

Duncombe Digest



I have been delighted with the first half term and I know there will be plenty of further challenges next half term. Our Global Be Well Day really was an incredibly positive experience and has set the feel for this academic year exceptionally well. In addition there have been pleasing sporting achievements, musical performances to delight all who attended and continued evidence of pupils working hard and making meaningful progress. Our information events such as Meet The Cognita CEO and Chair of Governors alongside Harvest Festival and the Senior School Fair are all testament to the vibrant and inclusive community we have here at Duncombe. As we head into half term it is essential that Year 6 continue to focus on their Maths, English, VR and Non-VR preparations over the break and their teachers have set a variety of tasks to keep this moving forward.

My visits to Treetops have, as ever, been delightful experiences. It is so very encouraging to see our youngest pupils take great pride in their learning and showcasing to their peers what they have achieved to date. These moments build confidence and really do help our children to appreciate the importance of dialogue around their own learning. So, do encourage your children to speak about their learning across this term. We have been asking them for feedback on their learning experience over the past two weeks and I was extremely pleased with the positive response where pupils feel supported and challenged in an environment where they know that they are making progress and have the security to take risks in their work and answers.

Next term we have plenty to look forward including the PA Laser Light Show, Year 4 and 5 Parents' Evenings, Form Assemblies, numerous trips and matches, Carol Service at Haileybury Chapel and Christmas Performances alongside Parents to Lunch, a trip to the Pantomime (oh yes we have!) and our PA Christmas Fair, plus much more besides. Plenty of reasons to take advantage of a good rest over the half term and come back ready to get fully involved!

Have a wonderful half term. *Mr Phelan.*

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Pannett and Miss Burton who celebrated 20 years at Duncombe with the staff today. They each received an engraved Dartington crystal bowl and some flowers in recognition of their dedication and service. We are very grateful for their wonderful support and commitment to Team Duncombe!



Well done to the Lower School Stars of the Week



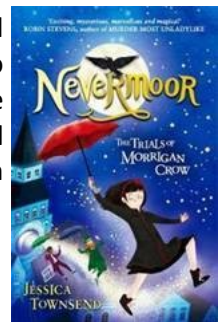
October Reading Recommendations

For our new monthly reading initiative, Duncombe pupils, staff and our Patron of Reading, Alice Hemming, will be offering their personal recommendations for un-put-downable, brilliant reads! Why not try some of these titles at home and let us know if you enjoyed them as much as we did?

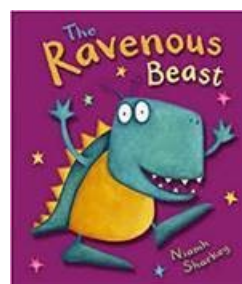
Nevermoor by Jessica Townsend

I love Nevermoor because it is so new and unconventional. It is definitely different to anything else. I think it is 8+ due to some slightly scary material, but it is still amazing. It is bursting at the seams with magic!

Bea, Library Captain.



The Ravenous Beast by Niamh Sharkey



The Ravenous beast is hungry, hungry, hungry! We've all been there. Different animals compare their hunger levels using silly examples of what they could eat. A fun book to share with rhythm, repetition, word-play and some new vocabulary. A reader (or listener) might be inclined to follow it up with their own examples in the form of "I'm so hungry, I could eat..." Now THAT'S what I call a good picture book.

Alice Hemming, children's author and our Patron of Reading.

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Diary Dates

Friday 25th October - Half Term begins. School closed.

Tuesday 5th November

Year 1 Light and Dark Workshop at Duncombe.

Wednesday 6th November

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to Hertford Theatre to see Dear Zoo.

Thursday 7th November

Year 4 Parents' Evening, 4.30pm to 8.30pm in New Hall.

Friday 8th November

3CW Assembly (Parents Welcome). 8.50am start in New Hall.

PA Laser Show. 6.15pm for a 7.15pm start.

Looking Forward

Monday 11th November

Upper School to Holy Trinity Church for Assembly (children only).

Tuesday 12th November

Year 6 to the Natural History Museum.

Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

Wednesday 13th November

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

Friday 15th November

Dress Up Day for Knebworth House Charity.

1A Assembly (Parents Welcome). 8.50am start in New Hall.

Sports Fixtures

Wednesday 6th November

U11 Netball v Stormont (away). Time TBC.

U11 Football v Westbrook Hay (away). 2.30pm start.

Monday 11th November

U10 Football v Manor Lodge (away). 2.30pm start.

Tuesday 12th November

U9 Football v St Joseph's in the Park (away). 2.30pm start.

Wednesday 13th November

U11 Rugby v St Nicholas (away). 2.30pm start.

Important Notices

Nursery Rhyme Day

On Friday 22nd November we are inviting all the children in Treetops to come in dressed up as their favourite character from a nursery rhyme (or other fancy dress). We hope you can all take part.

Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying Week

We are inviting all children to wear odd socks on Tuesday 12th November to support Anti-Bullying week.



Son et Lumière - Friday 8th November

Tickets are selling fast, we still have a few left so please could you get your completed forms and monies into us by the beginning of the start of the week commencing 4th November. Order forms can be found in the office or attached on the relevant Parentmail.

The PA will also have a stand on Monday 4th November at drop off and pick up selling tickets. Please note that we have had to move the 'doors open' time to **6.15pm**.

Lastly we need some volunteers for the night to help run the bar, sweet stall and other game stalls. The sign up sheet can be found on the PA noticeboard located in Old hall. We greatly appreciate all your help and support in these events and without your continued support these events would not run.

The PA Team



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Warren Restaurant Menu

Week commencing 4th November 2019



Duncombe School Lunch Menu - Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The SOUP Kettle	The Soup Kettle Tomato and Basil	The Soup Kettle Vegetable	The Soup Kettle Carrot and Coriander	The Soup Kettle Mushroom	The Soup Kettle Butternut Squash and Sweet Potato
TASTY ENTREE	Roast Pepper and Bacon Cheesy Pasta bake	Lemon Paprika Chicken with Rice and Crunchy Slaw	Beef Pasta Bolognese	Honey Roast Gammon	Pupils Choice Cod Fillet Fingers with Homemade Tartare Sauce
VEGGIE LOVERS	Cherry Tomato and Basil Quiche	Vegetable Sausages with Gravy	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread	Braised Quorn Fillet with Onion Chutney	Halloumi Cheese and Vegetable Fingers with Sweet Chilli Dip
Light BITES	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
on the SIDE	Braised 50/50 Rice Broccoli Sweetcorn	Crushed New Potatoes Glazed local Carrots Cauliflower	Garlic Bread Peas Mixed Garden Salad	Roast Potatoes Green Beans and Carrots Roasted Parsnips	Chips Peas Baked Beans
TASTY PUDS	Choc Chip Cookie Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Yoghurt Sundae with Mixed Berry puree	Peach and Honey Crumble	Chunky Fruit Jelly Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Chocolate Ice-cream

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

