



## **Airwaves 8 September 2017**

**No. 1**

Dear Parents and Carers

This is the first Airwaves of the new school year. For our new families, this is the letter that appears each Friday, and is full of useful news and information. The newsletter is sent out by email and is also uploaded onto the school website. Please read it carefully!

A warm welcome back to all our children and families after the summer break. It has been great to see the children looking smart and ready to come back to their learning. The teachers have been busy planning lots of exciting things for the new school year – they will be talking about their plans at the class meetings next week (see below).

A special welcome to our new Reception children in Buttercups and Daffodils classes and to Matthew who is joining Year 6.

We are delighted to welcome 4 new members of staff to our team this year. These are Miss Lucy Nicholson teaching in Daffodils, Miss Emma Dyson, teaching in Doves, and Miss Abigail Clarke teaching across years 3 and 4. We also welcome a new cleaner, Dianne Dellar. Lionel Beard has been promoted to Site Officer and is responsible for all 3 of the cleaning staff, two of whom have transferred to school staff from CCS.

We are also very pleased that our parishes have a new vicar, Reverend Petra Shakeshaft, who has been in to see us this week and will be coming into school regularly from next week.

You will remember that our school had applied to become a teaching school. Disappointingly we were not successful, however, we are delighted to continue with our partnership with the Faculty of Education, Cambridge and Histon and Impington Teaching Alliance, who provide us with PGCE and SCITT students for our experienced teachers to coach and mentor. Our school receives funding for this. I will continue to work for Ely Diocese as an advisor to schools and also as part of the Teach in Cambs team promoting ways of recruiting and retaining teachers in Cambridgeshire. Again, our school receives funding for this time.

### **Sponsored Walk total**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this great event last term. The total raised has reached a magnificent £1215 towards a table tennis table for the KS2 playground. Wow!

### **'Meet the Teacher' class meetings, Wednesday 13 September**

These meetings are a great way to get to meet your child's teacher and to find out more about what the class are going to be learning over the coming months. Class newsletters, topic webs and the home/school agreement for the coming term will be emailed out after the meetings. We will provide paper copies of the letters we need you to sign regarding photo and local walks permissions. These need to be returned by 29<sup>th</sup> September, after which we will assume we have your permission.

The timetable for the meetings is shown below. The meetings are for parents only so we will be showing a DVD in the hall for any Duxford school children who are with you. This will be supervised by school staff.

3.45-4.15 pm: Buttercups (R), Daffodils (R/1), Bluebells (1/2), Sunflowers (1/2)

4.15-4.45 pm: Doves (3/4 ), Bramblings (3/4), Owls (3/4)

4.45-5.15 pm: Year 5, Year 6

### **Class assemblies, Autumn term**

The dates for the class assemblies this term are in the diary below. All assemblies are on Thursdays at 9.05 am.

### **FoDS AGM - Wednesday 20 September, 7.00 pm**

The Friends of Duxford School annual general meeting will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.00pm in the Community Room. We will be discussing plans for the year ahead, so it's a great time to put forward ideas or to get a bit more information about what FODS do. All parents and carers are members of FODS and it would be lovely if you could come along.

### **After-school and lunchtime clubs**

This term's schedule of clubs is as follows:

<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Lunchtime in-house</u></b>	<b><u>Lunchtime external</u></b>	<b><u>Community room</u></b>	<b><u>Hall</u></b>
<b>Monday</b>	Eco-club, Homework/library	Tennis – chargeable, years 3/4 only, this half-term only	Orchestra – free of charge, KS2	Stage Dance – free of charge, KS2
<b>Tuesday</b>	Library	Football – free, year 5/6 only	Art – KS2, chargeable	Gym, chargeable, Yr1 upwards - full
<b>Wednesday</b>	Choir			KS1 Multisports, Camb Utd, chargeable
<b>Thursday</b>	Homework		Art – KS1, chargeable	KS2 Mad Science, chargeable
<b>Friday</b>	Chess			

Letters about tennis club, stage dance club, multisports and orchestra are going out shortly and these clubs will start in the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> September. Mad Science is starting later in the term. Art Clubs are full for this half-term but there are spaces for next half-term. Gym club starts on 19<sup>th</sup> September and letters have already gone out to children being offered places.

### **Water bottles**

Water is available for children to drink throughout the day at water fountains and bottles can be filled from the taps in the classes that have them. Fruit juice should only be brought in (if preferred) as part of a packed lunch to have at lunchtime. Please make sure that packed lunches have healthy choices.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Gould  
*Headteacher*

### **Lunches for week beginning 11 September 2017**

	<b>Red Option</b>	<b>Green Option (usually Vegetarian)</b>	<b>Blue Option (Light bite)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Pork meatballs with spaghetti	Herby spaghetti	Jacket potato with beans
<b>Tuesday</b>	Beef shepherd's pie	Quorn shepherd's pie	Egg & cress roll
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ham & tomato pizza	Cheese & tomato pizza	Jacket potato with tuna
<b>Thursday</b>	Roast chicken	Roasted vegetables in Yorkshire pudding	Ham salad baguette
<b>Friday</b>	Fish fingers & chips	Vegetable bolognese	Coronation Quorn wrap

### ***Diary Dates***

Wednesday 13 September, 3.45-5.15 pm	Meet the Teacher meetings
Wednesday 20 September, 7.00 pm	FODS AGM
Thursday 21 September, 9.00 am	Year 6 class assembly
<b>Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 September</b>	<b>Air Days</b>
Thursday 28 September, 9.00 am	Year 5 class assembly
<b>Tuesday 3 October, 9.05 am</b>	<b>Harvest assembly - to be confirmed</b>
Thursday 5 October, 9.05 am	<b>Sunflowers &amp; Daffodils Yr 1s class assembly</b>
<b>Friday 6 October</b>	<b>Years 3 and 4 to West Stow</b>
Thursday 12 October, 9.05 am	Bluebells class assembly
<b>Monday 16 to Thursday 17 October</b>	<b>Year 6 Bikeability</b>
Thursday 19 October, 9.05 am	Bramblings class assembly
<b>Friday 20 October</b>	<b>House Day</b>
Monday 23 to Friday 27 October	Half-term
<b>Thursday 16 November, 9.05 am</b>	<b>Owls class assembly</b>
<b>Thursday 23 November, 9.05 am</b>	<b>Doves class assembly</b>
Tuesday 19 December	Autumn term closes
Wednesday 3 January 2018	Professional day - school closed to pupils
Thursday 4 January	Spring term starts
Monday 12 to Friday 16 February	Half-term
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
Friday 20 July	Summer term closes for pupils
Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 July	Professional days

New entries to the diary are in bold