

16/07/2021

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome your children back to Duncombe. Lots of the children have grown taller and all of them look very smart.

I would like to welcome our new families too. Nursery and reception classes have enjoyed meeting the new children to our school this week.

I also want to welcome some new staff members - Jessie Brill our new maths coordinator and year 6 teacher, Zoe Rickard, our new Key stage 1 phase lead and year 2 teacher and Catherine Hunter, our EYFS SENCO and reception teacher. They all come from excellent schools and bring a wealth of experience to the school.

Also 'new' for this year is Spanish. We have moved from French to Spanish to reflect the teaching in secondary school and the fact that it is the third biggest language spoken in the world.

We are working hard to improve all aspects of the school and look forward to a successful year for all of your children!

Finally, wishing all of our Jewish families a very happy Rosh Hashanah!

Have a lovely weekend and see you bright and early at 8.40am on Monday!

Helen

### Extended Day

Dear parents and carers, please remember Duncombe offers wrap around care from 7am until 6pm, Monday to Friday. Breakfast club is available at just £1.50 per session and after school activities starting from just £2!

Please see attached this half terms timetable for more information or call the school office and ask for Rianne or Monique

### Dates for your diary:

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September** – Individual pupil photos will be taken.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 4 will attend swimming lessons

**Autumn Half Term** – 25<sup>th</sup> October – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021



# Celebration Awards



## **Julia Donaldson 2-year olds:** Livvi-Louise

Livvi has settled back into little nursery well. She has come back very excited about being able to draw people. She is also listening and following our instructions.

Great Job Livvi, Keep it up.

## **Eric Carle Nursery: Dre**

Dre was resetting really well in our nursery class. He was sharing the puzzles with his peers and he was using good language well role playing. Great job!

## **Tony Ross: Emily**

Emily has shown a lot of enthusiasm this week. She was very happy to make new friends and she used her drawing skills for our topic "This is me". Well done, Emily! You are a star!

## **Judith Kerr Reception: Leon**

Already Leon has shown his amazing oracy skills, speaking clearly in a full sentence and using similes, saying something was, "squishy like a pillow"

## **Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Felicity**

Felicity has shown a lot of resilience this week. Every day she makes a good choice by coming into class with a smile on her face. She is also extremely kind and respectful to her friends. Well done!

## **Francis Drake Year 1: Lena**

For settling into year 1 so beautifully and setting an excellent example to all her classmates. Keep up the hard work Lena!

## **Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Abdullahi**

Abdullahi has shown respect and enthusiasm in the first week! He is always ready to learn something new and shares his great ideas in class. I am very proud of him!

## **Martin Luther King Year 5: Yahya**

Yayha has had a great week settling into year 5. He set himself a target to not shout out and use a speaking thumb, which he has already achieved. He is always willing to persevere and push himself by answering questions to the best of his ability. I can't wait to hear all his ideas throughout the year!

## **Winston Churchill Year 6:**

### **Mahamed**

Mahamed has had an excellent start to year 6. He has shown enthusiasm in all lessons and has chosen to independently take notes to feed into his work. I am really impressed - keep up the hard work and focus!

## **Nelson Mandela Year 6: Justice**

Justice has demonstrated fantastic behaviour. He works hard in all lessons and perseveres when tasks are challenging. What an impressive start to Year 6.

## **Florence Nightingale Year 2: Munir**

Munir has joined Duncombe with lots of enthusiasm! He has settled into Yr 2 very quickly and is extremely respectful towards everyone. I am so pleased to have you in our class.

## **Marie Curie Year 2: Hamza**

Joining a new school can be a nervous experience, but Hamza has joined with great enthusiasm. He has come into school with a smile on his face and shown dedication to his work, even asking to take work home! Keep up the hard work, Hamza.

## **Isaac Newton Year 3: Sumaya**

For an excellent start to the year. Sumaya is very polite and friendly. She is always ready to learn and always tries her best. Thank you for working really hard and helping me in class. You are a super star!

## **Michael Faraday Year 3: Keanna**

For following the school rules. She is always safe, respectful and ready to learn. When she comes into the class her wonderful behaviour is an example to us all. She is kind and caring to others. Well done!

## **Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Jannat**

For showing enthusiasm in her learning this week. Well done Jannat!

## **William Shakespeare Year 4: Mason**

For showing enthusiasm and kindness. He takes pride in being a positive role model and has made the start to my year amazing!

## Fantastic Work

**Fantastic work will commence as of yet next Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September.**

# Parent Messages

## Nut Free School

Duncombe is a Nut-Free school.

This policy serves to set out all measures to reduce the risk to those children and adults who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts to which they are sensitive. The school also aims to protect children who have allergies to nuts to take responsibility as to what foods they can eat and to be aware of where they may be put at risk. We do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes. The types of food that are NOT to be bought into school are; **peanut butter sandwiches, packs of nuts, cereal/fruit bars that contain nuts, cakes made with nuts, sesame seed rolls, chocolate bars/sweets that contain nuts.**

## Incredible Years Parenting Group

This group is available to parents of school age 6-10 years.

Every Wednesdays between 9:30-12:15pm

**Birchmore Hall Community Centre  
Highbury Quadrant, N5 2TX**

## Changes to medical procedures

The school has introduced a short-term medical form. This is to be used for children that need short term medication like antibiotics. Should your child need this in the future please come to the office and fill in the form. A TA from the class will come to meet you and go through what medication needs to be given and the dosage. This form must be signed by the member of staff administering the medication and you, the parent.

This form is not to be used for non-prescription medication like paracetamol and Ibuprofen.

When you bring any medication into school it must have your child's full name printed on a label from the GP or staff will not be able to administer it.

## Parent coffee mornings

We are happy to announce that coffee morning will be starting up again. These will be **held every Friday morning from 9-10am in the bottom hall**. Please see the timetable below for different sessions that will be taking place this half term.

<b>September 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Welcome back coffee morning
<b>September 24<sup>th</sup></b>	How we teach reading
<b>October 1st</b>	Online Safety for parents
<b>October 8th</b>	Drop in coffee morning
<b>October 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Mastering Times Tables and how we teach maths
<b>October 22nd</b>	Things to do in the half term