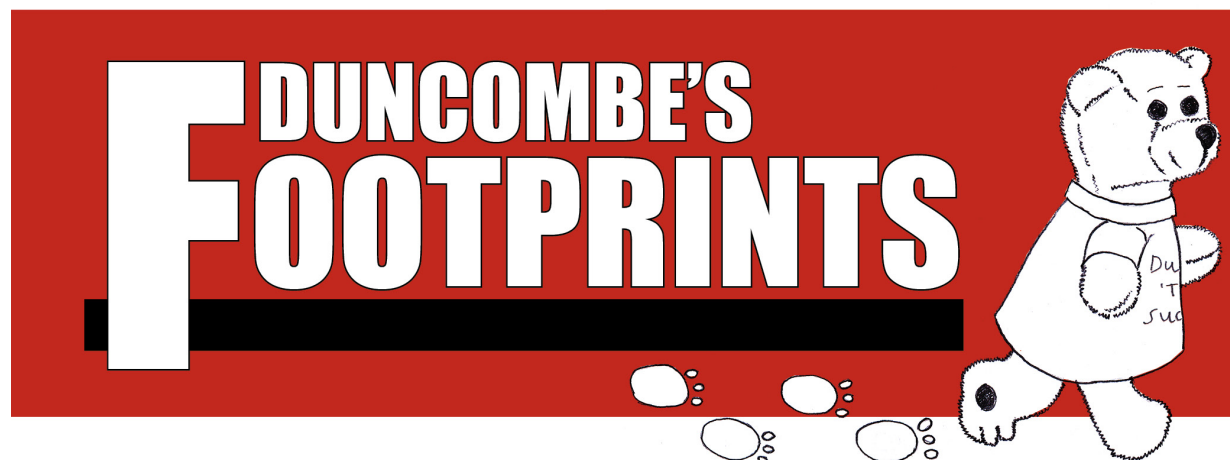


April 2017



Polling Day

Reminder - the school will be **closed to all children and staff on Thursday 8th June 2017** as Duncombe is a Polling Station for the General Election

Bank Holiday Monday

A reminder to all parents that school is closed on **Monday 1st May 2017** as it is a national Bank Holiday. School will re-open on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 as normal.

Reception Entry for September 2017

We were once again over-subscribed for our Reception places this year. Over 138 parents applied for places for their children, this meant that unfortunately some children were not offered places at Duncombe. We are delighted that Duncombe is so highly thought of, but very disappointed for those parents who were not successful.

Two Year Olds at Duncombe School

We are delighted to inform you that we will be setting up a new two year old

provision at Duncombe Primary School from September 2017. The 2 Year old provision (15 hours per week) is only available to eligible families. Parents can check eligibility by going through this website. You will be directed to your local authority website, then follow the links to register.

<https://www.gov.uk/find-free-early-education>

We will be following the Islington guidance in our allocation of places so will be offering 10 places to children turning 2 this term. (April - August). We are also looking into possibly taking on children who will eventually start in our nursery class this year, either in January or April (the term after they are 3). Please attend one of our meetings on 22nd May 2017 @ 9:05am/3:35pm if you are interested in applying for 2 year old or nursery place. We will be discussing the information around eligibility and places.

Year 6 SATs

Our children in Year 6 will be taking their SATs during the week beginning 8th May 2017. Our staff have

worked very hard to ensure our children do their very best. We had an Easter study school and in addition to our regular booster classes organised a Saturday school. Many thanks go to the staff who gave up their time to help our children prepare for these very important assessments.

Requested Absences During School Time

Please find attached a letter from Martin Fullbrook, our EWO (Education Welfare Officer), with regards to children's absences. If you would like to discuss any issues with regards to absences with Martin, please telephone him on 07720 996615.

Sikh Celebrations

Harkirat Singh from the Sikh Education Service visited Duncombe last Friday. Harkirat worked with Years 5 in the morning and Year 1 in the afternoon. He also spoke to all our children in our full school assembly about Baisakhi.

Change of Address/Telephone Numbers

If you have moved address or changed any of your telephone numbers, please inform the school office as a matter of urgency. It is very important that we have up to date contact details for all our children.

Class Photographs

The School Photographer will be visiting Duncombe on Tuesday 13th June 2017 to take class photographs (not individual children). Please ensure that your child is wearing their full Duncombe School Uniform as normal.

Holocaust Memorial Day

We remembered the Holocaust sufferers from different cultures over the centuries last Monday with a very different two minute silence. We sounded no bells to start and finish and left it up to our teachers to present the moment in an appropriate way.

Girlguiding in Islington

Please find attached information Luisa Myers-Nobbs who is a volunteer with Girlguiding in Islington. They currently have vacancies for Rainbow, Brownie's and Guides, please contact her direct if you would like your daughter to participate.

Parent Photography Course

This three weeks course is open to all our parents, please refer to the attached flyer for more details.

Outstanding Achievers Awards

We have attached a list of our Outstanding Achievers Award winners. Many congratulations go to all the children who are listed.

School Uniform Price Increase

The suppliers of our school uniform have informed us that there has been a slight increase on our uniform; this increase will take effect as from 1st May 2017. We have attached an up to date price list for your information.

Uniform Shop

The next uniform shop will be held on **Wednesday 3rd May 2017** from 9.00 a.m. until 10.00 a.m.

Last day of Summer Term

Advance notification that we will be finishing school for the summer holidays on **Friday 21st July 2017** at the earlier time of **1.30pm**

Half Term Holiday

We break up for the half term holiday on **Friday 26th May 2017** and children will return to school on **Monday 5th June 2017**.

We wish you all a safe, happy and restful Bank Holiday weekend.

