



**Airwaves 13 January 2017**

**No. 15**

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had some exciting news this week. You will remember that Year 6 entered the 'Sing For Your School' contest with their original song 'As Time Flies By'. The great news is that our song has been chosen as one of the winners to take part in a big concert on Thursday 2 March. A huge well done to Mr Lloyd and the Year 6 class of talented musicians. We will let you know more about the timings for this when we have them.

As the concert falls on one of our scheduled parent consultation evenings, there will be a change to those dates for Year 6 - further details to follow.

### **E-Safety**

As part of our continuing work on e-Safety, please could you take a few minutes to complete a short survey that will enable us to find out more about children's use of technology outside of school. We will use the information you provide to inform our e-Safety curriculum and to develop more specific e-Safety information for parents. If you would like further information about e-Safety in the meantime, please look at our website or contact Mrs Blackburne-Maze who is our e-Safety co-ordinator.

Here is the link to the survey: <https://surveyplanet.com/583caad8d1a29067d47f1d8b>

### **Fitbits**

We have noticed that some children are wearing 'fitbit' gadgets to school. As we have a general policy of not allowing wristbands in school, please could these stay at home - the children don't need any extra encouragement to be active in school and school cannot accept any responsibility if these expensive gadgets go missing or are damaged. The only exception would be where children are using their 'fitbit' as a watch.

### **Bikes & scooters**

A reminder once again that children should not ride their bikes or scooters on the school grounds as this can be dangerous. They should also always wear a helmet when riding a bike to school.

### **Census Day - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

Next Thursday is census day for schools. This is when the Government collects different pieces of information from all the schools in the area. One of the pieces of information they will be collecting this time is the take-up of the free school meals in KS1. **Some of our school funding is based on this information.** With this in mind we are asking that every child in Reception and KS1 requests a hot school dinner on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January to try but can also bring a**

**packed lunch if they normally do.** It really makes a difference and means we won't have to pay back any of our allocated funds.

### **Reception 2017 – deadline Sunday 15 January 2017**

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, they are due to transfer to primary school in September 2017 and you must have applied for a school place by 15 January 2017. Please note there is **no** automatic transfer from nursery to Reception. **Applications must be made in all cases through the County Council website:**

[http://www4.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20059/schools\\_and\\_learning/363/applying\\_for\\_a\\_school\\_place/4](http://www4.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20059/schools_and_learning/363/applying_for_a_school_place/4).

Yours sincerely

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#### **Message from the FODS – school lottery!**

Just a quick reminder about our new and exciting school lottery. Please sign up below

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/duxford-c-of-e-community-primary-school>

It's only £1.00 for a ticket with a guaranteed win for one of our supporters every week plus the chance to win £25k each week on the national schools lottery. You could also win a Fitbit for signing up. This is a really fun and effective way to help FODS raise funds for school whilst being in with a chance of winning. The more supporters we get the greater the prize pot. The first draw will be on 28th January so grab your tickets and be in with great odds of a win.

### **Lunches for week beginning 16 January 2017**

	<b>Red Option</b>	<b>Green Option (usually Vegetarian)</b>	<b>Blue Option (Light bite)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Sausages & mash	Quorn sausage & mash	Salmon salad wrap
<b>Tuesday</b>	Beef chilli & rice	Macaroni cheese	Jacket potato with beans
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chicken pasta bake	Cheesy parsnip bake	Ham Ploughman's
<b>Thursday</b>	Roast pork	Roasted pepper flan	Jacket potato with tuna
<b>Friday</b>	Cod fillet & chips	Quorn dippers	Egg & cress on open bun

### ***Diary Dates***

Monday 16 January	Stage dance club re-starts
Thursday 19 January	Weighing/measuring for Reception and Year 6 pupils
Thursday 26 January	Class photos
Friday 10 February	Winter Sports Day
Monday 13 to Friday 17 February	Half-term
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 3.45-6.15 pm	Parent consultation evenings
<b>Thursday 2 March</b>	<b>Sing for your School concert - Year 6</b>
Friday 31 March	Spring term closes
Tuesday 18 April	Professional day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 19 April	School reopens for summer term
Monday 1 May	May Day - school closed
Monday 8 to Thursday 11 May	SATs week for Year 6
Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 May	Year 5 to Eaton Vale
Monday 22 to Wednesday 24 May	Year 6 to Manor Adventure
Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June	Half-term
<b>Monday 5 June</b>	Professional day - school closed to pupils
Friday 21 July	Summer term ends

New entries to the diary are in bold.