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Dear Parents and Carers

Key Stage 2 children are bringing home letters today about their new class from September. Year 1 have letters about phonics screening. Please check their bags for these.

Thank you for supporting the Book Fair this week - and thanks to Year 6 for running it so efficiently! We will let you know next week how much we have raised in commission.

We enjoyed meeting our new parents for September on Wednesday evening, and our new children have started coming into school for story sessions. Next Wednesday they will be spending the morning in the Reception classroom and sampling their first school lunch - a very important part of the school day!

We are delighted to be able to let you know that from September our school catering will be run 'in-house', so our fantastic catering staff of Tina, Jo and Simon will become school employees and part of our school team. School lunches will continue to be cooked on the premises and we will continue to develop meals and menus that are both popular and nutritious. We are also planning some refurbishments to the school kitchen during the summer holidays in preparation for the new school year.

For the last three weeks of term, there may be some changes to the published menus as Cambridgeshire Catering Services wind down their operation here. We would also ask you to bear with us when we start back in September as there will be lots of new procedures in place. Going forward though, this promises to be a great step forward for our school catering provision.

Summer Fete - after school today!

We are looking forward to the fete tonight. Lovely sunny day and lots of attractions and refreshments. School stalls include 'yucky dip', 'whack a rat' and a wet sponge throwing stall run by Year 6, which everyone is looking forward to!

Sunflowers class assembly

This week was the turn of Sunflowers class to share their learning. And what a lot of learning they have done! They shared stories and riddles that they had written themselves as well as beautiful artwork and a song.

Residential trips Year 5 and Year 6

Year 5 and Year 6 have recently returned from their residential trips to Eaton Vale and Norfolk Lakes respectively. These trips provide an amazing opportunity to try new, adventurous activities that many children have never experienced

before. They are also an opportunity to build independence as many children leave their parents for an overnight stay for the first time. These trips only take place because our dedicated staff are willing to give up time with their own families. I would like to say an enormous thank you to Mr Lloyd, Miss Gatford, Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Clarke, Miss Medley, Mrs Johnston, Mr Butler and Mrs Ranasinghe.

Rounders tournament - Year 3 and Year 4

On Tuesday after school, a team of children from Year 3 and Year 4 set off to Sawston VC to participate in a cluster rounders tournament. The children were feeling nervous as they hadn't had much time to practise together, but their determination and natural talent shone through. Not only did they show good sportsmanship and a growth mindset, they also proved they were the best team on the day by winning the tournament. Well done team!

TEAM project update - Years 3 and 4

As part of the Topic Inventors and Inventions, Doves, Owls and Bramblings had a fantastic time meeting TEAM (a local engineering company) who have set up a very exciting challenge for them to complete in teams. TEAM introduced what work they do and inspired the children to come up with their own ideas to make an emergency vehicle which they will design, build and test over the next few weeks. All of the children are very excited about this opportunity and look forward to the next few weeks. A big thank you to TEAM for coming in and working alongside the teachers to allow this brilliant opportunity to happen.

Transition meeting for Year 2 parents

On Tuesday 3rd July at 2.45 pm there will be a presentation for parents of children currently in Year 2, to explain some of the different routines in Key Stage 2. An email has been sent out about this so please confirm if you can attend. Don't worry if you can't make it, the presentation will be put on the website and you have the opportunity to talk to teachers at Open Evening.

Whole School trip to IWM - next Friday 6 July

A letter has gone out this week about the school trip next Friday and it is attached again with this newsletter. Packed lunches will be needed and we would still very much welcome any offers of help on the day. A big thank you to FODs for funding the coach for this event.

Front door security - including for after-school clubs

Our front office area is very busy, particularly at certain times of the day, and unlike many other schools, Duxford does not have a separate entrance area. It would be really helpful if parents who are already in the foyer do not open the door to other people, including those you know. Also, if you are buzzed in and someone follows you, please ask them to report to the office.

Next week we are going to trial keeping the front door closed until the pick-up time for after school clubs. We would therefore ask you not to arrive before the scheduled pick-up time and we will make sure we are available to open the door then.

Gym club show - Tuesday 3 July, 3.30 pm

Everyone is welcome to come and watch the annual gym show and presentation of certificates - especially anyone thinking of joining the club in September. All gymnasts should attend at 3.25 pm and this will be the last session of this year.

Stage dance club

The last session of Stage Dance club will be on Monday 16 July. Parents are very welcome to come at 4.00 pm that day to watch the class in session.

Duxford Saturday Workshop Taster Morning - Saturday 30th June

A reminder that Duxford Saturday Music Workshop are holding a Taster Morning on 30th June - 11.00-12.15. Please see www.duxfordsaturdayworkshop for more information.

Open Evening - Wednesday 4 July

We are looking forward to welcoming lots of you to our Open Evening on Wednesday 4 July (3.45-5.00 pm). This is a chance to come into school with your child and have a look with them at the work they have done this year. The children really enjoy showing you what they have achieved, so do take up this opportunity if you can.

Seaside lunch - Thursday 5 July

The kitchen are doing a fish & chips special lunch on Thursday 5th. See below for the full menu. The weather is certainly making us all think of the seaside at the moment!

Sports Day - Monday 9 July

Sports Day will follow the same format as the last few years, with the children competing on two race tracks. You will be directed where to sit so you can see your children's races. The racing will finish with a picnic on the field for the whole family. Please do bring along some sandwiches so that you can join us.

There will be no hot school meal on sports day, so the children will all need to bring a packed lunch to eat on the field. If you would like to book a packed lunch provided by the school catering service (this only applies if your child normally receives a free school meal) please request this from the office by Thursday 5th July. Afternoon school will continue as normal.

On Sports Day the children will need a sun-hat and a T-shirt in their house colour: Hurricane = Red, Concorde = Green, Spitfire = Blue. Lancaster is normally a yellow T-shirt but for the children's comfort (black bugs are attracted to yellow!) we would prefer them to wear white for Sports Day. The children will have prepared house colour bunting and flags.

Can any parents help on Sports Day - e.g. giving out the cards for 1st, 2nd in the races? Please ask at the office if you can.

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Blackburne-Maze
Headteacher

Lunches for week beginning Monday 2nd July

	Red Option	Green Option (usually Vegetarian)	Blue Option (Light bite)
Monday	Burger in bap	Macaroni cheese	Cheese salad wrap
Tuesday	BBQ chicken	Veggie sausage pasta	Fish finger roll
Wednesday	Pasta bolognaise	Quiche	Ready to go picnic
Thursday - seaside lunch!	Fish goujons, chips & peas Choc ice	Veggie fingers, chips & peas Choc ice	NA
Friday	Whole school trip	Whole school trip	Whole school trip

Art Club summer workshops - please note that the price for Duxford School children is £8, not £10.

The DX Club are running a Holiday Club from Hinxton Village Hall over the Summer Holidays between Monday 23rd July and Tuesday 4th September. Early Bird discounted prices of £23.80 per child per day are available until 6th July. Normal rates per child per day are £28. We are registered to take children aged between 4 and 14 and we welcome all children from our local community and not just those that attend Duxford School.

For further details please contact with Lisa Wood on 07855 225267 or email thedxclub@hotmail.co.uk.

Diary Dates

Friday 29 June, after school	Summer Fair
Tuesday 3 July, 2.45 pm	Transition meeting - Year 2 to Year 3
Wednesday 4 July, 3.45-5.00 pm	Open Evening
Thursday 5 July	Year 5 class assembly
Friday 6 July	Whole school trip - IWM
Monday 9 July	Sports Day and family picnic (reserve day Thursday 12 July)
Tuesday 10 July	Year 6 production 2.00 pm Year 6 BBQ & rounders 4.00 pm
Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 July	Air Days
Friday 20 July	Year 6 leavers' assembly 2.00 pm Summer term closes for pupils
Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 July	Professional days - school closed to pupils

Term Dates 2018/19

Friday 20 July 2018	Summer term closes for children
Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 July	Training days
Tuesday 4 September	Training Day
Wednesday 5 September	Autumn term starts
Monday 22 to Friday 26 October	Half-term
Wednesday 19 December	Autumn term closes
Thursday 3 and Friday 4 January 2019	Training Days
Monday 7 January	Spring term starts
Monday 18 to Friday 22 February	Half-term
Friday 5 April	Spring term closes
Tuesday 23 April	Training Day
Wednesday 24 April	Summer term starts
Monday 6 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 27 to Friday 31 May	Half-term
Monday 3rd June	Training Day
Wednesday 24 July	Summer term closes