



Airwaves 14 September 2018

No. 2

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who came to the class meetings on Wednesday evening. We hope you found them helpful and informative. If you were not able to attend, don't worry - most of the information is being emailed out and the permission letters to sign will be sent home with the children today. The teachers' presentations will also be on the school website.

Our website - www.duxford.cambs.sch.uk - is packed with useful information, including Airwaves, diary dates, photos of events, etc. Do check it regularly.

Key Stage 2 are having a very exciting day devoted to their World War I topic. We hope they will come home full of what they have learned and tell you all about it.

Year 6 class assembly

Year 6 will be hosting the first of this term's class assemblies next Thursday 20th at 9.05 am. Class assemblies include the opportunity to visit the children's classrooms and look at their work together. There's the option too to stay for coffee with the Head or one of the Deputy Heads after the assembly - do stay if you can.

School meals and Pupil Premium

We have had a bit of a challenge this week in the kitchen as one of our vital pieces of cooking equipment - the steam oven - decided to break down on Monday morning and could not be repaired. Thanks to the resourcefulness of our catering staff, lunches have been served this week with a minimum of change to the menu, but if your child has mentioned a couple of changes, that will be why. Thankfully a wonderful new, all-singing, all-dancing combination oven was installed yesterday so we're back on track. The Autumn Term menu is attached again with Airwaves - there are dates at the bottom that clarify which week is which and we've added colours to make it clearer which meal is which.

We are noticing that there is already quite a bit of debt building up on school meals, particularly for those children who have moved into Year 3. We're sorry, but free school meals are only for children in Buttercups, Bluebells and Sunflowers classes (as well as those registered for free school meals in KS2). Payments for all other children should be made online via Parentpay. Please contact Mrs Rigby in the office if you need login details.

We would strongly encourage you to check out whether your child is eligible for free school meals (a form is attached with this Airwaves) - and to apply even if they get free meals at the moment anyway. There are lots of other benefits to being registered for free school meals, including help with school trips and after-school clubs.

Air Days alert! Message from the FODS

Hi all,

Firstly welcome to the new Buttercups class, we hope all the children are settling in well and enjoying school life and welcome back to all the other years.

We have our first airdays of this academic year on the 22nd and 23rd of this month. So please if you can spare any time at all, the help would be greatly received and everything we raise goes towards helping the school Aim High, Fly High!

Vic and I will be around most drop off and pick up's, so come and pop yourself on the rota or have a chat with us if you unsure of how you can help. Alternatively message or comment on here or email fods.email@gmail.com.

If you are not able to help, but would still like to contribute we are also in need of cakes, buns any yummy treats you may be able to make. We just ask can they please be labelled with the name of the product and ingredients used.

Lastly we have been asked about children at the airdays so we just wanted to clarify that children are allowed with you to help but remain the parent's responsibility at all times.

Many thanks,

Zoe & Vic
FODS Co Chairs

Vacancy for a Clerk to the Governors

Please see the advert at the end of this Airwaves for a great job opportunity for someone looking for part-time work. Please contact the school office for a chat about the position if you are interested.

Parking outside school

Our Community Police Officer has been in today, monitoring parking outside school. A reminder for the start of term that parking is not permitted in the staff carpark, in the bus bay at the front of the school, on areas marked with yellow lines and across neighbours' driveways. Please allow plenty of time to park a little further away at busy times. Thank you.

After school clubs

Stage Dance club for Key Stage 2 starts on Monday 17th. All children who have returned the form this week can have a place.

Gym club starts on Tuesday 18th. Please note that there is no gym on Tuesday 25th and a class will be added on 4th December to make up the number of weeks.

Multisports club for Key Stage 1 starts on Wednesday 19th December.

Following an assembly this week, Mad Science club for Key Stage 2 children will start on Thursday 27th September - an email went out about this yesterday.

Volunteering in school

As the teachers will have mentioned this week in the class meetings, we are keen for parents and carers to come in and help with reading, art activities, etc. as has always been the case. This year we are going to organise induction sessions for would-be volunteers to cover safeguarding and expectations, which we think you will find very helpful. These will be publicised soon and we would prefer that even if you have helped before, you attend one of these sessions before starting to volunteer again.

Finally a big congratulations to the DX Holiday Club, who achieved a fantastic Outstanding from Ofsted during the summer break. Well done to Lisa and her team.

Attachments are now available on the school website. This week you can find:

- *the Autumn Term lunch menu
- *family healthy lifestyle sessions
- *free after-school club run by Petra for Years 5 & 6
- *Count me in form
- *DX jumble sale flier
- *FODs Air Days rotas

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Blackburne-Maze
Headteacher

Lunches for week beginning Monday 17th September

	Red Option	Green Option (usually Vegetarian)	Blue Option (Light bite)
Monday	Pork meatballs	Tomato pasta bake	Ham roll with salad
Tuesday	Chicken & vegetable risotto	Quorn & vegetable risotto	Cheese quiche
Wednesday	Roast turkey	Quorn fillet	Chicken mayo salad wrap
Thursday	Corned beef hash	Cheese & tomato pizza	Cheese salad wrap
Friday	Fish fingers	Quorn dippers	Tuna & cucumber baguette

Diary Dates

Thursday 20 September	Year 6 class assembly, 9.05 am
Thursday 27 September	Lapwings class assembly, 9.05 am
Tuesday 2 October	Harvest assembly, 9.05 am - all welcome
Thursday 4 October	Owls class assembly, 9.05 am
Friday 5 October	Year 6 to Ely Cathedral
Thursday 11 October	Sunflowers class assembly, 9.05 am
Wednesday 17 October	Parents' evening
Thursday 18 October	Parents' evening
Thursday 18 October	Doves class assembly, 9.05 am
Thursday 18 October	Yoga and well-being day
Friday 19 October	House Day
Monday 22 to Friday 26 October	Half-term
Thursday 1 November	Bluebells class assembly
Thursday 8 November	Individual photos
Thursday 15 November	Hawks class assembly
Friday 23 November	Grandparents' Day
Friday 30 November	Christmas Fair, 4.00-6.00 pm
Wednesday 19 December	Autumn term closes

Term Dates 2018/19

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

Clerk vacancy

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Clerk to the Governing Body starting as soon as possible. The role will include preparation and distribution of agenda/minutes, attendance at 6 Governing Body meetings (evenings 6-8pm) and maintenance of membership, attendance and training records. The Clerk is also responsible for advising the governing body on procedural, constitutional and governance matters. Administrative hours are flexible and home based. The post is for 80 hours per year worked principally in term time, salary at Level 3 of the CCC administrative pay scales, dependent upon experience and qualifications. Full training can be provided. For further information and to apply please contact the school office on 01223 712108 or email: office@duxford.cambs.sch.uk

Closing date for applications: 26th September 2018; interviews tba.

Duxford (C of E) Community Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and medical checks.