



Downham Preparatory School and Montessori Nursery

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Newsletter to Preparatory & Nursery School Parents – Tuesday 23rd April 2024

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Friday 26th April

Nursery group photos

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U9 Mixed Kwik Cricket v Glebe (Away) at 2:15pm

Friday 26th April

Uniform Sale in School Hall at 3:00pm

Wednesday 1st May

Year 4 trip to Oliver Cromwell House/Ely Cathedral

Thursday 2nd May

Year 6/7 trip to Swaffham Museum

Friday 3rd May

U9 Rounders Training session at Denver (1:00pm)

Monday 6th May

School Closed (Spring Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 7th May

Assessments start (until Friday 24th May)

Staff News

This term, sadly, we have had to say goodbye to Mr G Aviss, who worked in our Nursery and Reception class. He has had to change the Teaching Course he has been training for, and is therefore no longer able to work at our school. We wish him well in his future studies.

Staff Training

Congratulations to Mrs B Smith, who has now completed her 3-year course, studying for a BA Honours Degree in Early Childhood Studies. This means she will no longer need to attend college on a Wednesday and will be in the Reception Class full-time.

Assessment Weeks

The week beginning **Tuesday 7th May**, and until **Friday 24th May**, we will be having our Assessment tests in all classes. It is important that every child is present so that the class teacher can administer the tests to the whole class at the same time. Please ensure that your child arrives on time in the mornings, as tests will start promptly. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Uniform

There will be a Nearly-new/Second-hand Uniform sale on Friday 26th April, in the school hall, starting at 3pm.

Could we please ask you to check your child's uniform, to make sure they have brought home the correct items, particularly after Sports. We are currently missing 2 dark blue hoodies, size aged 13, with the initials SC inside. Thank you.

After-School Care

Please note that, from the beginning of this term, the current cost for After-School Care is now £3.50 per half hour.

Snacks and Drinks

Please could you make sure that if your child brings a snack to school for morning break, it is named and put in the class snack box. Also, all water bottles should be clearly named. There are many similar ones and children sometimes get confused. Thank you.

Bicycle Training & Test

The new dates for the Cycle Training are now confirmed as Friday 17th May, Friday 24th May, with the test on Friday 7th June. An email with further information will be sent out shortly to the pupils in classes 4, 5, 6 & 7.

Class 5 Trip to Duxford

Last Friday Class 5 had a very interesting and exciting trip to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford.

The historic site offers a unique insight into conflict and over a century of aviation. It was a former RAF fighter station that was used during both the First and Second World Wars. The children were able to get up-close to some of the most famous aircraft in the world, including the Lancaster, the Spitfire, Concorde and Vulcan. The Lancaster is one of the most recognised allied bombers of the Second World War, famous for its role in the Dambusters Raid.

