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Dear Parents and Carers

Today the children have been enjoying Winter Sports Day. They have used a number of skills - skipping, jumping and throwing as well as co-operating in a team and using tactics to gain extra points. Well done to Team 4 for the overall win.

Assertive Mentoring Conversations and Mini reports.

This week teachers have been talking individually to each child in their class (Years 1 - 6), about how their learning is progressing and how they could get even better. This information will be put into a mini report for parents and will be sent out when we return from the half term break, ready to be discussed with parents at parents evening. Following feedback from parents about the target sheets that were sent home last term, we have changed the format to one that we hope is clearer.

Parents evenings, Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd March

We are sending home letters with the children today inviting you to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher between 4.00 and 6.20 on the above dates. Please return the reply slips on Monday 22nd February, so that we can sort the appointments out and return the times to you by Friday 26th February. As previously, Year 6 pupils are invited to attend parents evening with their parents and as this has been so successful, we would now like to extend this to Year 5 pupils.

English Week

Our first English week has been a wonderful success, with the children becoming authors, illustrators and much more. The week began with the whole school writing a new adventure for Stickman, from the Julia Donaldson story. Some of the ideas the children came up with were brilliant and shows what great talented writers we have in our school. Later this term, each class will have one child's Stickman story published in the first edition of our school newspaper - so watch this space! There was also a poetry illustration competition. Key Stage One and Reception children drew their interpretation of Spike Milligan's *On the Ning Nang Nong*, while Key Stage 2 children drew what they felt Edgar Allan Poe's, *The Raven* is portraying. The winning entries, each receiving a £5 book voucher, are, William (Reception), Moses (Sunflowers), Alara (Bluebells), Rosie (Yr3), Chloe (Yr4), Lucy (Yr5) and Oliver (Yr6). Congratulations to them and all the children for their entries. Thank you to all parents who came into school during our English lesson open morning. We hope you enjoyed seeing the children in action, engaged in literacy activities and enjoying learning.

Year 3 and 4 indoor athletics

On Thursday, four children from Year 3 and four from Year 4 competed against pupils from other local schools in the finals of an indoor athletics competition. Events included: shuttle runs, standing long and high jumps, target throwing and even indoor javelin! The children competed well, enjoyed themselves and represented the school proudly. After all the results were totalled, Duxford won the Year 3 competition and the Year 4 children came in bronze medal position!

Year 6 £5 challenge - Bake Sale

As part of their challenge to use their £5 to raise money for EACH, Year 6 will be holding a Bake Sale at the end of school on Tuesday 23rd February, 3.30-4.00, in the school hall. Children who travel home on the bus will have an opportunity to visit the stalls, so they can bring in a little money to spend on that day if they would like to.

We wish you all a lovely half-term break. School reopens on Monday 22 February.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Gould
Headteacher

Diary Dates

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 15 th)
Thursday 21 July	Summer term closes Leavers' assembly 2.00 pm

New entries to the diary are in bold.

Lunch options, week beginning Monday 22 February**Please note the change to the coloured bands.**

	Red Option	Green Option (Vegetarian)	Blue Option (Light bite)
Monday	Pork and apple burger in a bun	Quorn grill in a bun	Jacket potato with three bean chilli
Tuesday	Chicken and tomato pasta bake	Bean and Vegetable bake	Ham Salad with garlic and herb focaccia
Wednesday	Pork meatballs in tomato sauce	Quorn balls in tomato sauce	Jacket potato with tuna and sweetcorn
Thursday	Roast Turkey	Roast Vegetables and Yorkshire pudding	Egg and cress on an open bun
Friday	Fish fillet and chips	Cauliflower, potato and chickpea curry	Cheese Ploughman's

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:

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Or application packs will be available from the School Office.