



Once again it has been another very busy week here at Duncombe. 2A took us on a journey through time this morning with their assembly focus on the innovations that have impacted on society. An excellent exploration of these key events which the audience greatly enjoyed. A very big well done to the entire 2A team for such a splendid assembly. Technical innovation has been a strong theme this term, which I spoke about at the start of the academic year. This ability to draw upon new technologies that impact positively on teaching and learning makes for an ever more engaging and fit for our time curriculum. To illustrate this, Duncombe is to be involved in two initiatives over the coming few weeks. Next week, under the leadership of Señor Torres, many pupils will be involved in 'Cognita Calling' involving live Skype calls and lessons with our sister schools across the UK and Spain. There will also be the sharing of pre-recorded work with our Far East and South American schools too! In addition, we shall be sharing e-cards created by the pupils with Cognita schools around the globe relaying what Christmas is like here at Duncombe. In return, our children will gain experience of what the seasonal festivities are like around the globe. Such wonderful opportunities to enrich our children's learning experiences and take advantage of our technology further.

I'm delighted to be able to share that our very own Catering Manager, Michael Goulston, was selected to create and present HRH The Prince of Wales with his 70th birthday cake this week. There is a lovely article on our website with a picture of Michael's creation. Next week Michael is preparing further dishes for Members of Parliament at the Palace of Westminster. Let's hope he can go some way to calming everyone's nerves! Do have a wonderful weekend.

*Mr Phelan.*

## Chef Michael Bakes Cake for Prince Charles



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



## Diary Dates

**Wednesday 21st November** - Dress Up Day for Treetops.

**Friday 23rd November** - 1A Assembly. Parents Welcome.

## Looking Forward

**Monday 26th November** - Shaking up Shakespeare for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

**Tuesday 27th November** - Flu Vaccinations for Reception to Year 5.

**Friday 30th November** - Music Assembly for invited performers in Old Hall. 8.50am start.

**Sunday 2nd December** - PA Christmas Fair. Midday to 3pm.

**Monday 3rd December** - Years 1 to 6 Carol Service Rehearsal at Haileybury.

2.15pm EKG and KG Singalong. Parents welcome.

**Tuesday 4th December** - Carol Service Years 1-6 at Haileybury Chapel. 5pm start.

**Thursday 6th December** - Nursery Christmas Play. 9.20am in New Hall. Parents welcome.

Last Speech and Drama lesson.

**Friday 7th December** - Reception Christmas Play. 9.20am in New Hall. Parents welcome.

**Monday 10th December** - Harmony Choir to Hanbury Manor. 6pm start.

**Tuesday 11th December** - EKG, KG and Nursery Trip to Springtime Nursery.

Senior Choir to Bentley House, Hertford. 2pm start.

**Wednesday 12th December** - Reception to Year 6 to Pantomime at Hertford Theatre.

Treetops Disco.

**Thursday 13th December** - Last day of term.

Treetops and Years 1-3 finish at 2.45 pm,

Years 4 - 6 finish at 3.00pm.

**Please note that no after school clubs will take place but after school care will be available. Please let the School Office know if you need care.**

**The Spring Term commences on Monday 7th January 2019.**

## Sports Fixtures

**Wednesday 21st November** - U11 Football v Westbrook Hay (away). Time TBC.

**Thursday 22nd November** - U9 Football v Manor Lodge (away). Time TBC.

**Wednesday 28th November** - U11 Rugby Tournament at Haileybury.

**Thursday 29th November** - U9 Netball v Westbrook Hay (away). 3pm start.

**Wednesday 5th December** - U11 Netball v Westbrook Hay (away). Time TBC.

**Thursday 6th December** - U9 Football v Heath Mount (away). 2.30pm start.

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



## Carol Service - Tuesday 4th December

We are looking forward to our Carol Service at Haileybury on Tuesday 4th December for Years 1-6. Here is more information about this event:

**Treetops' day will end as normal at 3.30pm.** If parents are going to the Carol Service at Haileybury, please see your form teacher to arrange an early pick up. **Please note that school will finish for Lower School at 2.45pm and Upper School at 3pm.** This allows everyone the opportunity to freshen up and have tea in good time before our **Carol Service in Haileybury Chapel which starts at 5pm. Please do not arrive before 4.30pm.** This allows us time to prepare the Chapel. We ask that you do not arrive before this time as your child/children will have a long time to wait before the start of the service. The service will last for an hour.

**After School Clubs** - Treetops After School Activities will continue as normal. **There will be no Clubs for non-Treetops pupils.** If you are unable to collect your child by 3pm on Tuesday 4th December, please let the School Office know.

Please arrange childcare for siblings below Reception age and babies.

Any Reception child who has an older sibling is allowed to attend the Christmas Carol Service. They must be in their school uniform and will be seated with their class teacher in the pews towards the front of the church. If you are intending to bring your Reception child with you, please let the School Office know so that we can make sure we have enough room for them all.

We will be sending more information out next week.

## Hatfield Charity Competition

May we remind you that entries for the Hatfield Charity Competition need to be in on **Monday 19th November** please.

As you know the competition is to either design a gadget for a person who has lost their sight, and which would help them in their everyday life, or create a collage/picture using a variety of materials and textures. Entry for the competition is £1.00 and entries should be handed in to form and class teachers. This is open to pupils from Year 1 to Year 6; there will be prizes for Lower School and Upper School.

Thank you for your support.  
*The Hatfield Charity Team.*

## Digital Workshop Evening

Due to the unavailability of one of our presenters at the Digital Workshop Evening, planned for Thursday 22nd November, we have taken the decision to move this event. This event will now take place on Thursday 24th January 2019. Further details of this and two other events planned for 2019 will follow in the next couple of weeks.  
*Ian Thomas, Business Manager.*

## Play Equipment After School

May we remind you that children should not be playing on the adventure playground or playing football in the playground after school. Thank you.

## Speech & Drama

The last Speech and Drama lessons take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Mrs Coley has said that children are welcome to bring in reindeer antlers, Christmas hats etc for the last lesson.

## Cheerleading

Please note that our After School Cheerleading Club finishes for this term on Monday 19th November 2018.

## End of Autumn Term Date

We would like to remind you that we break up for Christmas on Thursday 13th December. As this is the end of Autumn Term school will finish early as follows:

- Treetops and Years 1-3 finish at 2.45pm
- Years 4 - 6 finish at 3.00pm.

Please note that no after school clubs will take place but after school care will be available.

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### Year 1 Setpoint Workshop

On Tuesday Year 1 had a very exciting time learning about Light and Dark in our Setpoint Workshop. We found out all about different light sources, discovered why we have night and day and had great fun making a kaleidoscope. We all enjoyed going in the little tent and trying to find the shell with our eyes closed - it was quite difficult but lots of fun and it made us realise how important light is. We were able to shine torches and sparkly fibre optic lights (which were a great favourite) in a dark tent and had fun making shadow puppets.

It was a fun packed and informative morning and we now know lots of things about light and dark. For example we know the moon looks like it shines but it is reflecting the sun's light and is not a light source.

By Year 1



### Christmas Card Orders

If you have not done so already, could you please bring your Christmas Card orders in by Monday 19th November. This will ensure you get your cards back in good time before Christmas.

### Nursery's Greek Adventure

On Tuesday, Nursery was treated to a very special guest; Mrs Panagiotidou, who is mummy to Apollonas in Nursery.

Mrs Panagiotidou gave a very interesting and interactive presentation on Greek Mythology. The children learnt about Greek Gods and Greek culture and we made leaf crowns and decorated pots with letters from the Greek alphabet.

We then got to sample some typical Greek food which included Greek salad with feta cheese and olives, and some extra specially scrumptious cakes decorated in the blue and white of the Greek flag.

An incredibly informative morning for all, and we'd like to thank Mrs Panagiotidou for her time and all the effort she put in to making the morning so much fun.



### Here is the last recipe card (9) for the Thomas Franks competition.

**TAKE IT MAKE IT COMPETITION**

**HOMEMADE TRADITIONAL LEMONADE**

- 4 unwaxed lemons, each cut into 8
- 175g golden caster sugar
- large handful of ice cubes, plus extra for serving

**METHOD**

1. Blitz the lemons in a food processor or blender with half of the sugar, some ice cubes and 500ml/18fl oz water. Strain the juice into a jug and reserve.
2. Tip the lemon pulp back into the food processor. Add the rest of the sugar, more ice cubes and 500ml/18fl oz water and blitz again. Strain this into the jug with the reserved juice (discard the pulp). Serve with lots of ice.

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# Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 19th November 2018

Monday

**The Soup Kettle**  
Seasonal soup  
with 50/50 homemade bread

**Tasty Entrée**  
Teriyaki Chicken With Vegetable  
Noodles

**Flexitarian**  
Stir Fried Tofu and Shitake Mushrooms  
with Edamame and Chinese Leaf

**Pasta Bar**  
Tomato and Basil

**On the side**  
Sweetcorn and Kale  
Oriental Vegetable Stir fry

**Tasty puds**  
Cherry Topped  
Greek Yogurt

TUESDAY

**The Soup Kettle**  
Seasonal soup  
with 50/50 homemade bread

**Tasty entrée**  
Chilli Beef Nachos with Sour  
Cream and Refried Beans

**Flexitarian**  
Mushroom and Olive Focaccia  
Pizza

**Jacket Potato Bar**  
Tuna mayonnaise

**On the side**  
Courgettes and Peppers  
Green Beans

**Tasty puds**  
Oaty Apple Cake  
(reduced Sugar )

thursday

**The Soup Kettle**  
Seasonal soup  
with 50/50  
homemade bread

**Tasty entrée**  
Butchers Chicken  
Sausages with  
Warm Onion  
Chutney

**Flexitarian**  
Veggie sausages with  
warm onion chutney

**Pasta Bar**  
Creamy Leeks

**On the side**  
Crushed New  
Potatoes  
Carrots and  
Cabbage

**Tasty puds**  
Red Velvet Slice

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FRIDAY

**The Soup Kettle**  
Seasonal soup  
with 50/50 homemade bread

**Tasty entrée**  
Salmon and Smoked Haddock  
Fishcakes

**Flexitarian**  
Chickpea and Vegetable Kofta

**Past Bar**  
Spicy Sundried Tomato

**On the side**  
Oven Chips  
Garden Peas  
Baked Beans  
Crispy Kale

**Tasty puds**  
Cacao and Vanilla Bean  
Milkshake

Wednesday

**The Soup Kettle**  
Seasonal soup  
with 50/50 homemade  
bread

**Tasty entrée**  
Maple Glazed  
Gammon and Apple  
Sauce

**Flexitarian**  
Macaroni Cheese

**Jacket Potato Bar**  
BBQ Beans

**On the side**  
Rustic roast sweet  
potatoes  
Spring Greens and  
Sweetcorn

**Tasty puds**  
Yogurt Topped Fruit