



8th March 2019

The joy of reading has filled our hearts and minds this week. Duncombe Book Week incorporating World Book day has been a smorgasbord of events and activities where our pupils have dived in head first! There have been jam jars depicting scenes of literary heroes and villains, PE lessons where orienteering was linked to questions from well known books. Add to this the numerous pupils on a book treasure hunt around the school and the use of ICT making short videos. But wait there is more! We had the book swap and the Drop Everything and Read Initiative and, who could forget the themed dress up day with parade. What a privilege it is to be part of the Duncombe community. Our staff are so very committed and have so excellently been led by Miss Cartwright this week. Hats off to everyone for getting so involved and for getting the very most out of the week.

Now that is quite an opening paragraph; but it doesn't cover it all. There was the Victorian Day on Monday for Year 4. The provider was extremely complimentary about our pupils and their conduct. Thursday saw a giant Planetarium Dome arrive, but the wind proved too much for it to be used. A disappointment for us all, but I know that all efforts are being made and hopefully the event can be rearranged for later in the year. However, that did not prevent the children from being involved in the Cognita Calling live lesson link up with Bangkok and Hendon. Pupils shared ideas about their favourite books and enjoyed the opportunity to meet peers from across the globe.

3K hosted assembly on Friday and delivered a delightful spectacle on the theme of The Romans. This was a wonderful example of a Duncombe experience. Everyone involved, all supporting each other, demonstrating excellent progress and leadership and rising to the high standards that are set. I have always believed that having high expectations in a positive and supportive environment enables children to thrive and achieve even more than they thought. Miss Kyriakou and Mrs Pannett certainly led 3K in the pursuit of their very best and we can all be extremely proud of the outcome. Well done.

Following my newsletter piece and follow up Parentmail of last week I thought I'd feedback. It appears from the number of emails I received that you are indeed reading the Newsletter! Excellent news. (Thank you to the many parents who emailed to let me know that it is being read in their household.) One even quoted that it starts his weekend. He knows who he is and of course he is reading it right now with a big smile!

I'll sign off by wishing you all a wonderful weekend and we will reconvene on Monday to do it all again! *Mr Phelan.*

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



## Diary Dates

**Monday 11th March** - Year 6 to Crucial Crew. 9.45am at Morgans School.

**Tuesday 12th March** - Lower School Bake Off. 2pm in New Hall

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

**Friday 15th March** - 6TH Assembly (Parents Welcome). 8.50am in New Hall.

Upper School Bake Off. 2pm in New Hall.

## Looking Forward

**Monday 18th March** - 4V Assembly (Parents Welcome). 8.50am in New Hall.

Shaking Up Shakespeare for Years 3 to 6.

**Tuesday 19th March** - Year 3 to Natural History Museum in Tring.

Year 4 Parents' Evening. 4.30pm to 8.30pm.

**Wednesday 20th March** - Year 2 to Roald Dahl Gallery.

Year 1 Parent to Lunch. 1T at 12.15pm and 1A 12.25pm.

**Thursday 21st March** - Parent Information Evening on Nourish: Healthy Body, Healthy Mind. From 6.30pm in New Hall.

**Friday 22nd March** - Music Assembly. 8.50am in Old Hall. Nursery and Reception to Hertford Theatre to see Room on the Broom.

Upper School (Years 4 to 6) Swimming Gala. 1.30pm at Hartham (Parents Welcome).

**Wednesday 27th March** - Parents' Association Cheese and Wine Evening.

**Thursday 28th March** - Nursery and Reception Mothers' Day Assembly. 9.00am to 9.20am in New Hall.

Lower School Mothers' Day Assembly. 9.30am to 10.15am in New Hall.

End of Term.

Treetops and Years 1-3 - finish time 2.45pm,

Years 4-6 - finish time 3.00pm.

There will be no After School clubs but after school care will be available until 6.30pm. Please let us know if your child requires care.

## Sports Fixtures

**Monday 11th March** - U10 Rugby v Manor Lodge (away). Time TBC.

**Tuesday 12th March** - U9 Netball v St Edmund's Prep (away). 1pm start.

**Wednesday 13th March** - U10 Netball at Haileybury. 2pm start.

U11 Rugby v Heath Mount (away). 2.30pm start.

**Saturday 16th March** - U11 Netball Tournament at St Francis College. 9am start.

**Well done to 3K for a wonderful assembly today!**



## World Book Dress Up Day

As you can see staff and children alike had great fun today dressing up for World Book Day. Thank you for all the effort that went into the costumes. Miss Cartwright will be giving a full report on Book Week in the next Newsletter.



## Parent Information Evening

### Nourish: Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

**Thursday 21st March 2019 - 7pm to 8pm**

Join us for the next event in our programme of parent information evenings where we will be focusing on the impact of food and nutrition on children's development, learning and well-being.

We will be joined by early childhood nutrition experts Julia Hayes and Matt Steadman from Thomas Franks Catering as well as our own Chef Manager and 2018 LACA School Chef of the Year Michael Goulston, who will be discussing:

- The nutritional needs of school children
- The sugar battle
- The impact of food on children's mental health and well-being
- Positive body image and the food debate.
- Incorporating healthier options into the school menu.

There will be a Q&A session at the end, and a chance to sample some of the meals on offer from our current school lunch menu.

Tickets are free, and can be booked by following the links on the school website.

## **REMINDER: Swimming Changes**

In preparation for the Upper School Swimming Gala on Friday 22nd March, Years 5 & 6 will be swimming at Hartham on the following dates:

Friday 15th March - Year 5

Friday 22nd March – Swimming Gala

This means that Years 2 & 3 will not be swimming on the 15th March and 22nd March.

## Nursery Stars of the Week

Congratulations to Thomas (NB) and Olivia (NM) who won the class trophy this week.



## Date for your Diary - Ballet Show

If your child does ballet please note that The End of Year Ballet Show will take place on Wednesday 26th June from 4.45pm. We will remind you of this nearer the time.

## After School Football on Monday 25th March

Please be aware that there is no After School Football on Monday 25th March. After school care is still available so please let the School Office know if you need it.

*Mrs Price*

## Upper School Swimming Gala

We are looking forward to our Upper School Swimming Gala on Friday 22nd March. Please see letter sent via Parentmail for full details.

May we ask that Upper School children come in to school in their PE kit and bring all relevant swimming kit with them, including a swimming hat in their House colour. For any children taking part in the Music Assembly could they come in their school uniform and bring their PE and swimming kit with them. Thank you. *Miss Varney*.

## Lost

Named Christmas Pudding hat belonging to Jamie Longbottom.

## Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 11th March 2019

Monday	TUESDAY	thursday	Week Commencing 11th March 2019
<p><b>The Soup Kettle</b> Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread</p> <p><b>Tasty Entree</b> Tangy Chicken with Vegetable Medley</p> <p><b>Flexitarian</b> Hot chili cheese and Deluxe Mushrooms with Linguine and Cheddar sauce</p> <p><b>Jacket Potato Bar</b> Tuna Mayo</p> <p><b>On the side</b> Sauces and Salsas Onion Vegetable 50c fry</p> <p><b>Tasty pudd</b> Oatly Tiramisu Snick Potart</p>	<p><b>The Soup Kettle</b> Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread</p> <p><b>Tasty entree</b> Chili Beef Noodle with Sour Cream and Redfaced Beans</p> <p><b>Flexitarian</b> Mushroom and Olive Focaccia Pizza</p> <p><b>Pasta Bar</b> Roast vegetables and Tomato sauce</p> <p><b>On the side</b> Courgette and Peppers Green Beans</p> <p><b>Tasty pudd</b> Oatly Apple Cake (reduced sugar)</p>	<p><b>National Pie (PI) Day</b> <b>The Soup Kettle</b> Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread</p> <p><b>Tasty entree</b> Chicken and sweetcorn pie</p> <p><b>Flexitarian</b> Quorn and vegetable Pie</p> <p><b>Pasta Bar</b> Creamy Lentils</p> <p><b>On the side</b> Crushed New Potatoes Carrots and Cabbage</p> <p><b>Tasty pudd</b> PI Short Bread Bread</p>	<p><b>The Soup Kettle</b> Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread</p> <p><b>Tasty entree</b> Salmon and Smoked Haddock Fishcakes</p> <p><b>Flexitarian</b> Chickpea and Vegetable Kofta</p> <p><b>Jacket Potato Bar</b> Beans Or Cheese <b>On the side</b> Onion Chips Garlic Bread Baked Beans Crispy Kale</p> <p><b>Tasty pudd</b> Cacao and Vanilla Bean Mikanara</p>
<p><b>The Soup Kettle</b> Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread</p> <p><b>Tasty entree</b> Buttery Sausages with Warm Onion Chutney</p> <p><b>Flexitarian</b> Veggie sausage with warm onion chutney</p> <p><b>Jacket Potato Bar</b> Bbq Beans</p> <p><b>On the side</b> Rustic roast sweet potatoes Spring Greens and Sweetcorn</p> <p><b>Tasty pudd</b> Yogurt Topped Fruit</p>			