit Affinity Water on Tuesday. The children loved this trip, particularly the pond dipping and the packed lunch challenge, when they were very excited to receive the Gold award. Well done children and parents who clearly embraced the challenge.  
*Miss Angus and Miss Watson.*

### **Year 1 Enjoy a Sunny Day at Audley End**

On Thursday Year 1 went to Audley end as part of their history topic. We had a wonderful day and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In the morning we dressed up as servants and learnt all about their work which often started at 5am and then ended at 11pm.

In the afternoon we visited the grand house and had an enjoyable time in the nursery playing with all the old toys. As the weather was so lovely we were then able to walk to the large kitchen garden where 200 years ago all the fruit and vegetables would have been grown. We were lucky to see lots of fruit and some very large pumpkins.

We all had a fantastic time.

*Mrs Turner and Miss Ashcroft*



### **Hatfield Charity**

This term Hatfield charity will be fund raising for RP Fighting Blindness. Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) is an inherited condition of the retina which leads to gradual reduction in vision. We have some exciting activities lined up for you. Please look out for further details of our competition to either design a gadget to help someone with poor sight or make a picture collage with a variety of materials. A competition form will be sent home with your child very soon. There will also be a film night and a coffee morning as well as Year 6 games at the Christmas fair. Thank you for supporting our charity this term. *The Hatfield Charity Team*

### **Individual and Sibling Photographs**

Individual and Sibling photographs will take place on Wednesday 3rd October. Please be aware that all children need to have smart hair and uniform and wear their blazers (no jumpers please). Photographs of sibling groups are only available for children attending Duncombe. If your child does not attend Treetops on this day and you would like their photograph to be taken, please advise the School Office who will make the necessary arrangements.

We would also like to inform you that there will be an early registration on Wednesday 3rd October at 8.15am in order to get the photographs started. Please can you ensure your child is in school by 8.15am on the 3rd. Thank you.

### **Data Collection Forms**

You should have received a data collection form for your child/children this week. Please can you return this to the School Office by Monday 1st October 2018. It is very important that this form is returned to ensure we have all up to date contact and medical information for your child/children. If you did not receive a Data Collection form for your child/children please contact the School Office as soon as possible.

### **After School Club Number**

May we remind you to use the After School Club mobile number if you are going to be late picking up your child. The number is 07594 583595. Please note that the School Office is only open until 5.30pm.

### **Date for your Diary - New Exciting PA Event**

The next PA event, Son et Lumiere Lasershow at Duncombe will be on Thursday 25 October. Tickets will be on sale next week and a PA parentmail will be sent out on Monday with more details.

## 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 service to ensure the enjoyment of everyone. 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 Friday 12th 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.

## Thomas Franks "Take It, Make It" Competition

Following on from the information in last week's newsletter, here are the first three recipes:



**TAKE IT MAKE IT COMPETITION**

### VEGETABLE BEAN BURGER

- 250g Tinned Mixed Beans (drained)
- 2 Large Potatoes (peeled)
- 2 Large Carrots (peeled & diced)
- 1 Large Onion (diced)
- Pinch cracked black pepper
- 2 vegetable stock cubes
- 2 teaspoons Olive Oil

**METHOD**

1. Boil and mash potatoes. Boil the carrots until tender. Sauté onions in 1 teaspoon oil without colouring them.
2. Put beans, carrots, onions, mashed potato in a bowl and crumble the stock cubes into the mix.
3. Mix together and divide into 4. Roll into balls and then flatten into burger shapes
4. Pan fry in teaspoon oil to just seal on both sides then place on parchment papered tray and bake in oven.
5. This can be served in the home made burger buns you produced from last weeks recipes.

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**TAKE IT MAKE IT COMPETITION**

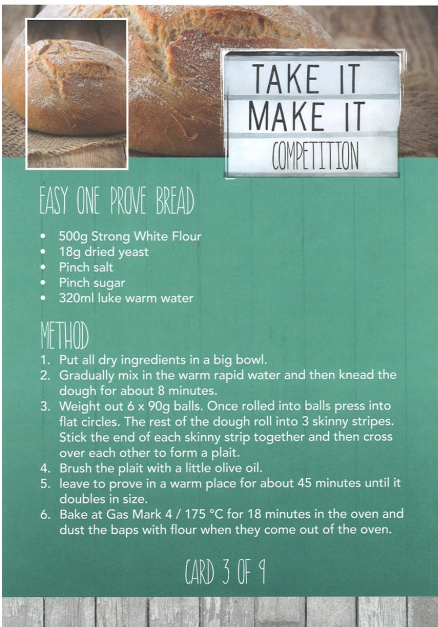
### BEEF BURGERS TOPPED WITH CHEESE

- 500g Lean Minced Beef
- 1 Large Onion (diced & sautéed in teaspoon of oil)
- 2 beef stock cubes
- 1 whole egg
- Pinch of salt & pinch cracked black pepper
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 150g grated cheddar cheese
- Sliced Lettuce, cucumber & tomato to garnish

**METHOD**

1. Put lean minced beef, sautéed onions, 2 beef stock cubes, 1 egg and seasoning into a bowl.
2. Mix all ingredients together thoroughly.
3. Divide into 4 balls and then press the balls flat.
4. Seal the burgers in a pan using the teaspoon of olive oil.
5. Place on a parchment covered baking tray and place in the oven for about 20 minutes.
6. Remove from oven top with cheese and then place back in oven for a further 5 minutes.

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**TAKE IT MAKE IT COMPETITION**

### EASY ONE PROVE BREAD

- 500g Strong White Flour
- 18g dried yeast
- Pinch salt
- Pinch sugar
- 320ml luke warm water

**METHOD**

1. Put all dry ingredients in a big bowl.
2. Gradually mix in the warm rapid water and then knead the dough for about 8 minutes.
3. Weight out 6 x 90g balls. Once rolled into balls press into flat circles. The rest of the dough roll into 3 skinny stripes. Stick the end of each skinny strip together and then cross over each other to form a plait.
4. Brush the plait with a little olive oil.
5. Leave to prove in a warm place for about 45 minutes until it doubles in size.
6. Bake at Gas Mark 4 / 175 °C for 18 minutes in the oven and dust the baps with flour when they come out of the oven.

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## Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 1st October 2018



Homemade Soup and Fresh Baked Bread available Daily

## THIS WEEK'S MENU

Where possible Gluten and Dairy Free  
equivalent dishes will be offered

Week 2

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> Spaghetti Bolognese	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Chicken Korma Curry with Poppadums and Mango Chutney	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Hearty Beef Chilli with Nachos, Sour cream and Salsa	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Roast Chicken with Gravy and Cranberry Sauce	<b>Dish Of The Day</b> Oven Baked Cod Fingers
<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Pasta Primavera	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Vegetable Korma with Poppadums and Mango Chutney	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Quorn Chili with Nachos, Sour cream and Salsa	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Butternut Risotto	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Caramelised Onion and Brie Slice
<b>Jacket Potato Bar</b> Tuna Mayonnaise Cheese	<b>Pasta Bar</b> Tomato Sauce Cheese	<b>Jacket Potato Bar</b> Baked Beans Cheese	<b>Pasta Bar</b> 3 Cheese Sauce	<b>Jacket Potato Bar</b> Baked Beans Cheese
<b>Vegetables</b> Steamed New Potatoes Steamed Green Beans	<b>Vegetables</b> Steamed Rice Sagaloo Steamed Garden Peas	<b>Vegetables</b> Rissolle Potatoes Steamed Medley of Vegetables	<b>Vegetables</b> Rustic Roast Potatoes Steamed Medley of Vegetables	<b>Vegetables</b> Jacket Wedges Steamed Garden Peas Baked Beans
<b>Dessert</b> Apple and Blackberry Crumble Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	<b>Dessert</b> Warm Pear Sponge with Cream	<b>Dessert</b> Duncombe Power Bar Strawberry Milkshake Fresh Fruit	<b>Dessert</b> Raspberry Ripple Mousse Marble Sponge Fresh Fruit	<b>Dessert</b> Chocolate Fudge Cake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt

