

Duncombe Digest



Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. This week has been action packed as ever with trips to the theatre, a festival of sport at Felsted, class assembly, Year 4 Parents' Evenings and tonight's PA Laser show! The pupils have returned well and my observations in class have been of continued purposeful endeavour and full engagement. The children did appear very tired at the start of the week. The role of sleep is critical for successful learning and I would encourage you to ensure the children are able to get sufficient rest over the weekend. Year 6 continue to work hard with their Mock examinations taking place this week.

In assembly at the start of the week we continued to look at British Values; concentrating on Democracy we explored the history of Democracy, the role of local, regional and national representatives and how we are currently having a General Election. Over the coming weeks we shall look at the election process in more detail and Mrs Clark-Ward will be organising a mock election here for the end of term.

3C performed their class assembly today on the theme of Hinduism. As ever the children were well prepared, confident and able to project well to the back of the hall. These events are always enjoyable for both performers and audience. They also act as excellent markers of progress. Year on year the children take on further challenges, tackle more demanding roles and demonstrate their learning and character development. Well done to Mrs Clark-Ward and Miss Hills along with all of 3C for a wonderful assembly and for setting the bar for the other forms this year!

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week. This week and next, children have been involved in a survey looking at wellbeing and safeguarding. In addition Phases of School will have assemblies and PSHE time looking at how we can look after each other and treat each other as we would wish to be treated. To mark the week we shall be wearing odd socks on Tuesday 12th November as part of the Anti-Bullying Alliance which Duncombe has been a member of for many years. Do look at the website for more information <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2019-change-starts-us>

Thank you in advance to the PA team and all who are helping with tonight's Laser show. I am sure it will be another wonderful event.

Have a wonderful weekend. *Mr Phelan.*

Well done to the Lower School Stars of the Week



Well done to this week's pupil who received a Headmaster's Award



Well done to 3CW for a Wonderful Assembly Today!



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Diary Dates

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.

Looking Forward

Thursday 21st November

Year 2 to the Roald Dahl Museum.

Friday 22nd November

1TG Class Assembly. 8.50am start in New Hall.

Nursery Rhyme Dress Up day for Treetops

Knebworth Charity Movie Night. 6.30pm to 8.30pm in New Hall. (For children in Years 3 to 6.)

Monday 25th November

Flu vaccination for Reception to Year 6 children.

Thursday 28th November

Shaking up Shakespeare for Years 3 to 6.

Sports Fixtures

Monday 18th November

Year 4 Netball v St Christopher School (away). 3.30pm start.

Wednesday 20th November

U11 Football v St Nicholas School (away). 2.30pm start.

Thursday 21st November

U9 Rugby v Manor Lodge (away). 2.30pm start.

Important Notices

Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying Week

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



Knebworth Charity Dress Up Day

Friday 15th November

We invite all children from EKG to Year 6 to come to school in their onesies or pyjamas on Friday 15th November. Entry for this will be £1.

Knebworth Charity Movie Night

Friday 22nd November

Tickets for the Knebworth Charity Movie Night will be on sale from next Monday, 11th November. This event is for children in Years 3 to 6 and we will be showing Toy Story 4.

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.

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Year 1 Light and Dark Workshop

Year 1 had great fun on Tuesday taking part in the Light and Dark Workshop. We learned many interesting facts including how long it would take to travel to the sun! We discovered that the moon goes round the earth and the earth goes round the sun. We looked through periscopes, played with shadow puppets and made kaleidoscopes. Then we had to go in a dark tent and see how long it took to find a shell. It was a very interesting and informative morning and we know a lot about light and dark now. *Year 1*



Remembrance Service

On Wednesday the we walked down to the war memorial to lay a cross with a poppy on it. The Mayor laid her poppy wreath. There were the three divisions of our armed forces represented; we could lay our crosses in the Army, Royal Navy and Air Force. The police stopped the traffic for a two minute silence to remember all who fought in the war. Then we walked round to Hertford Castle where there was a statue of a soldier in the war with his gun. We were so proud to have been invited to this lovely event.

*By Erin, Sophie and James
Our Heads of School.*



October Half Term Work

We have continued our mission to develop and improve the school. We had a very busy half term week with various works taking place across the site, this has included:

- Upgrade to Lighting in Main Kitchen with LED Replacements
- Replace External Fire Door Next to 1TG
- Replace Timber Steps Adjacent to New Hall
- Remove Shade Sails for the Winter
- New Instruction Signage Outside Treetops
- Replacement Lost Property Storage Boxes

Ian Thomas, Business Manager

Lost Property Boxes

Over half term we have replaced and upgraded the lost property boxes located in the parent car park outside the After School Club Rom. There are 3 boxes which are each clearly labelled as follows:

- Named School Uniform
- Unnamed School Uniform
- Non School Uniform

We accumulate a large quantity of unnamed uniform so I would urge you to make sure all your child's uniform and property is clearly named. Please also check these boxes regularly as we already have a lot of unclaimed unnamed uniform. Thank you.

Ian Thomas, Business Manager

Dogs on Site

Can I please remind parents that for the safety and welfare of everyone in school dogs should not be brought onto the school site. The only exception is if they remain securely in your vehicle at all times whilst on the school site.

Your understanding and consideration is much appreciated. *Ian Thomas, Business Manager*

Crèche

We would like to remind you that we offer a crèche service for the following events:

- Any class assembly
- Nursery Christmas play on Thursday 5th December
- Reception Christmas play on Friday 6th December.

If you need to use the crèche facilities please use the booking form which is available from the School Office. Please get your form in at least a week before the event.



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Warren Restaurant Menu Week commencing 11th November 2019



Duncombe School Lunch Menu - Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MEAT FREE	The Soup Kettle Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread	The Soup Kettle Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread	The Soup Kettle Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread	The Soup Kettle Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread	The Soup Kettle Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread
ENTREE	Tomato Tuna and Fresh Basil Pasta Bake with a Parmesan Crisp	Korean Style Chicken with Egg Noodles	Butchers Choice Sausages and Mash Potato	Roast Chicken with Gravy	Homemade Salmon and Cod fish cakes
VEGGIE LOVERS	Quorn and vegetable Hotpot	Vegetable Chili with Nachos, Sour cream and Salsa	Cauliflower and Roasted Butternut squash Cheesy Bake	Meatless Sausage Rolls with a Warm Onion Relish	Brie & Tomato Quiche
Light BITES	Baked Jacket Potato Chef's Special	Vegan Red Lentil Bolognese with Penne Pasta	Baked Jacket Potato Chef's Special	Creamy Mushroom and Dill Sauce with Penne Pasta	Baked Jacket Potato Chef's Special
on the SIDE	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn Steamed Carrots	Green Beans Cucumber Salad	Broccoli and Cauliflower Peas Mash Potato	Roast Potatoes Steamed Green Cabbage Lightly Boiled Carrots	Potato Wedges Garden Peas Baked Beans
TASTY PUDS	Chocolate Cookie	Yoghurt Sundae with Fruit Coulis	Apple and Pear Crumble	Chunky Fruit and Strawberry Jelly	Vanilla Ice-Cream

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

