



We have swiftly arrived at the end of another busy week. At the start, I gave an assembly on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights where we looked at nine of the thirty Articles – including; *Number 24. The Right to Play. We all have the right to rest from work and to relax.* This is particularly important for Duncombe families as our children work incredibly hard all week. To have that time to relax and recharge batteries is crucial to their progression. In assembly we also heard from this term's charity team, Woburn, who are launching their appeals and events for Tigglywinkles. One of these events is to vote to 'soak the teacher' (Senor Torres, Mrs Takawira and me!). Further information on other events is in this newsletter.

Our Year 6 pupils have given their final push as we approach the end of the entrance examination season and I could not be more proud of the effort they have all demonstrated over the past months. I spoke last week of the dreams and goals of some of our oldest pupils and this week I have been delighted to have had a visit from some of our youngest pupils. EKG popped in on their way back from the library and I learnt who was now sleeping in a 'big boy bed', who was wearing 'pants' and also that one young boy has a dinosaur light! All very important news that I felt worth sharing...

Speaking of our younger pupils, Nursery and Reception had a flying visit from a Super Hero this week, and all enjoyed trying out their newly gained powers – more on that to follow in this newsletter.

Although fluctuating, the weather seems headed for a very cold snap, so please look out for further information on what to do in case of heavy snow. We do also need everyone to be wearing coats and the Duncombe hats, gloves and scarves, so please check that your child's uniform is correctly named so we can return any misplaced items quickly.

A number of our pupils are attending an Orchestral Day at one of the local Senior Schools today and Mrs Sutton will be giving further information on how they got on in our newsletter next week.

Our annual parent survey will be shared next week via an email containing a link to complete it. This year, the survey is slightly shorter and families with more than one child in the school will be able to complete the survey for each child rather than a combined response. Please look out for this as it enables us to continue to develop future initiatives, whilst celebrating successes.

The week ended with another assembly; this time on the theme of perseverance. I shared the story of the creators of Lego which all the children found extremely entertaining – without perseverance, none of us would have had the joy of creating buildings, towns or other fancier models using those inimitable coloured bricks.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Sands

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 22nd January** - Year 3 History off the Page at Duncombe.

**Thursday 24th January** - Parent's Event - Digital Technology Workshop. 7pm in New Hall.

**Friday 25th January** - 6M Assembly (parents welcome).

## Looking Forward

**Thursday 31st January** - Open Morning for Prospective Parents. 9.45am start.

Future Schools Evening for Year 4 & 5 Parents. 7pm in Old Hall.

**Friday 1st February** - 5SA Assembly (parents welcome).

**Monday 4th February** - Year 4 to the Sikh Temple.

**Tuesday 5th February** - Year 1 Glass Workshop in Hertford. Year 5 Come Dine with Us. New Hall at 5pm.

**Wednesday 6th February** - Year 1 Glass Workshop in Hertford.

**Friday 8th February** - Music Assembly (parents welcome). Old Hall at 8.50am.

## Sports Fixtures

**Tuesday 22nd January** - U10 Netball v St Francis (home). 4pm start.

**Wednesday 23rd January** - U11 Rugby v St Christopher's School (away). 2.30pm start.

**Thursday 24th January** - U9 Netball v Westbrook Hay (away). 2.30pm start.

**Wednesday 30th January** - U10 & U11 Netball v St Joseph's in the Park (home). 2.45pm start.

**Thursday 31st January** - U9 Rugby and U9 Hockey v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3.15pm start.

**Wednesday 6th February** - U10 Netball v Westbrook Hay (home). 2.30pm start.

U11 Rugby v Westbrook Hay (away). Time TBC.

**Thursday 7th February** - U9 Netball v St Francis (away). 3.30pm start.

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



### Woburn House Charity

This term Woburn are supporting Tiggywinkles, a Wildlife Animal Hospital. Tiggywinkles helps look after injured or sick wild animals and, once well enough, release them back into the wild. This half of term Woburn will be holding two charity events as detailed below.

#### **Design a Plaster**

The children will be given a 'Design a Plaster' template in the next few days and these should be returned by Monday 11th February. It is £1 to enter and the winning design will be displayed on the Tiggywinkles website.

#### **Dress Up Day**

Our second event is a crazy hat and odd sock day on Thursday 14th February. The children can accessorise their school uniform with the craziest hat and odd socks they can find. Please could the children also bring in £1 to donate to the charity.

Thank you.

*The Woburn Charity Team*

### Snow Procedure

As we are expecting the cold weather to continue into next week with a potential threat of snow, we have attached our Emergency Closure Procedure for your information.

### Spring Term Curriculum Leaflets

We would like to inform you that this term's Curriculum Leaflets can now be found on the Parent Portal on our website.

### Parent Portal Login Details

Here is a reminder of how to log in to the Parent Portal:

Login = parents  
Password = stnerap!

### Admissions for Siblings

As you may be aware, we offer priority admission for siblings once they are registered with us. If you are considering entry for your child later in this academic year or from September 2019/2020 and are yet to register, please contact me or call in to the school office to collect a registration form.

*Lucy Evans, Registrar.*

### Lost Property

Even though we are only the second week into the Spring Term we already have a lot of unnamed lost property. Could we please ask that you name all items of uniform to ensure anything that is lost can be returned. Thank you.

### Superhero Fun

Nursery and Reception had lots of fun pretending to be Superheros this week at their drama workshop.



**DUNCOMBE PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS**

Enriching Learning with Digital Technology

New Hall, Thursday 24th January 2019  
Refreshments from 6.30pm  
Prompt start at 7:00pm, event ends at 8:30pm (approx.)  
Event open to Duncombe parents, their friends and the wider community

Join us at an interactive workshop focusing on how we use technology and coding to enrich the learning experience for our children at Duncombe:

- Use of ICT in Treetops with apps and games;
- Green screen technology - make your own mini movie in our demonstration;
- 3-D printing and designing with Tinkercad;
- What is Micro:bit?
- Digital apps for English and Maths - how we use them to make learning the basics so much fun
- Are your children safe online? Get information on the evening provided by Parents' Zone and the NSPCC

Places are limited. To book your place, please visit the school website, and follow the link to our Eventbrite page.

# Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 21st January 2019

*Monday*

**TUESDAY**

*thursday*

Week commencing  
21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

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

**Tasty Entrée**  
Teriyaki Chicken With Vegetable  
Noodles

**Flexitarian**  
Stir Fried Quorn 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

**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 )

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

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

**Flexitarian**  
Macaroni Cheese

**Pasta Bar**  
Creamy Leeks

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

**Tasty puds**  
Red Velvet Slice

**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**  
Butchers Sausages  
with Warm Onion  
Chutney

**Flexitarian**  
Veggie sausages with  
warm onion chutney

**Jacket Potato Bar**  
Bbq Beans

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

**Tasty puds**  
Yogurt Topped Fruit