



Downham Preparatory School and Montessori Nursery

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Newsletter to Preparatory & Nursery School Parents – Wednesday 29th June

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

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

Wednesday 6th July – Show Dress Rehearsal

Thursday 7th July - 1:30pm – Preparatory School Show

Friday 8th July – Preparatory School Show 6:00pm (All Prep pupils to be collected at 12:45pm.)

Monday 11th July – Nursery Show Rehearsal

Tuesday 12th July – Nursery Show 2:00pm

Wednesday 13th July – Prep school Party Day

Celebration Lunch for ALL pupils (Prep & Nursery who normally attend that day)

Last day of term for Prep school.

School Show (Prep) Reminders

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.

Please remember that refreshments will be available to buy at the evening show on Friday 8th July.

Please remember that Prep school pupils need to be collected at 12:45pm on Friday 8th July and returned to school at 5:00pm for the show.

Monday 11th July- End of term items

Please can All Prep school pupils bring an empty carrier bag to take home their art overalls, and other items, etc.

Wednesday 13th July- Last Day of Term for Prep School

Pupils in Reception to Year 7 may wear their own/party clothes for their last day of term. Classes 3 & 4 won't need to bring their Sports Kit. All pupils should wear trainers or shoes suitable for playing outside.

New Children

We are always very pleased to welcome new pupils to our school - Isabella and Finlay last week, and Edward and Ivy this week. Nicole & Michell will be visiting next week, and Ben will be joining us on the last day of term.

Recent Safeguarding Information for parents

The government remains very clear that schools must aim to have the highest attendance possible for all of their pupils in order for them to achieve their maximum potential. An attendance of below 90% is regarded as a cause for concern. During the next academic year we will be closely monitoring attendance and sending home letters to parents if their child's attendance falls below 90% during any one term.

Class 1 Trip Report

Last Thursday, Class 1 visited Flag Fen, a scheduled ancient monument, to learn more about the people who lived on The Fen during the Bronze Age. It is believed to be the only accurately reconstructed Bronze Age pastoral landscape in Europe.

The children worked as archaeologists in the dig pits and found many interesting artefacts. They made clay pots using the materials and tools that were used in the Bronze Age and listened to a traditional story in the reconstructed round house.

They all thoroughly enjoyed the day and were very well-behaved!



Cycling Report by Mr Lane

Six pupils from classes 5,6 & 7 took part in quite an intense three sessions of Off Road Cycle Training. This course took place on the school playground and enabled the pupils to learn the correct skills to ride on the road without actually going on the highway.

The first two sessions involved learning the skills. These included following a simple bike check to make sure your cycle was roadworthy; checking that your cycle helmet fitted properly; being able to ride your cycle, with control, in a straight line, zig zag and around corners; starting off correctly from the side of the road, riding and then stopping safely with control; looking behind, signalling right and left without wobbling; different procedures for various left and right turnings; manoeuvring safely to pass a parked vehicle, then two vehicles parked closely together and then two with a large space between.

The final session was a test to see if they could remember all those things and carry them out safely. That was a lot to learn and some of them were a little nervous about the test, but on the day they were really focused and I'm very pleased to say that they all passed the course.

Many congratulations to Rio, Kiyan, Hector P, Logan, Devon and Oliver W!

This, I feel, is such an important life skill to learn properly and they now should feel confident to use these skills when cycling on the highway.

We hope to repeat this course again next year.

