

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Duncombe the children have been very busy. All children have taken part in a writing assessment based on a book called: The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad. The writing I have seen looks fantastic. Children have also been completing maths assessments so that the teachers can look at gaps that need to be filled after Easter.

We have been listening to the children and their thoughts about lockdown and how it may have affected them, Kirstie will be feeding back the results of her survey before the holidays. Overall, we are really impressed at the resilience and determination that the children have shown in getting back into the routine of school. Our attendance has been fantastic- 96.5% of children attended school this week which is great news.

After the Easter holidays we will be starting to invite children to booster classes in the morning and afternoon if we think they need a bit more help catching up. In the meantime, keep making sure that your children read every day and practice their times tables.

Lots of parents have been asking me about laptops. The devices were given to us by the government and should be brought back to school in the first instance. When we have got the laptops back, we will be lending a limited number out to families. However, we also need to use them in class for all of the children, so please do bring them back so we can account for all of them.

Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine and stay safe.

Best wishes,

Helen

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 31st March- last day of spring term.

Tuesday 20th April – Children return for summer term (19th April is an INSET day)

Week beginning 19th April – times allocated for parent/carer-teacher phone consultations

Thursday 7th May- School closed as being used as a Polling Station- Google Classroom instead

Friday 28th May- last day of summer term 1 (Half-term Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June)

Monday 7th June- Children return for summer term 2

Friday 23rd July – End of term



Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2 year olds: Faith

For following the class rules and doing good listening during the story time. Well done as well Faith for being such an amazing helper during the tidy up times. Keep it up!

Eric Carle Nursery: Azel

For showing that she cares for others by looking after other children when she sees that they are upset and for completing the home reading challenge of the week. Thanks for reading and recording the new story of the week: '1,2,3 Do the Dinosaur'. You are a little star!

Tony Ross: Sophia

For her wonderful knowledge and great attitude to learning in our outer space topic!

Judith Kerr Reception: Yusuf

Well done Yusuf, you have been trying so hard this week! We are so proud of what a wonderful friend and classmate you are. Keep it up!

Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Isabella

She has settled back into school routines very quickly. She takes ownership over her work and is becoming very independent. Her amazing attitude to learning inspires the rest of the class.

Francis Drake Year 1: Mustafa

I am really impressed with the progress Mustafa has made. After coming back from lockdown, he has settled in again beautifully and put a lot of effort into his work. Well done Mustafa!

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Kayla

For working excellently in phonics and putting in lots of effort in maths and English. Kayla has settled back into school very well! Good job Kayla!

Marie Curie Year 2: Victoria

Well done to **Victoria**! What an absolute superstar she has been all week. Victoria has the best perseverance with every task and challenge in our lessons. Keep it up!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Carla

For always trying her best. Carla has come back to school with a very good attitude towards her learning. She listens well to others and puts 100% effort into all of her lessons. Well done. We are very proud of you!

Michael Faraday Year 3: Yonathon

Your presentation is so wonderful Yonathon, it even puts the teachers to shame! You are always polite and ready to learn and a joy to have around the classroom. Well done!

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Kyah

For her brilliant story writing. Kyah has great ideas and she expresses herself well. She even writes stories at home, which she shares with the class.

William Shakespeare Year 4: Joshua

Joshua has taken every learning opportunity head on since returning to school. He's enthusiastic and tries hard, even if he feels like giving up. What a great role model! Well done!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Victoria

Victoria has been working really hard this week. She has continued to be a role model for the class and is always seen doing the right thing. We are also very proud of her writing this week. Well done Victoria and keep up the hard work!

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Alex

Alex has been fantastic all week; he shows everyone that he is always ready, respectful and safe. He always puts his hand up in class and never shouts out- well done Alex!

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Ziyaad

For his impressive focus in writing lessons. He produces an excellent piece of writing this week

Winston Churchill Year 6: Ayyub

For his positive attitude to learning, for setting a good example to others and for the high standard of his writing. He has been extremely impressive since he returned to school. Keep it up.

Fantastic Work

Year 5

Year 5 persuaded everyone to visit the London Eye.

From all around the world if or this VIP service it will be £50 for kids and £85 for adults. I eat all the noise behind in VIP. In each pod there is only 12 people in each pod. You get free pictures as for your ride! This is not to be missed!

Offers
 Get advantage of our Summer booking with a delightful Sun set only 1000 tickets in stock £50 for both adult and kid. You get 4yr birthday offer with a 3 Stack Cake Only £45 for both adult and kid.

Special occasions
 A special occasion should be special, right? Well then come to you! In luck at the London eye you can make friends as a family feel special. With this ticket you can get a private pod and get your ride you get a phenomenal 40 minutes of the London eye. Success! You are also allowed to skip queues for 2hr kids and £45 for adults, this is not to be missed!

London Eye
 Have you ever wondered how to get a Sky-high view? Why not visit the London eye, it is located on the South bank it's not an opportunity to miss!

Stepping inside
 Once you step inside you will rise up slowly in any direction you will get a stunning view of London including Big Ben, the Shard, River Thames, House of parliament and St. Pauls. The capsules are made of glass and steel on the pole rim there is 32 capsules to represent the 32 boroughs of London! At the top you get special like your own of London and at the bottom it's even better you have a thrill of excitement, looking in your stomach and under you is the river Thames rushing under you! Here at the London eye we are waiting for your experience!

VIP
 Will you be having VIP at the London eye? Well yes now have VIP service at the London eye! An exclusive VIP experience with additional lounge, bar and a delicious desert.

By Nazli

By Khadija

London Eye
 Are you bored on this plain day? Why not take a trip to the amazing London Eye! You will have a marvelous time! You can go inside a pod and see the whole of London. You can see Big Ben, River Thames, St Pauls Cathedral and more! Coming to the London Eye is a must. If you want to take your kids and babies they are allowed on the pods! The London Eye is located in County side South Bank London SE1 7BP.

Stepping inside
 Once you step inside you will begin to rise up slowly you can see the lovely view of London. Reaching the apex of London Eye is a unique experience. Be sure you can quickly take pictures of everything! Absorb the breath taking concrete jungle that lies below. You don't want to miss this big opportunity.

VIP EXPERIENCE
 Are you bored in a cramped pod and want your own space? You can become VIP! You can have your own private pod that can fit two whole families (2 & people). Your pod will have enough seats to fit 2 & people! You will have a dazzling view of London. You can see EVERYTHING! Inside your pod you will have luxurious lounge chairs, a warm blanket, a huge window and a small table. Feeling hungry? You can choose the churros of your choice! Need to call or your kids want your phone there is free wifi. Do anything to make yourself at home!

Take advantage of our summer time offer: one pod for 100 down from 300! Make sure to call us a 7809211 & make sure to get your ticket before it runs out.

Year 4



Year 4 created the digestive system using salt dough and explained their functions.

Year 3

July at break time I went to the Year 7 playground because I was worried some boys were dangerous to Asiya and they were plotting. I was quite worried in this situation she could not do anything. When I got back to class I drew a picture of me and Asiya with his hands. "That looks nice" my teacher said.

Hamza used a dictionary to find the word obnoxious and we're really proud of him!

Nursery



Nursery learned about St. Patrick's Day this week. Lara painted a shamrock and talked about the circles. She said: circles are round and flat. She counted 3 leaves as well

Important Messages

Easter Holiday Camp

Ellis and Rightway Sports will be running a Holiday Camp over the Easter break at Duncombe School. Flyers have been sent home with all children. For more information, please speak to the school office or go to this website: <https://www.rightwaysports.co.uk/copy-of-holiday-camps>

Parent/Carer-Teacher Meetings

We will be holding parent-teacher meetings remotely again as we cannot safely have adults into school yet. Your child's class teacher will arrange a time to call you (the number may show as withheld). All phone calls will be scheduled during the first week back after the Easter holidays, so between 19th and 23rd April. We have delayed these until after Easter so that the children have had a good time to settle back into school and the teachers can then give you an accurate picture of how your child is doing academically, socially and emotionally. You will receive a letter with a proposed time soon.

Well-being tip of the week

Do a good deed

Did you know that there is scientific evidence to show that being kind and compassionate benefits your own wellbeing and happiness? It is even thought it could make people live longer! We can communicate kindness in daily words and actions. Is there someone who you know could use your help? Why not reach out to someone you have been grateful for and tell them? Paying a compliment can initially make people feel self-conscious, but the praise will be remembered by them time and again (we all know how we feel when given a sincere compliment).