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Dear Parents and Carers

This morning we have had a visit from our local MP, Heidi Allen. She has enjoyed a tour of all the classes and has answered lots of questions from the School Council. There will be some photos going up on the website very soon. The School Council was thrilled to be invited to visit Heidi Allen at the Houses of Parliament!

The children had a fantastic time at the discos last Friday. A big thank you to the FoDs for organising the discos so well and making it such a fun evening. It was lovely to see so many helpers on hand - both parents and school staff.

A meeting was held for Year 6 parents about this year's SATs tests on Wednesday evening. If you were unable to attend, please have a look at the presentation, which is being put on the Year 6 page of the website. The children have also been given an information booklet for parents. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Blackburne-Maze.

English Week

Next week is 'English Week', which will involve all classes from Reception to Year 6. There are many exciting activities planned with one requiring the children to bring in their favourite book. The book could be narrative, poetry or non-fiction and will need to remain in school all week. On Thursday 11th February between 9:15 and 10 am, there will be an open morning for all parents and carers to come into school and visit their children's class. This will be an opportunity to see what 'English' themed activities the children have been up to during the week and look at our special 'Big Write' books. In addition to this we are inviting the children to 'get caught reading'. Please see the letter on the website for details.

500 words writing competition

Tying in nicely with our English Week, it's the time of year again when Radio 2 run their 500 words story writing competition for children aged 5 - 13. Mrs Blackburne-Maze will be working with a group of our most able writers from Years 5 and 6 but everyone is free to enter the competition on their own. Follow this link for more details:

<https://500words.external.bbc.co.uk/opportunity/1>

Winter Sports Day - Friday 12 February

Winter Sports Day is an annual Duxford tradition and great fun. All the children take part, in house teams with representatives from each class, and move around the school doing indoor games such as jumping, basketball and throwing bean bags. It makes for a very special day and it is lovely to watch how kind and encouraging the older children always are with the younger ones and how much all the children enjoy themselves.

Year 3 and 4 indoor athletics

A team of 8 children from years 3 and 4 have been selected to take part in the cluster group sports finals at Sawston Village College next Thursday 11 February. We wish them all the best.

Ickleton/Hinxton bus - vacancy for escort

We have been asked by CL Travel if anyone is interested in the position of escort on the school bus each morning and evening. The bus company collects the escort and drops them off at home afterwards. Please contact Brian at CL Travel (01763 209328) if you are interested in finding out more.

CCS lunches - new menus for spring

We have sent home with the children new school lunch menus starting after half-term. As well as adding some new meal choices, the caterers have introduced a third choice of main meal, often a baked potato or salad.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Gould
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 8 to Friday 12 February	English Week
Thursday 11 February, 9.15-10.00 am	Open morning for parents/carers
Friday 12 February	Winter sports day
Monday 15 to Friday 19 February	Half-term
Tuesday 23 February	No gym club today
Wednesday 2 March, 4.00-6.20 pm	Parent consultations
Thursday 3 March, 4.00-6.20 pm	Parent consultations
Tuesday 15 March, 2.00 pm	Key Stage 2 production
Thursday 17 March, 6.00 pm	Key Stage 2 production
Thursday 24 March	Spring term closes. Easter challenges!
Monday 11 April	Professional day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 12 April	Summer term opens
Monday 2 May	May bank holiday
Monday 9 to Thursday 12 May	SATs for Year 6
Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June	Half-term
Monday 6 June	Professional day - school closed to pupils
Monday 13 to Tuesday 14 June	Year 5 to Eaton Vale
Wednesday 15 to Friday 17 June	Year 6 to Caythorpe
Friday 24 June, 3.30 pm	Summer Fair
Friday 1 July	Seaside Day
Thursday 14 July	Sports Day (reserve Friday 15th)
Thursday 21 July	Summer term closes Leavers' assembly 2.00 pm

New entries to the diary are in bold.

VACANCY FOR PLAY WORKER

The DX Club offers breakfast and afterschool care for children attending Duxford C of E Community Primary School.

We have a vacancy for a play worker to join our small and friendly team. The successful candidate will work primarily in the afterschool club and on occasions will provide emergency cover for the breakfast club. Hours are negotiable but we can offer you up to 15hrs per week, Monday to Friday 3.15pm to 6.15pm, during term time only. Experience of working with children is desirable but not essential. This position is subject to reference checks and an enhanced DBS check.

For more information please contact The DX Club. E-mail:

thedxclub@hotmail.co.uk

Or application packs will be available from the School Office.

Lunch options, week beginning Monday 8 February

	Red Option	Blue Option
Monday	Chicken burger	Cauliflower & broccoli bake
Tuesday	Pancake day menu - pizza and pancakes	Pancake day menu - pizza and pancakes
Wednesday	Pork meatballs	Quorn balls
Thursday	Roast turkey	Cheese whirl
Friday	Fish fingers	Leek & potato bake