

F DUNCOMBE'S **FOOTPRINTS**



We would like to wish you a very happy and holy Easter. Easter is the most important festival in our Christian calendar and the foundation of the Christian faith. We have spoken to the children about the relevance of Easter in our prayer group this week. Children return to school on **Wednesday 19th April 2017**.

Children Being Sick

We are still having instances of children being affected by diarrhoea and/or vomiting. This is usually caused by a virus which is spread by unwashed hands.

Public Health, England has given us the following advice:

Any child who has either or both symptoms should be kept at home for **48**

hours following the last episode of sickness/diarrhoea.

To prevent the spread of infection, please ensure that all your family regularly wash their hands, especially after going to the toilet and before handling food. Keep all surfaces in your home clean, especially in the kitchen and toilet areas to reduce possible contamination.

Any child returning to school before 48 hours will be sent back home.

Please help us by abiding by the advice given to us by Public Health – thank you!

David Bowie Spring Concert

Many congratulations go to all our musicians, Year 3, 4 and 5 and the school choir for the wonderful Spring Concert. The performances were wonderful and really showed us in the very best light. We are also most grateful to Arts and Media School Islington

who once again provided their wonderful theatre free of charge for our performances!

Terrorist Incident at Westminster

Our children requested a two minute silence in memory of the people injured or killed during the terrorist incident at Westminster last week. We paused for thought on Thursday morning. We received a message from our partner school, Ecole San Denis in Paris passing on their condolences to the people of London. They hoped they would be given permission to visit us as usual this summer.

Collecting your child at home time

Please be aware that your children are your responsibility once you have collected them at 3:30pm. If you do not leave the school premises immediately please ensure all children in your care are safe and well-behaved. They must be supervised by you if

they are using playground equipment.

Use of school toilets

Under no circumstances can any parents enter the children's toilets. If you do need to take your child in to use a toilet, please ask permission from a member of staff and use the disabled toilet on the ground floor.

SCHOOL MONEY

System for Payments Online

After Easter we will be introducing a facility for parents to make payments online for school activities such as school trips, school uniform and after school clubs. An explanation letter will be sent out on our return to school. With the exception of Tuck Shop, parents will no longer have to find the correct change or having to write cheques out. To ensure we experience the maximum benefit from this service, we are requesting that all parents notify the school office of any changes to their mobile numbers or email addresses.

School Uniform Reminder!

We will be focusing heavily on children wearing the correct uniform to school. Your child may be sent home from school if they are not wearing the appropriate uniform. We have attached a copy of our uniform list for you to refer to. Please also remember that only

sensible haircuts are permitted at Duncombe. **NO** cut out designs, Mohawk hair shaved at different lengths or coloured hair are allowed. Jewellery must not be worn to school, with the exception of small stud earrings. Also, please ensure that all items of your child's school uniform are clearly labelled with their name written in them. The school cannot be held responsible for items of school uniform that have been lost or taken.

Marker pens are available to buy from the school office for £1.00. All named uniform goes back to the right child, all unnamed uniform obviously doesn't.

Day's out in London and Beyond

Jayne gave a wonderful coffee morning today all about exciting plans both in Islington and beyond in London to take your child over the holiday's. We are unable to tell you about all that she talked about but we hope the leaflet attached will give you lots of ideas. Please let Jayne know if you are aware of any discount vouchers or coupons parents can get for children's outings or activities and we will let all parents know on Friday's.

Holiday Reading

Please ensure your child reads every day whilst on holiday. Our Governors have asked us to award every child who reads

every day a beautiful wooden ruler with all our Kings and Queens printed on the side. What a wonderful and really useful present. Please read every day and receive a super prize!

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone that contributed to our collection for Red Nose Day. The total amount raised was £348.30. If you owe money, please hand your £1.00 into the school office.

Reporting Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please telephone the school office on **020 7272 5620 extension 802** or email them on attendance@duncombeprietary.co.uk to report the absence. If you are unable to speak to a member of the admin team, there is a facility to leave a message on the answer phone. **Please note it is your responsibility as parents to notify the school of your child's absence on a daily basis, not just on the first day of an illness.**

Farewells

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Kate Cameron, one of our Year 1 teachers. Kate and her family will be relocating to Hong Kong. She has been a wonderful asset to our school and a good friend to us all. She will be

greatly missed. We wish
her and her family the
very best for the future.

**We wish you all a
safe and happy
holiday.**

