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Dear Parents and Carers

We are always busy in school and today was no exception! We were very pleased to host international triple jumper Daniel Lewis and Ian Miller from Sports for Schools. All the children took part in a carousel of sporting activities this afternoon and then came back to an inspiring assembly where Daniel talked about his sporting journey and fantastic achievements. Don't forget to send in your sponsorship money by next Friday 24th November.

Also today was the start of all the Year 5 class learning to play brass instruments. We have managed to get funding for tuition and the instrument loan from Cambridgeshire Music for this. A great opportunity for Year 5.

Both of these events show our continued belief that all children should be given equal opportunities in a broad and rich curriculum.

Owls class assembly

Owls shared their learning about DNA with us in their assembly. They showed us how we can extract our DNA - not as painful as it sounds! They sang a song about Anglo-Saxons and played their lyres in accompaniment. A lovely assembly - well done Owls.

Art exhibition

Thank you to everyone who came to see the artwork that our Art Club children have been working on. The exhibition will remain up in the foyer for a week or so, in case you haven't yet had a chance to have a look. See pictures on Twitter.

Grandparents' Day - Friday 24 November

Our annual Grandparents' Day is coming up fast - one of the highlights of the year. Following the resounding success of this event in previous years, we are organising the day into two sessions, to enable as many grandparents as possible to attend. There is a choice of 10.45-11.45 am or 1.15-2.15 pm.

Grandparents will be able to visit children in their classes, enjoy some singing and have a cup of tea or coffee. The Key Stage 2 playground will be open for parking for both sessions.

As in previous years if grandparents are not able to make it can they email or write a letter saying what they are doing on that day. Any photos are always welcome. All of this is shared with the class and then used as a display. We are aware that not all grandparents are still with us so if children want to bring

photos in to share, that would be lovely. In past years we have found that the grandparents visiting are very sensitive and inclusive to the children who haven't got grandparents visiting.

This event is just for grandparents - I'm sorry but we are not able to accommodate any other family members, including parents and younger children. This is because it is a special day just for grandparents to celebrate their grandchildren's work and spend time in school with them.

Water bottles

We encourage children to bring in a **named** water bottle to refill during the day. We will soon be taking out the drinking fountains, which have health and safety issues, so this will be all the more important. Children can refill their bottles at any classroom sink and they are kept in boxes in the classroom.

Coats

There are quite a lot of children still coming to school without a coat - and it is mid November now. Please could you make sure they bring a coat each day because some children are telling us they are cold at playtime.

Procedure in the event of wintry weather

It is time to remind you of the procedure if we have snow. Please check one of the following to see if we are open: our school website

(www.duxford.cambs.sch.uk) , Cambridgeshire County Council's school closures website:

http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20059/schools_and_learning/281/school_term_dates_and_closures/3, or local radio stations - BBC Radio

Cambridgeshire, Heart 103/102.7 or Star 107. We will also try to leave a message on the school answerphone if a member of staff is able to get in, but this gets very busy so please check the other options first before trying to call. If we are open, we are very likely to restrict entry to the school to the front entrance only, so the side and back gate will not be open. Access for Preschool will also be through the front entrance of school. Our Adverse Weather Conditions policy, available on the school website, gives all the details.

Christmas Fair - Friday 1st December after school

We are attaching a letter from FoDs about this year's fair, which promises to be bigger and better than ever. Featuring Duxford School choir and orchestra, a visit from Santa, Cambridge United's Marvin the Moose, wonderful refreshments and a guaranteed festive atmosphere. A must for your diaries!

Christmas dinner

Our annual Christmas dinner will be on 18 December. It is a great occasion every year when we all eat together, children and staff, and share some festive fun. As last year, we are going to assume that all children will have the cooked Christmas dinner unless we hear otherwise from you. The meal is free for

Reception and Key Stage 1 and the cost for Key Stage 2 is the same as usual - £2.30. **Your child's dinner will be charged to your account unless you opt them out in advance.** Please contact the school office by 15th December if your child will have a packed lunch instead.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Gould
Headteacher

A message from FODS - please open the attachments with this Airwaves!

Christmas fair: we have the Christmas fair coming up on December 1st 4.00-6.00, we need as many volunteers as possible to help out, we need help on the stalls, grotto, games, face paints, kitchen and set up. Please let me know how long and what time you can help on fods.email@gmail.com. Many thanks.

School lottery: If your child or even you like Harry Potter do not miss this amazing prize the chance of winning a Family Ticket to Warners Brothers Harry Potter Studio's Tour, deadline to enter is the [22nd December](#).

Lunches for week beginning 20 November 2017

	Red Option	Green Option (usually Vegetarian)	Blue Option (Light bite)
Monday	Cheesy potato bake	Quorn dippers	Quorn fajitas
Tuesday	BBQ chicken	Veggie burrito	Ham baguette
Wednesday	All day brunch	All day vegetarian brunch	Falfel wrap
Thursday	Beef & Yorkshire	Roasted quorn fillet	Tomato & mozzarella bruschetta
Friday	Fish fingers	Cheese & tomato pinwheels	Cheesy scone

Diary Dates

Wednesday 22 November	Last date for photo orders via school
Thursday 23 November, 9.05 am	Doves class assembly
Thursday 23 November	Yoga Day
Friday 24 November	Grandparents' Day
Friday 1 December, 4.00-6.00 pm	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 6 December, 9.30 am	Reception/KS1 nativity performance
Thursday 7 December, 6.00 pm	Reception/KS1 nativity performance
Monday 11 December, 4.00 pm	Last Stage Dance club - show for parents
Tuesday 12 December, pm	Key Stage 2 Talent Show
Thursday 14 December, pm	Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas party
Tuesday 19 December, 2.00 pm	Carols in the hall - all welcome Autumn term closes
Wednesday 3 January 2018	Professional day - school closed to pupils
Thursday 4 January	Spring term starts
Saturday 20 January	Burns Night ceilidh
Monday 12 to Friday 16 February	Half-term
Friday 23 February	Children's disco
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