

Duncton CE Junior report to Parish Council  
May 2016

We have had another busy and exciting year at school. We ended our year last summer with a concert inspired by our link with an Indian school, we were on the school field at Duncton with all children from Nursery to Year 6 taking a role dancing or acting. We intend to do the same format this summer term, using Shakespeare as our inspiration.

Currently, we have 62 children at school, which means that we continue to have three classes and are busy completing many trips and activities this summer term. We are looking forward to taking part in the church 150th anniversary and flower festival.

Graffham Nursery also continues being a strong and vibrant place to learn for children from 2 and a half, to their year that they start school. We had a Nursery Ofsted inspection in June 2015 where the staff gained a Good rating. We continue to spend more and more time learning outside and developing opportunities to extend their curiosity and imaginations.

This hands on, outdoor style of learning continues through into Reception, Year 1 and 2 and into Dunctons classes also. Children are given active opportunities where they can show what they are interested in and their skills within those tasks. The new national curriculum expects children to show learning that is embedded into other subjects across the curriculum. We continue to spend a lot of time in local woodland, both at Ash Copse and Duncton Common for our forest school sessions.

Therefore we work hard to ensure that we use our local area for trips. We have been to the River Rother today with the year six; we will be visiting Botany Bay, Coultershaw Beam pump and Arundel cricket club in the next few weeks.

Children also spend time representing the school at sporting events, such as football and netball matches. We work closely with the other schools in the local area and play sports with their teams. We are also using Seafords athletics facilities again later in the term.

We were very pleased to see so many members of the Duncton community at our Queens birthday celebrations a couple of weeks ago. We saw so many villagers, some who had not been to visit the school, some since they were at school there! The children shared their cakes with our visitors and then invited them to come and look around the school to see their activities based on Queen Elizabeth. This was so successful that we would love to do something similar again!