

13/11/2020

Messages from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

As you will know, it has been a challenging week for Duncombe as a number of staff have tested positive for Coronavirus. We expected that at some point during the national lockdown, we would be in the situation of closing bubbles and contacting public health; thank you for the resilience and calm from all of the parents and children. It is much appreciated.

I want to remind you that : *Children's risk of needing hospital treatment for coronavirus is "tiny", with the likelihood of needing critical care "even tinier", the [British Medical Journal](#) (BMJ) study found.* However, the risk to adults from BAME communities, those with underlying health conditions and those of our community who look after elderly relatives is much higher from the virus. So please, wear a mask at the school gates, isolate your children when they are sent home- this means they cannot come with you to the shops or to pick up siblings. If you have problems picking up, then contact the office and we will attempt to arrange for your children to be walked home whilst a sibling is self-isolating.

I know you will also want to thank all of the staff at Duncombe who really are working so hard to keep school open and to look after and educate your children.

It is sometimes forgotten that teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, premises managers, kitchen staff and cleaners are all exposing themselves to far more risk on a daily basis than other workers who can work from home.

Wishing you a safe and happy weekend,

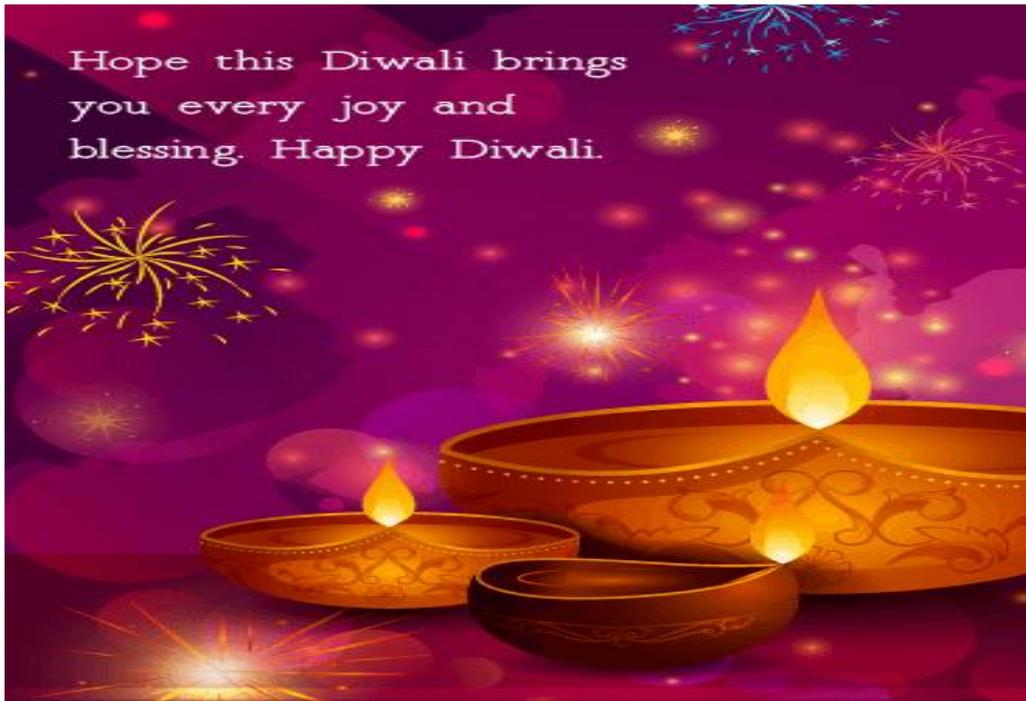
Helen

New staff member of the week



Hi everyone, I'm Dan and I am the new Year 5 teacher in Emmeline Pankhurst class. I have recently graduated from the University of Bath, where I studied Education with Psychology. However, I am originally from Wales, living just outside Cardiff for most of my life.

I have recently moved to London to join the Duncombe team and I am loving it! It has been a pleasure teaching my class over the past few weeks, getting to know each child's personality and learning with them. Travelling is one of my favourite things to do, having been to places such as Australia, Eastern Europe and Southeast Asia. When regulations allow travel again, Brazil is next on my bucket list; this has been my top location for years, wanting to go here after doing a project on the Amazon Rainforest in school!



Happy Diwali
on Saturday
14th November
To all of our
Hindu families!

Home Learning

We continue to work on our home learning provision. Children will now be using google classroom in one lesson a week in school with their teacher's support. This means they will feel confident using google classroom when they go home.

School Attendance:

Our goal is 96.5%

Currently at 94.3%

Nelson Mandela – 95.3%	Marie Curie – 90.6%
Winston Churchill – 94.7%	Florence Nightingale – 90.2%
Emmeline Pankhurst – 90.9%	Francis Drake – 97.7%
Martin Luther King – 93.5%	Ernest Shackleton – 93.5%
Charlotte Bronte – 96.5%	Tony Ross – 88.4%
William Shakespeare – 92.5%	Judith Kerr – 93.7%
Michael Faraday - 100%	Julia Donaldson – 74.2%
Isaac Newton - 100%	Eric Carle – 81.4%



Celebration Awards



Eric Carle Nursery: Ayla

For joining in so beautifully during the singing sessions. Ayla joins in with the song's actions and she always sings along. Well done, Ayla! You are a little star!

Tony Ross: Batul

For making an incredible start at Duncombe! Well done for working so hard all week, we are so happy to have you in Tony Ross Class!!

Judith Kerr Reception: Abdullaha

For a wonderful start to his time in Duncombe. Even though it is his first week, he has been a fantastic role model for the class. His work in phonics has been outstanding, well done!!

Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Faiz

For engaging in every lesson on google classroom and putting in 100% into his work. Well done Faiz, keep up the good work.

Francis Drake Year 1: Nihan

Nihan has been responding excellently to google classroom, she is trying really hard and is producing lovely work from home. Well done!

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Munasir

For being ready and respectful on the carpet. He is always prepared and willing to join in with class discussions. Keep up the good work Munasir!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Kayda

Kayda is an incredibly hard worker. She put so much effort into producing a Viking tankard during our clay day. Her sketchbook work was excellent too.

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Mu'aad

Since coming back from half-term, Mu'aad's behaviour has improved massively; he has shown a greater level of engagement in class discussion and classwork. His behaviour on the playground has also improved by dealing with situations in a more mature way. Well done Mu'aad, keep up the hard work and great behaviour!

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Amy

Amy exemplifies what it means to be respectful. She is always kind and thoughtful in all her dealings with others, showing great patience and understanding when helping children who may find tasks challenging. I enjoy having her in 6NM.

Winston Churchill Year 6: Eduarda

She has settled in fantastically! Her book presentation is a shining example to the rest of the class. In addition, she is trying her best in all her lessons - even though English is not her first language!

Marie Curie Year 2: Abrar

Abrar has impressed me so much this week! She has really been challenging herself in her lessons and is always happy to help her friends who might need it. What a superstar!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Isaac Newton Year 3: Bacar

Bacar has been working hard since he joined year 3. He is kind, caring and respectful. Bacar's warm words and infectious smile have brightened up IN class. Keep up the fabulous work Bacar. We are very proud of you.

Michael Faraday Year 3: Mason Senel

Mason has shown a lot of ambition this week, trying his best to improve his English and Maths. He's always keen to answer questions and share his knowledge with the class. Well done Mason!

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Tiana

For her imaginative and well written stories.

William Shakespeare Year 4: Sila

Sila has shown a developed confidence and self-esteem this week. It is great to see her really showing off her learning. She takes pride in her work and herself as an individual. Well done!

Important Messages:

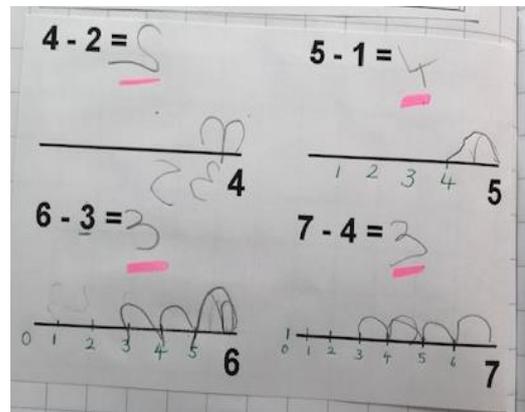
Parent/teacher meetings

You should have been given a time slot for a phone call with your child's teacher. Letters have been sent home or in cases where people are isolating, phone calls have been made to organise this. The majority of parent-teacher meetings will be taking place on Wednesday 18th November although some are on other days that week. Please speak to the school office or your child's teacher if you are not sure of your date and time.

Fantastic Work



By Francis Federici in Ernest Shackleton class



By Ben Day in Florence Nightingale Class

Year 5 Clay Day

