



DOWNHAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND MONTESSORI NURSERY

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Newsletter to Preparatory & Nursery School Parents – Thursday 23rd June 2022

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Friday 24th June – Pre-Primary to visit Reception class (all day)

Friday 24th June – Music Workshop for classes 5 & 6/7

Monday 27th / Thursday 30th – Lunch choices swapped for this week

Tuesday 28th June – Y6/7 Leavers' trip to Treetop Adventure Thetford

Wednesday 29th June – All show costumes to be in – in a named bag on your child's peg, please

Wednesday 29th June – Last swimming session for this term

Friday 1st July – Classes 3 & 4 visit to Kentwell Hall

Celebratory Lunch – Nursery & Prep – Wednesday 13th July

Please remember to return your forms by Friday 24th June at the latest. Thank you.

Foodbank

We will be making our final delivery to the Foodbank next week. If you would like to bring in any more donations, please do so by Monday 27th June. Thank you for all your contributions so far.

School Show – Reception to Y7 - Thursday 7th July at 1:30pm and Friday 8th July at 6:00pm

Please remember to order your tickets for the school show as soon as possible.

We are very pleased that we are able to offer refreshments at the evening show on Friday 8th July.

Mr & Mrs Wilson (from Wenn's & Bank House) have very kindly offered to bring their outdoor bar to the Friday evening performance, and will donate any profit made to the school. (Please note: we are unable to offer refreshments at the afternoon performance on Thursday 7th July.)

Staff Training

Miss Lovick has recently completed a 'Nurturing Norfolk Play' workshop and training session delivered by Norfolk County Council.

West Stow

On Friday 17th June, Class 2 had a wonderful day visiting the reconstructed Anglo Saxon Village at West Stow. They identified artefacts in the museum and learnt about daily life in Saxon England. After lunch they walked around the village and saw how their houses were built in different designs.

At the end of the visit the education officer asked the children what they had learnt. He was very impressed with their knowledge of the Saxons.



Sports Day

Wow! What a fantastic Sports Day we had on Monday. It was so lovely to see parents there once again, cheering their children on. The weather was perfect, as were the children's performances. Well done to everyone who took part and did their best. Certificates will be awarded (in due course) for everyone who took part, including the parents and toddlers! The final scores were: -

- 1st – Boudicca 95
- 2nd – Walpole 81
- 3rd – Nelson 52
- 4th – Carter 42



Sports Reports

U11 Girls Rounders Report – by Mrs Rockcliffe

On Friday 10th June the U11 girls hosted an U11 Rounders match against Thetford Grammar school.

We were lucky to be able to go and use the beautiful Stow cricket grounds.

We lost the toss and were put into bat first. Isabella scored 3 fantastic rounders, with the other girls all hitting well and making lots of half rounders. Thetford did field very well though, and got a number of our players out. We didn't have our best innings fielding, with a few misfields, meaning Thetford led at the end of the first half, 10 – 7 ½ .

After a constructive team talk and a few pointers, we came out to bat strongly and quickly and soon scored 3 full rounders. This positive attitude continued and we scored well.

Ruby caught a great catch and we kept the fielding very tight in the second innings, not letting them score many at all. The final score was: Downham 15 ½ - Thetford 13 ½!! A great come back.

Well played all, with a special mention to the "birthday girl" Isabella, whom Thetford named their player of the match. Well done!

U11 Mixed Rounders Report – by Mrs Rockcliffe

On Wednesday 15th June Downham Prep hosted an U11 Rounders fixture against the Glebe School. We had a mixed team, but Glebe opted to bring all girls.

We won the toss and chose to field first. We worked well together and Oliver W did some great consistent bowling. We did have a few "mad moments" and silly misfields, but kept The Glebe to a score of only 10. We batted well, with rounders from Isabella, Oliver, Hector and Sam. We led at the end of the first half - 11 ½ to their 10.

So, all to play for in the second half, and the fielding was much better. Communication between all the players was excellent and they really worked tactically.

Again, some excellent batting from Downham and pressure on the Glebe's fielders saw many forced errors. Well done to Sam N, whom Glebe named their player of the match.

Final score: - Downham 26 - Glebe 18 ½. Well done to everyone that took part!



U11 Cricket Report- by Mr Lane

On Friday 10th June, the U11 Cricket team also played against the Glebe School at Stow.

We scored 241 runs and Glebe totalled 264 runs. Although we didn't win this time, the batting and fielding were much improved and everyone played well and enjoyed the match. Well done!

