



Airwaves 5 January 2018

No. 15

Dear Parents and Carers

A very Happy New Year to everyone. The children have settled back into school very well this week, refreshed and ready to learn. The teachers will be sending out their termly class letters and topic webs early next week so you will be able to see what they are planning for the children's learning this term.

Handwriting awards

Medals and certificates for excellent handwriting were given out on the last day of term. We are delighted to be able to let you know that Tom R was the overall winner in Key Stage 1 and Bobby in Key Stage 2. Runners-up in Key Stage 1 were Noah S, Ella W, Jasper, James A, Ollie P, Anna, Poppy O and Emmie. Runners-up in Key Stage 2 were Grace, Emma F, Benjamin S, Sam H, Leah C, Tom S, Emily A, Chloe G, Lucy H, Daisy W, Fiona, Abi, Kobe and Julia.

Ceilidh Fundraiser for Duxford School! Saturday January 20th, 7-11 pm

Dear parents & carers, we are counting on all of you to join us and FODS at this fun fundraising event in January.

This time around we all have enough notice to get our babysitters organised and look forward to an evening of dancing, eating and raising very much needed funds for our school!

This event is open to the general public so spread the word, bring your friends, and purchase your tickets. You can do that on line, from The Plough in Duxford or Ickleton Village Shop.

We look forward to seeing you there!

After-school clubs

Gym club - Happy New Year from Mrs Baker! Gymnastics starts on Tuesday 9th Jan and fees will be due to secure your child's place: £40 Session 1 and £45 for Sessions 2 and 3. All gymnasts will be in the same groups as last term. If you no longer require your space please let school office know ASAP to allow those on the waiting list the opportunity to start on this date.

Art club - starts again next week, Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th January.

Stage dance club - starts again on Monday 8th January.

Multisports - we are waiting to hear from Cambridge United on this. Watch out for an email.

Orchestra - starts on Monday 8th January, 3.30-4.00 pm. If anyone else would like to join, please do email the office. All welcome!

Fitbits, etc.

We are asking that children don't come into school wearing expensive wrist gadgets like fitbits. We can't guarantee they won't get damaged and that would be very disappointing for their proud new owners.

Pupil premium and free school meals

Thursday 18 January is the day when the government counts the number of children who are eligible for free school meals, which is how it knows how much pupil premium funding to give the school. The only way it knows this number is if people who are eligible have applied. We are sending information about the simple application process out again today with this Airwaves. There's still time to apply and help the school out and we would urge you to do so if you are on benefits and are eligible. Please apply even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1 and receives a free meal anyway. Thank you.

Reception 2018 – deadline Monday 15 January 2018

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014, they are due to transfer to primary school in September 2018 and you must have applied for a school place by 15 January 2018. Please note there is **no** automatic transfer from nursery to Reception. Applications should be made online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions. We have a small number of paper forms in school if you need one.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Gould
Headteacher

Lunches for week beginning Monday 8th January

	Red Option	Green Option (usually Vegetarian)	Blue Option (Light bite)
Monday	Margarita pizza	Quorn dippers	Quorn fajitas
Tuesday	BBQ chicken	Veggie burrito	Ham baguette
Wednesday	All day brunch	All day vegetarian brunch	Tuna & cucumber salad
Thursday	Beef & Yorkshires	Quorn fillet	Cheese wrap
Friday	Fish fingers	Veggie sausage	Cheesy scone

Diary Dates

Saturday 20 January, 7-11 pm	Burns Night ceilidh - FODs event
Thursday 25 January	Class photos
Tuesday 30 January	Years 3 and 4 to indoor athletics, SVC
Thursday 8 February	Vision screening for Reception
Friday 9 February	Winter sports day
Monday 12 to Friday 16 February	Half-term
Friday 23 February	Yoga day
Friday 23 February	Children's disco
Monday 26 & Wednesday 28 February	Parents' evenings
Wednesday 14 March, 9.30 am	KS2 production
Thursday 15 March, 6.00 pm	KS2 production
Thursday 29 March	Spring term closes
Monday 16 April	Professional day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 17 April	Summer term starts
Monday 7 May	May day holiday
Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June	Half-term
Wednesday 6 to Friday 8 June	Year 6 residential
Tuesday 26 to Wednesday 27 June	Year 5 residential
Friday 20 July	Summer term closes for pupils
Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 July	Professional days

New entries to the diary are in bold

Term Dates 2018/19

Wednesday 3 January 2018	Training Day
Thursday 4 January	Spring term starts
Monday 12 to Friday 16 February	Half- term
Thursday 29 March	Spring term closes
Monday 16 April	Training Day
Tuesday 17 April	Summer term starts
Monday 7 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June	Half- term
Friday 20 July	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 6 June	Training Day
Wednesday 24 July	Summer term closes