



Downham Preparatory School and Montessori Nursery

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Newsletter to Preparatory & Nursery School Parents – 17th May 2022

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Assessment Weeks, 16th – 27th May

Please remember that this week and next we will be having our Assessment tests. 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.

Also, during the Assessment weeks, we will not be sending home any homework for classes 3 - 7, except for Spellings.

Cricket Match - Wednesday 18th May

Tomorrow, the U11 Boys Cricket Team will be travelling to Glebe House School to play their next match at 2:30pm. All supporters are welcome.

Cricket Tournament – Friday 20th May

On Friday this week, our Cricket team will be taking part in the Downham School Sport Partnership Tournament at the Downham Town CC, Memorial Playing field, Lynn Road, Downham Market, starting at 10.00am.

Jubilee Street Party – Thursday 26th May

The lists for the Party Food for both Nursery and Prep School are now available on the table outside the office. If your child does not usually attend Nursery on that day, but would like to join in the Street Party, they are welcome to come. Please drop them off at 11:30am and collect them at 1:30pm.

Please remember, to get into the spirit of the occasion, we would like all children (Nursery & Prep) to dress up, either as the Queen, or in red, white and blue.

New Pupils

We are looking forward to welcoming Edward for his taster day in Year 6 next week, prior to joining us in Year 7 in September.

Staff Training

Mrs Sharpe, as Principal, always has many courses to attend. She recently completed the OFSTED & Professional Development course and attended the Special Educational Needs Conference.

Medication

If your child is taking any regular medication, please ensure the office has the most up-to-date information. Please also ensure all current medication is within its use-by date.

Instagram

Please remember to check the school's Instagram regularly, for the latest updates, pictures and information.

Eco-Schools Award

As you may remember, the children decided to grow a plant in every classroom, in pots made with recycled materials. We are still hoping for more plants to be brought in, so that every classroom has at least one plant to look after. Also, if you have any seeds or cuttings you could give Miss Tighe for her vegetable garden, we would be most grateful.

Foodbank Donations

In the UK, more than 14 million people are living in poverty – including 4.5 million children. The Trussel Trust supports more than 1,200 food bank centres in the UK to provide a minimum of three days' nutritionally-balanced emergency food to people who have been referred in crisis, as well as support to help people resolve the crises they face.

As a school we are very keen to support local charities and we are aware that currently there are many families in Downham Market who have to rely on the foodbank. Our local foodbank is based at the Sovereign Centre, Trafalgar Industrial Estate in Downham Market. All donations are gratefully received, but, in particular, they are desperately in need of the following items:

Milk - Long-life, whole and semi-skimmed,

Meat products, meat pies,

Custard, jam, honey, chocolate spread, peanut butter,

Sponge puddings, cake mixes,

Tomato ketchup, couscous,

Toothpaste, toiletries, washing-up liquid.

If you would like to donate, please bring in your contributions and leave them in the box outside the office (or in the walkway if wet). We will ensure they are delivered promptly to the foodbank at the Sovereign Centre. Thank you.

Cricket - Calling ALL girls in Year 6 and under

SPARKLE CRICKET FESTIVAL - Open to all @ Stow cricket club

Wednesday 1st June 2pm-4pm (during Half-term!)

Have fun, learn new skills and maybe play matches.

Mrs Rockcliffe will be there, not teaching but happy to provide some support for anyone who's keen but a bit nervous.

Any questions, please contact Neil or Amy on 07813 299586 or speak to Mrs Rockcliffe.

Cricket Report by Mr Lane

Last Friday, the U11 Boys team took part in their first cricket match for three years and, although it ended in a 21 run defeat, it was a close game, with not a great deal of difference between the two teams.

Thetford Grammar batted first and scored 258. Oliver bowled very well and took two wickets. There was tight bowling also by Frederick and Kiyan.

Everybody fielded well and we didn't give Thetford any runs by miss-fields. In close games, this can sometimes be the difference.

During our turn to bat we were always a little behind the score we needed. I think this was due to Thetford just being a bit more accurate with their bowling and we found it difficult to hit the ball into the gaps in the field to accumulate the runs. We only lost 3 wickets in our innings and boundaries were scored by Oliver and Sam. Final score: 258 – 237.

So, it was a defeat, but plenty of positives to take into future games against Glebe House School and the Downham School Sports Partnership Tournament. Well done, team!

Rounders Report by Mrs Rockcliffe

On Friday 13th May the U11 Girls Rounders team played Thetford away. We lost the toss and were put into bat. Isabella Raines hit a great shot scoring our first full rounder. We also collected some half rounders from no balls, finishing our innings on 6 and a half.

The girls fielded really well and Starla did very well with her bowling. Thetford finished on 6 runs, so it was very close going into the second innings.

The second time the girls went into bat saw many more good shots and rounders were scored by Isabella, Tabitha and Mia. The other girls all made contact and picked up lots of half rounders too.

The fielding was also strong. Starla stumped a few players out at 4th base, Ava and Ruby worked very well together as backstop and 2nd base to prevent half rounders and Isabella did some good bowling.

Special mentions go to Olivia, Devon and Emma, who all played very well.

Olivia scored the most from no balls and Emma and Devon both hit good balls, but were very unlucky to be caught out.

The girls have only had a couple of Rounders lessons and only one playing as a team, so that was a great result. Final score: 15 ½ - 13 ½. Well done, team!

