

F DUNCOMBE'S FOOTPRINTS



Social Media

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteachers, staff and in some cases parents or pupils. Duncombe Primary considers the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable and not in the best interest of children or the whole school community. Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Headteacher or the Chair of Governor, so that they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned. In the event that any parent/pupil is found to be posting libelous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network site will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. In serious cases the school will consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites. Additionally, and perhaps more

importantly is the issue of cyber bullying and the use by any member of the community to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We have acted and will continue to deal with any incidents of this nature as a serious incident of bullying.

Celebrations in School

Duncombe's community and its celebration of Christian, Jewish, Muslim and many other religious festivals is a leading light in Islington. The way our parents and children from all different backgrounds come together at these festivals to share an understanding and celebrate this diversity is quite inspirational. There is an expectation on all of us that we partake in these celebrations; it is not possible to pick and choose. For instance one cannot opt out of our Christmas celebration of the nativity and then expect to be included in the celebration of Christmas in a party. I would like to make it very clear that we will expect you to collect your child from school

when these events go on if you are making the decision to opt out, as everyone will be involved and there will not be staff available to mind individual children. To ensure that our community at Duncombe is truly multicultural and tolerant please encourage your child to join in the full range of both religious and non religious celebrations at our school.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who sent in food supplies for the school's collection for the Harvest Festival. We delivered our offerings to the Hive Food Bank and the Trussell Trust Food Bank, who were enormously grateful. We have attached a copy of the Newsletter we received from Hive Food Bank.

Christmas Events

Please find attached a copy of the events taking place during December at Duncombe. Please note concerts for Year groups 3, 4, 5 and 6 will take place during the Spring and Summer terms.

Children Missing From Education

All parents considering moving abroad with their children or sending them to schools abroad should be aware of their safe arrival and placement in an approved school. If after reasonable effort we are unable to contact their future school they are deemed 'Missing from Education' and the Police will take responsibility for clarifying their safety. Please ensure we are fully informed of the details of any receiving school and that their new school are aware of their responsibility to confirm to us, that is Duncombe School, of their safe arrival and admittance to the school register

Reception Intake September 2017

If you have a child born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 (our current Nursery) then your child could start our Reception class in September 2017. All applications must be completed online by **13th January 2017**. If you would like to use the school computers to apply, we have organised a parent workshop on **Friday 6th December 2016 between 9.00am and 11.00am** in the Data Base at Duncombe

School. Staff will be on hand to assist you with the application. Please inform the school office if you would like to attend this session. Also, please bear in mind that Duncombe is always heavily oversubscribed. We had 120 disappointed parents and children this year.

Christmas Dinner

The school traditional Christmas dinner for children will be on **Wednesday 14th December 2016** and the American Diner style lunch will be on **Wednesday 21st December 2016**. If your child usually has a packed lunch and you would like them to have either or both of the above then please inform Nicky in the school office ASAP. If you have not completed an application form to receive free school meals, the charge will be £2.85 per child, per meal.

Uniform Shop

Our next uniform shop will be held on **Wednesday 7th December 2016** from 9.00 a.m. until 10.00 a.m.

Christmas Break

Advanced notification that we break up for the Christmas holiday on **Wednesday 21st December 2016** at the

earlier time of 1.30pm.

Children will return to school on **Wednesday 4th January 2017** at the usual times of 8.55am for juniors and 9.00am for infants.