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PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you all managed to relax and enjoy some family time together.

Recent updates

Please ensure that you have read the recent update letter which was sent out on Tuesday. This includes detail about PE sessions and PE kit. I would like to confirm that children can wear their PE kit **ALL DAY** on the day of their PE session. PE kits must follow school expectations as below:

Footwear for Games and PE

Black shorts, white school PE t-shirt* and school hoodie.

Track Suits/Joggers

When the weather gets wetter and colder, your children will definitely need a track suit or jogging bottoms with a warm jumper, tracksuit top or school hoodie which must be different from their school uniform cardigan or sweatshirt. Please note that jeans, tracksuit bottoms or black trousers, trainers and 'fashion' shoes, and brightly coloured socks are not recognised as suitable attire for school.

The PE days are now as follows:

Class 1 – Monday

Class 2 – Wednesday

Class 3 – Tuesday

Class 4 – Tuesday

COVID Update

Should your child or anyone in the family home display COVID symptoms, please contact the school to ensure that the correct procedures are followed.

Following government guidance, windows in the classrooms are open to allow a well-ventilated room. As the colder weather approaches, please ensure that children are prepared for colder weather with perhaps a fleece or additional jumper. School hoodies can also be worn at this time.

Christmas cards

On Thursday, your child was sent home with their Christmas card design (if they were in school when the cards were designed). If you would like to order, payment needs to be made using the bank details of the PTA account which are included in the plastic wallet. The plastic wallet and order form should be returned to school and placed in the box which will be at the gate every morning next week. We cannot be responsible for checking book bags for these orders. The order will only be made if payment is received into the PTA bank account and the order form has been received by Friday 13th November at the latest.

Parent Governor

Dunswell Academy has a position for a parent governor on their Local Governing Board (LGB). I feel that we are currently not in the position to have a vote for a position if there was a lot of interest in the position. Therefore, I would currently just like to gauge interest for the role by asking for expressions of interest to be emailed to the school office (office@dunswellacademy.co.uk) This will allow the school to see what interest for the position is like and voting can be held at a later date when all parents are able to engage more with one another.

Cranedale Residential

Due to the current lock down, Cranedale residential for the current Year 5 children (postponed from April) has been cancelled. Refunds for this residential will be created via Parent Pay and returned to you in the next two weeks. Any questions, please contact the school office.

We are still awaiting news about the Robinwood residential.

Future dates

There are currently no future dates to share

We strongly recognise the part which parents play in their child's education. We can work together as a partnership to ensure that we all promote high standards of learning, behaviour and attitudes towards school so that all children can be the very best.

Yours sincerely



Alison Oxtoby
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