



## What's happening week commencing 15/1/2017



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*Our Value this week is 'GENEROSITY'*

Things you might need to know about the timetable for this week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5 PE – Narwhal  Lunchtime Homework Club  After school Dodgeball Club – 3.15 – 4.15	Y4 PE - All classes (Coyote and Gecko) swimming this ½ term)	Y6 PE – All Classes  Homework due in for all children	Y3 PE – All classes (Orca and Starfish swimming this ½ term)  Y5 PE – Penguin	Y5 PE – Caribou and Puffin  Homework set for all children  After school Football Club – 3.15 – 4.15

Please make sure your child's reading book and journal are brought into school every day.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January** – Puffin Class Learning Assembly – 2.40pm
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January** – Fennec Class Learning Assembly – 2.40pm
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Parent Café – 9.00-10.00
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Jaguar Class Learning Assembly – 2.40pm
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** – Parents' Evening – 3.30 – 6.30; Friends Tea and Coffee and Bake Sale; and Book Fair after school
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Orca Class Learning Assembly – 2.40pm
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February** – Half Term – school closed

### Dinner Menu

Autumn/Winter Menu  
  
 Week beginning  
  
 15/1/17 – Week 3  
  
 See website for menu

### LAST WEEK'S BEHAVIOUR AWARDS, HOUSE POINTS AWARD WINNERS AND OF THE WEEK

- 10** – Max Meeson, Ethan Broome, Kameran Collins-Iddi, Maisie-Ann Day, Taylor Harris
- 25** – Daisy Hill, Bryony Bateman, Tom Fowgies, Jasmyn Wilcock, Josh Downing, Jamie Sexton
- 50** - Oscar Peachment                      **100** - Lacey Bonner                      **150** - Esme Mottley
- 250** – Vanessa Heron, Imy Holley                      **300** - Jody Ryder, Liam Playford                      **750!!!** – Olivia Macey
- Behaviour Awards: 25** – Ellicia Upton, Jasmin Norton, Joel Jimmy, Jenson Mackrow, Aleena Roy, Eva Freeman, Khye Street, Lexy Carroll, Brett Moore, Dawson D'Agostino, Aaron Jones
- Behaviour Awards: 50** – Martha Rogers, Oliver Black, Max Meeson, Lewis Quinn, Summer Bullock, Jessica Pallett, Finley Yarr, Sebastian Heron, Alfina Roy, Chloe Goodwin-Nelson



### MESSAGES AND REMINDERS

**Reading and Homework** – All homework in every year group is set on a Friday and is due in on the following Wednesday. Amongst other tasks, homework includes working on Mathematics and reading at least 3 times a week. Reading is incredibly important; please try and find time to do this with your son or daughter as well encouraging them to read at every opportunity.

**This Week's Top Attenders** – Whole School = 95.89% Lower school = Stingray Class with 100%; Upper School = Toucan Class with 97.92%

**Safety** – We have had a number of parents and visitors come into school and tell us that some of our pupils are not behaving safely outside of school. This appears to be mostly happening at the start of the day when children are waiting to come. We really do not want any pupils to get hurt, so can you please remind your children to not play in and around the roads near school.

**Friends** – We desperately need more members in the school's FRIENDS. They do a fantastic job organising events and raising money for the school. If you are interested in joining them, please contact the school office and leave a message for Mrs Bodiam

**Attendance** - Please make ensure you phone school each and **every** day of absence, as we need to be aware.

If your child has an appointment to attend, please come in and fill out one of our green forms that makes us aware prior to appointments.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Anyone that applied for the clubs on either Monday or Friday, will be told today. If your child did not receive a letter, they did not get in I'm afraid. Keep your eye out though – more clubs coming soon!

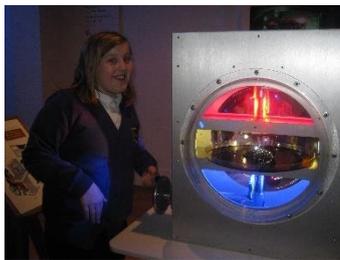
## Year 6 Trip to the Science Museum



After a fun filled journey, we arrived at the Museum. We walked up a never ending (or so it seemed) set of stairs and arrived at the Wonder Lab. This is a place where you can interact with everything in sight.

After lunch we went to explore the whole museum. It was huge with so many different exhibits, from space to cars.

Our day in London was full of surprises. We wished we could have stayed for longer.



Harry Anakin, Charlie Barret and Corin Webster. Jaguar class

## Year Three – Dragon Egg Discovery

There was a surprise parcel left at the school on Tuesday morning which caused excitement in Year Three.

There had been a mistake by the courier firm who should have delivered it to Durham Academy. Mr Dack made a call and found out it was a scientific laboratory where unusual creatures and rare species are kept. The professor asked that the children open the box and care for what was inside.

Imagine the children's surprise when the box was opened to reveal three dragon eggs! There has been much interest in the eggs and lots of speculation when they might hatch.

Mr Dack was interviewed by Year Three children about what he knew about the eggs and the professor.

In English this half term, we are writing a newspaper report, the arrival of the eggs has given us a great topic on which to write the reports and we are looking



forward to publishing some reports in future newsletters.

## Year 4 at the Castle...Walking Like Egyptians

On Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2018, all of year 4 children at Dereham Church Of England Junior Academy took a trip to Norwich Castle Museum. Here is a picture of Norwich Castle Museum.



When we were in the Castle Museum, I realised it looked totally different to when I last visited!

Firstly, we had to hang our coats and bags on a rack. At 10:20am, we all had to go upstairs to a lecture theatre where they put on a scene where an archaeologist took the pharaoh's statue to examine but 2 Egyptians shouted at her. So all day we had to think about who was right, the

archaeologist or the Egyptians? What do you think?

Next up, we got split into groups - 1, 2, 3 and 4. We are so lucky because our class was group 1! So our group got to go off with Doctor Derry, the archaeologist. She took us to a sort of classroom for archaeologists that study Egyptian artefacts. So Doctor Derry taught us all about three Egyptian gods: Horus, a falcon and the god and goddess, Isis and Osiris. Then, she let us look at some Egyptian artefacts from over 3,000 years ago - ooh!



Our second activity was really gory but well cool! A man took us back to the lecture theatre to learn all about mummification. It was very, VERY gory! We learned how to make a mummy and what 5 organs do and don't need to keep. We said they were: the Lungs, Heart, Brain, Liver, and Guts. Eeewwww! Then he showed us an X-ray. I guessed it was Tutankhamun. It showed us its head, feet and veins inside the coffin. Lastly in that session, we went into a history room and saw a rotten mummy with black skin. SO



GORY...ahh!



And all of sudden, Fennec class came round shouting... 'ALL HAIL Tutankhamun!!!' who was the pharaoh of Egypt, a rich man. Then after lunch, we got taken with someone to a hall and got dressed up as Egyptians. Cool!! Girls had to wear a t-shirt with coloured string they were white so it didn't attract the sun. Boys had to wear a sort of skirt from doing all of the work in 40\* Degrees celcius daily so they wouldn't get too sweaty! We got to wash clothes in the river Nile but there were crocodiles!! I died!

The last activity was with a lady in an art Gallery. She was strict. She taught a pose to do to show we were listening! We got to make an Egyptian Collar that were precious to Egyptians. We made them out of coloured paper and glue. Did you know silver was more precious than gold?!

Finally, we went to the lecture theatre where we had to say who was right, archaeologist or Egyptians. I said Egyptians but then I changed my mind because we wouldn't be there if she hadn't have examined the statue.

We all had a great day on Tuesday at the amazing Norwich Castle Museum.

**By Libby Mckenzie and Annabelle Collier - Scorpion Class year 4**





## **Sutton Who? Anglo-Saxons in Year 5**

This half term, Year Five are going to learning all about Anglo-Saxons. This week, to kick off our topic, each class became historians for an afternoon! The children learnt all about the process of historical enquiry, using archaeological evidence from Sutton Hoo burial site in Suffolk to come up with their own hypothesis to answer the questions, 'What was buried at Sutton Hoo?' and 'Was anyone buried at Sutton Hoo?' Using historical clues, such as artefacts found at the burial site and an extract from the Old English text 'Beowulf', the children were able to determine that someone was buried at Sutton Hoo. They then applied their enquiry skills to deduce that Raedwald (King of East Anglia) was the most likely person to have been buried there.

As the half term progresses, all four classes will learn more about the Anglo-Saxon period and what daily life was like during this time. They will use all they learn to build models which show elements of what life was like.



## **Community News**

The end of last term was very busy for our Friends and pupils. The Christmas Fayre was a great success as was the Charity hour which raised loads of money for our chosen charity – the Dereham Food-Bank .

Money raised by the 'Friends' is very important as it supports the school in a number of ways. One of the suggestions this year, has been to provide better wet-playtime games and activities. Mrs Challenger and Mrs Youngs - from the 'Friends' - met with the School Council last half-term, to find out what things the children would like to see in their wet-playtime boxes. The children will be trialling some wet-playtime boxes in the next few weeks.

Sadly, as many of you know, we had to cancel the Christmas School Disco because there were not enough volunteer parents to help run it safely. This was a great disappointment to the children and also meant that we missed out on raising more money to spend on the children.

The Friends are keen to support our next initiative, which will be to develop the playground environment and support playtime activities. This is a big project, which will require significant fund-raising. This usually happens from the proceeds from discos, the Christmas Fayre and the Summer Fete. In order to help raise this money and provide more activities for children and parents, we need parents to help with these events.

With this in mind, we would like to ask that if you are able to spare time to either join our 'Friends' committee or support at 'Friends' events such as the disco, please do contact Mrs Challenger, Mrs Youngs or myself to find out more. You can also contact the school office to arrange for a DBS check, which is a requirement for working in schools and with children. This is a free, quick and very simple process that Mrs Birchenall would do with you in the office.

The Friends, though very small with just a handful of members (2 parents have left recently as their children have moved schools), are a lovely group of people and are very welcoming. Whilst the work of fund-raising is not always easy and does require time, the rewards are great for both parents and children. We do hope that you will be able to offer your support to enable us to provide the 'extras' for your children that make a big difference to the enjoyment they have whilst here.

*Mrs Bodiam (Teacher with responsibility for Community Cohesion)*