



Downham Preparatory School and Montessori Nursery

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Newsletter to Preparatory & Nursery School Parents – Thursday 18th April 2024

Welcome back to a new term! We hope you had a good Easter break.

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

<i>Friday 19th April</i>	<i>Year 5 Trip to Duxford</i>
<i>Friday 26th April</i>	<i>Nursery group photos</i>
<i>Friday 26th April</i>	<i>U9 Mixed Kwik Cricket v Glebe (Away) at 2:15pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 1st May</i>	<i>Year 4 trip to Oliver Cromwell House/Ely Cathedral</i>
<i>Thursday 2nd May</i>	<i>Year 6/7 trip to Swaffham Museum</i>
<i>Friday 3rd May</i>	<i>U9 Rounders Training session at Denver (1:00pm)</i>
<i>Monday 6th May</i>	<i>School Closed (Spring Bank Holiday)</i>

New Children

We are pleased to welcome Jacob, who has now started in our KS1 class this term. We are also very pleased to see Jack, Annabelle, Florence and Nancy, who have joined our Nursery this term.

Staff Training

On Monday this week, several members of staff in the Nursery and Early Years completed a Paediatric First Aid Training session – Mrs S Smith, Miss H Daultrey, Miss R Lovick, Mrs S Batterbee, Mrs C Hmaied, Mrs T Weatherall and Miss S Andrews.

Mrs Skelton has recently finished an Art Therapy Course and received a certificate with Distinction from the Centre of Excellence. She completed over 120 hours of training and assessment to demonstrate competence and understanding within this field. She has also completed the Money Heroes Financial Education CPD training.

Miss Lovick has recently finished the Early Years Professional Development programme, a Department for Education funded course. Over the last 8 months Miss Lovick has completed 60 hours of webinars and E-learning modules. The course has given Miss Lovick a lot of new ideas to enhance the children's learning in the Nursery.

Mrs Millard has completed a CPD TeachMeet course on "Effective Assessment and Interventions in Maths."

Miss Rutherford has completed a course on "Enhancing Pupil Learning on Museum Visits".

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

Thank you once again to those parents who donated to Comic Relief last term. The final total raised was £68.

After-School Clubs

This term's After-school Clubs will be starting next week. If your child would like to join any of the clubs, please let the office know by TOMORROW. Thank you.

Cycle Training

Please note that the cycle training for Classes 4-7, scheduled to start on 26th April, has had to be postponed, as Mr Lane has had an operation on his knee. A new date will be arranged and sent out later this term.

School Reports

This term staff will be preparing end-of year tests in preparation for our end-of-year reports. However, we have noted that there are still a few parents who have not yet returned their child's report from the end of the Christmas term. Please could you check and send it in if you have it as soon as possible. Thank you.

Art Aprons and Plimsolls

Please may we remind you that all children in the Preparatory School should have a pair of plimsolls/indoor shoes in school to change into whilst indoors. They should be kept in a named bag on their peg. Children should also keep an Art apron in school. Please ensure all items are named.

Instagram

Please remember to look at our Instagram pages regularly. If you look at it with your child, you can see pictures of their lessons and discuss what they have been doing with them.