

24/09/2021

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

We are at the end of the third week of the new school year and it has been busy! All year groups have hosted the 'meet the teacher' meetings and set out the curriculum and year expectations. We know that lots of children have missed out on learning over the past eighteen months, so we really appreciate parents making the effort to support the catch-up at home. Please continue to read with your child every day, or ensure that they are reading for at least thirty minutes a day in the juniors.

We have been looking at maths across the school and are really impressed by the work that the children are doing. A great way for you to support maths is to test your child on their times table knowledge.

We were delighted to welcome parent's back to the Friday coffee mornings after a two-year break because of the pandemic. This is a great way to find out more about how to support your child and we also have some fantastic guest speakers lined up.

Finally, it is fantastic that so many children are back in school. A gentle reminder that attendance is very important. If your child has a cold, they can come to school. If they have Covid symptoms, get them tested and as soon as a negative result comes back, send them back in. We all need to work together to catch-up on education.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Helen

Dates for your diary:

Autumn Half Term – 25th October – 29th October 2021

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



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson
79%

Isaac Newton
95%

Eric Carle
92%

Michael Faraday
93%

Judith Kerr
83%

William Shakespeare
93%

Tony Ross
86%

Charlotte Bronte
95%

Earnest Shackleton
93%

Martin Luther King
95%

Francis Drake
84%

Emmeline Pankhurst
88%

Florence Nightingale
91%

Nelson Mandela
95%

Marie Curie
92%

Winston Churchill
83%

The whole school's attendance is 91.5%



Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2-year olds: Kairo

He has come back to little nursery very happy and has grown up over the summer break. He has been so helpful and kind to our new friends. Thank you Kairo. You're our super star!!!

Eric Carle Nursery: Sadie

Sadie contributed very well to the class discussion on the story Owl Babies. She showed a great interest in creating owl babies using printing techniques and adding different materials to it. Well done, Sadie! You are a star!

Tony Ross: Lucia

For always being ready to learn during our phonics sessions. You try your best and give it a go. Keep it up, Lucia!

Judith Kerr Reception: Otis

For being such an all-round superstar. You are eager to try all the activities on offer and concentrate so well during carpet sessions. Well done Otis!

Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Ruby

Ruby has been such a superstar this week. She is always ready to learn and is extremely ambitious in her learning. What a great role model to have in class!

Francis Drake Year 1: Yasmin

Yasmin is a very respectful member of Francis Drake. She always listens carefully to instructions and is always very polite. She has worked independently in English to create a poster to catch the Cat in the Hat! Well done!

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Eliz

Eliz always takes great care with her presentation in her book; every piece of work in her book, no matter what the subject, is presented to the best of her ability. It is great to see her take pride in her presentation and her work as her ideas are fantastic- well done Eliz!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Najibah

Najibah joined our school this year and has settled in really well. She is ready to learn, engages with her learning and contributes in class. She is a super role model in class. Keep up the hard work!

Winston Churchill Year 6: Rayyan

Rayyan has shown both excellent learning behaviour and good manners since the start of this year. He is always polite to all adults and offers to help. He is enthusiastic about his learning, continuing his studies at home in areas he is interested in and always focused on doing his best in class. Well done Rayyan, keep it up!

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Mawahib

Mawahib is always thoughtful and polite in the way she speaks to adults and her peers and this contributes to a pleasant classroom environment. She works conscientiously to boot!

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Ridwan

Ridwan has had an extremely positive start to the year. He has been so respectful and kind to everyone! He remains focused throughout and has become an independent learner. Well done Ridwan!

Marie Curie Year 2: Yared

Yared is such an enthusiastic learner. He always puts 100% effort into his work and I am always impressed with his outcomes. He is certainly a fantastic role model to his peers. Keep it up!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Munasir

Munasir has been working incredibly hard this week, always trying his best and working very well with his partner. He has been very respectful in everything he does! Well done Munasir.

Michael Faraday Year 3: Tatyana

Tatyana's writing this week has been incredible. She is writing in full sentences with capital letters and full stops and adding her own amazing words into her stories

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Chloe

For showing independence in her learning. Chloe reads to learn, and shares facts about history with her peers.

William Shakespeare Year 4: Hamida

Hanida is what it means to be a role model student. She consistently shows respect towards her teachers and peers. She works hard and always does so with a smile, well done!

Reception

In Reception we have been painting and printing with vegetables as we start our new core book - The Enormous Turnip. The children love getting messy in our creative areas and are learning how to use the various equipment and resources.



Nursery

This week we have been reading the story Owl Babies. We talked about feelings, what makes us happy and what makes us sad. The children were really enthusiastic at creating owl babies using printing techniques and different materials. We found out what owl babies have in their nests and we collected leaves, straw, twigs, sticks and feathers from the garden and made nests for owl babies. The children enjoyed drawing feathers on the owl's body using curved lines.



2 Year Olds

Little nursery is looking for autumn treasures. Ayaz was so excited to find a conker in its shell.



Parent Messages

Pupil Individual Photos

Pupil photos via the Kittle website are now available to order.

Please use the slip you were provided by the class teacher, entering your special username and password.

Link: <https://v6.kittleorders.com/kp/Home>

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.**

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.

October 1st	Online Safety for parents
October 8th	Drop in coffee morning
October 15 th	Mastering Times Tables and how we teach maths
October 22nd	Things to do in the half term