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13<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

## PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

### Comic Relief

This Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, the school council have decided that the school should dress up 'silly' to raise funds for Comic Relief. Be as silly or as sensible as you would like – it's all for a good cause. We ask that children bring £1 to go towards Comic Relief.

### PTA

The PTA have arranged a bag pack at Tesco's this Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, from 10am until 2pm. So far we haven't had many offers of volunteers to support. If your child would be interested (and they are in year 4-6) then please visit the office to complete a form. The more children they have, the more money they can raise!

Later in the year, the PTA are going to hold a uniform sale. This gives parents the opportunity to donate any school uniform which is still in good condition but no longer fits. There will then be a sale where parents can purchase any of the uniform. If you have any uniform which you no longer require but is in good condition, please hand to a member of the PTA or the school office.

### Letters

For the foreseeable future, letters (including the fortnightly newsletter) will be emailed out on a Thursday. If a letter is urgent, there may be an exception but otherwise, please look out for letters on a Thursday.

### Easter Egg Decorating competition

To celebrate Easter in school this year, we will be holding an Egg decorating competition in school. The theme for the decorating is anything beginning with 'E'. This will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. The eggs should be decorated at home and brought in on the Friday. They will be judged throughout the afternoon and the winners announced in an assembly. The PTA will be providing prizes! All the eggs will then be on display in the playground for parents to see before the children take them home for Easter.

### Meet the governor

Alongside the leadership team at Dunswell, governors are responsible for deciding on the strategic direction of the school. This includes contributing to decisions on:

- vision and values
- staffing

- curriculum
- finance
- premises
- behaviour and standards
- equality and inclusion
- health, safety and safeguarding
- special educational needs
- parental and community engagement

The Governing Body is drawn from parents, the local community and staff within the school.

In every newsletter, we will include a meet the governor section initially and then a section which includes governor information, such as visits in school and updates which they would like to inform you about.

Louise Harte (Parent Governor with responsibility for SEND)

I myself attended Dunswell Primary as a child. Once leaving high school I went straight onto working as a travel agent and still do today. I run my own business from home. I have two children who attend Dunswell Academy who are now in years 4 and 2.

I have been a parent governor since 2015 and have the responsibility of SEND and I also support class 4 in their areas of learning and topics. I feel that been a governor allows me to input my views and support the school to help maintain the standards and I can also help set the best interests for Dunswell Academy as well as for my own children.

I am contactable via the school office.

Future dates:

Spring Term Parents' Evenings – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Dress silly for Comic Relief – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Bag Packing at Tesco – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 10am – 2pm

Movie Night – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 6pm to 8.30pm

Class 3 production – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Dress rehearsal @ 2pm and evening performance @ 6.30pm in the Sports Hall

Year 4 residential – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Assembly – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April @ 9.15am

Bikeability, Cycling proficiency (Year 5 children who have previously signed up) – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

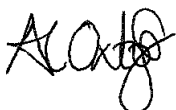
Easter egg decorating competition – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

School closed – 8<sup>th</sup> April to 22<sup>nd</sup> April

School opens for Summer term – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Thanking you for your continued support now and into the future.

Yours sincerely



Alison Oxtoby  
Head of School



Chris Huscroft  
Executive Headteacher