



23rd May 2019

I had the opportunity to take a walk around the school site earlier this week as the sun shone and the children were using the outside space. I went down to the Dell where Nursery were enjoying a Forest School activity and greatly enjoyed the growing confidence and skills being developed. I walked up to watch a Year 5 Games session where Cricket was being coached and fully participated in. I also had the chance to speak with some Year 2 pupils enjoying the last few minutes of their afternoon play. I was struck with how wonderful a setting it is here at Duncombe. I also was reminded about the numerous opportunities and experiences our pupils have. It really energised me and when I stepped back into my 'To do list' I had a renewed vigour.

Year 4 treated their parents to a most enjoyable Come Dine with Us experience this week. The catering was first class as was the service. The pupils worked well in teams to create a memorable event and I know that they and the parents had a great time.

Year 6 have been enjoying a variety of events and experiences this week whilst in Normandy. We look forward to them returning late on Friday where I am sure they will have a number of exciting tales to tell. I'm also sure they will be very sleepy for the weekend! Year 2 will be having their sleepover experience this evening. The plans look excellent and I'm sure it will be an enjoyable event. A significant thank you to both sets of staff involved in delivering these residential.

So, as this half term ends we have the opportunity for a good rest over the week ready to be fully engaged in the myriad of events next half term. With plays, trips, residential, reports, music events, sports days and plenty more besides, we certainly will notice the final six weeks flashing past as quickly as this one has. Do have a wonderful break! *Mr Phelan*

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



## Diary Dates

**Monday 3rd June** - Second Half of Summer Term starts.  
Year 6 Cycle Proficiency Week.

**Tuesday 4th June** - Year 1 to Woburn Safari Park.  
Year 2 Parent to Lunch. 2A at 12.15pm and 2W at 12.20pm.

**Wednesday 5th June** - Whole School Photo.

**Friday 7th June** - Sports Day (Reception to Year 6) at Wodson Park.

## Looking Forward

**Tuesday 11th June** - Knebworth Dress Up Day.

**Wednesday 12th June** - Year 4 to York.

**Friday 14th June** - 1T Class Assembly (Parents Welcome).  
8.50am start time in New Hall.

Dads to Play at Treetops.

LAMDA Exams for Year 6 candidates and some Year 5 candidates.

**Monday 17th June** - LAMDA exams for some Year 5 candidates and some Year 3 candidates.

Year 6 to Paradise Wildlife Park. 6pm start.

**Tuesday 18th June** - Year 6 at Paradise Wildlife Park.

**Wednesday 19th June** - Year 2 to Southend.

**Thursday 20th June** - 1.40pm Languages Tuck Shop.

**Friday 21st June** - Year 6 to Herts Young Mariners.

Treetops Sports Afternoon.

LAMDA exams for some Year 3 candidates and all Year 4 candidates.

## Sports Fixtures

**Wednesday 12th June** - U10 Cricket v St Christopher School (away). 2.15pm start.

**Wednesday 19th June** - U10 Cricket v St Joseph's in the Park (away). Time TBC.

**Thursday 27th June** - U9 Cricket v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3pm start.

## Nursery Stars of the Week

Congratulations to Freya H from Nursery Maple and Sura S from Nursery Birch who reached their class goal this week.



### Congratulations

Congratulations to Harrison G (3G) who won the 'Most Improved Player' for Wodson Park U9 United Football Team for the second year running. Harrison was presented with his trophy and medal at the end of season Awards Ceremony held last Sunday. Well done Harrison!



### Knebworth House Charity-Herts Young Homeless

A big thank you to everyone who supported Knebworth House Charity stalls at the Summer Fair on 12<sup>th</sup> May. The winners of the games will be announced on the first Monday back after half term (3<sup>rd</sup> June).

As well as dress up day on Tuesday June 11th where you can wear purple, green (colour of Herts Young Homeless) and/or blue (Knebworth House colours) there are some amazing competitions for you to enter. These are **"Guess Who?"** - can you work out who the member of staff is from a baby photo. **Design a Future Eco Home** - can you design a home that doesn't use too much energy? Can you use less plastic? What else will your home have/do to help the environment?

We are looking forward to receiving all your wonderful ideas.

Thank you. *The Knebworth Charity Team*

### Year 4 Come Dine with Us

On Tuesday, Year 4 rose to the challenge of 'Come Dine with Us' as they prepared a splendid afternoon tea for their parents to enjoy. Mr Goulston and his brilliant catering team were on hand with their invaluable help and support. Thank you to all of the team. The children did a fantastic job with a mature and fantastic approach and even enjoyed their short stint as waiters and waitresses. A huge well done to you all.



Congratulations to Nathan F (4C) who was picked to represent the Level 5 Fanshawe Swimming Team at the East Herts Contract Swimming Gala on Saturday 18th May at Hartham Leisure Centre. Nathan took part in the relay and his team were placed second. The event was for charity, raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Well done Nathan!



### Staff News

Ms Karen Morrell our Bursar will be leaving Duncombe on 28th June to take up a promoted role within Herts for Learning. Karen has been part of the Duncombe Team for almost 2 years and we thank her for all her hard work. We will be saying goodbye to her nearer the time. We are currently underway with recruiting for a revised role and will inform you of the outcomes in the near future.

### Whole School Photo

The whole school photograph will take place on Wednesday 5th June. All children should have neat hair and smart summer uniform please, including blazers. Due to the fact the photographers will need to set the scaffolding up from 8am, we will not be able to use the car park for drop off that morning. Therefore, we will adopt the 'kiss and drop' system for this day. Year 6 and staff will be on hand to escort the children to New Hall and Old Hall. Treetops children should be walked across by their parent/guardian please. Children attending Breakfast Club will need to enter via the double white doors at the front of the school.





**Sports Day—Friday 7th June**

We are looking forward to our Whole School Sports Day at Wodson Park on Friday 7th June. Here is the format for the day:

- 9.45am** - Lower School (Rec to Year 3) Sports Day begins.
- 11.30am** - Lower School Sports Day ends.
- 1.00pm** - Upper School Sports Day begins.
- 3.00pm** - Prize Giving for Upper School Sports Day.
- 3.30pm** - Sports Day ends and children depart with parents.

Please see the letters recently sent out for further details.

**Summer Uniform**

May we remind you that all children must be in Summer uniform after half term. Please note that girls should wear short white socks with their summer dress. Thank you.

**Uniform/Kit**

Over half term, please check that all kit/uniform is labelled. If any kit/uniform that does not belong to you has migrated home by accident, would you please kindly return it to school after the break. Thank you.



**Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 3rd June 2019**

*Duncombe School Lunch Menu - Week 1 (22/04, 13/05, 03/06, 24/06)*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>The SOUP Kettle</b> Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread	<b>The Soup Kettle</b> Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread	<b>The Soup Kettle</b> Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread	<b>The Soup Kettle</b> Go meat free for a Day	<b>The Soup Kettle</b> Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread	<b>The Soup Kettle</b> Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread
<b>ENTREE</b> Beef Chilli con Carne Served with sour cream and Guacamole	Butchers Sausages with Onion Gravy	Chicken Rogan Josh Naan Bread	Spiced Roast Chicken	Cod Fish Fingers	
<b>VEGGIE LOVERS</b> Cherry Tomato and Basil tart	Vegetable Sausages with Gravy	Quorn Chilli And Rice	Halloumi & Rocket Buns	Roasted Tomato And Pasta Bake	
<b>Light BITES</b> Baked Jacket Potato Chef's Special	Pasta Penne with Tomato Sauce	Baked Jacket Potato Chef's Special	Pasta Spirals with a Nut-free Green Pesto	Baked Jacket Potato Chef's Special	
<b>on the SIDE</b> Braised 50/50 Rice Broccoli Corn with Roast peppers	Mashed Potatoes Savoy Cabbage Cauliflower	Steamed New Potatoes Green Beans Rice	Rustic Roast Potatoes Steamed Carrots and Peas Corn on the Cob	Chips Peas Baked Beans	
<b>TASTY PUDS</b> Baked Rice pudding with cinnamon topping	Yoghurt Sundae with Mixed Berry puree	Apple Crumble	Yoghurt Sundae with Mixed Berry puree	Raspberry Ripple Ice-Cream Pot	

Salad Bar available everyday  
Chunks of fresh fruit and Homemade Wholemeal bread