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Dear Parents and Carers,

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

School gate – Reminder

On a morning, for safeguarding purposes, the school gate will open at 8.40am. Should you come earlier for any reason including clubs and reading, please press the buzzer and the gate will be opened for you. Please then ensure that the gate is closed behind you. Please also be reminded that the school gate will not be opened until 3.25pm on an evening. Should you need to collect your child earlier, please press the buzzer but ensure that the gate closes behind you. Thank you.

PTA

Yesterday, a PTA meeting was held. Lots of exciting things are being organised for the summer term. Any donations of wine and tombola prizes are always gratefully received and can be given to a member of the PTA or handed in at the office. The PTA are always in need of volunteers to make their events even more successful so if you can spare time at any of the events, please let them know. A separate list of events will be sent with this email.

Pyjamarama day!

On Friday 7th June, the children are invited to wear their pyjamas for the day. In return, we ask for a packet of sweets (Haribo etc.) which will be passed on to the PTA. These will be used at the PTA's up and coming events to raise money for the school. In support of Pyjamarama day, a donation will be made to the Book Trust which supports buying books for less fortunate children.

Sports Day

This year's sports day is scheduled for Tuesday 11th June. A reserve day has also been set for Tuesday 18th June in case the weather is not kind to us! Please put these dates in your diary.

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.

Debby Barton (Staff governor)

Before beginning work at Dunswell Academy, I worked in a bank before leaving to have children. Two of my children attended Dunswell and I began working here in 2009 as the Class 4 teaching assistant. I have five children altogether and three lovely grandchildren. As well as classroom support, I am a trained Higher-Level Teaching Assistant (HTLA) and teach the class during the week. I'm also the school Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) working with children across the school.

I became a staff governor in 2016 to support the school in achieving their vision and goals. As a member of staff, I feel I am able to contribute fully knowing how the school works and I'm able to offer ideas and suggestions for improvement.

Future dates:

PTA meeting – Thursday 9th May 2pm @ school

SATS week Year 6 – Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May

SATs week Year 2 – Monday 20th May

School closes – Friday 24th May

School opens – Monday 3rd June

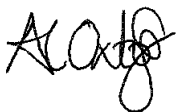
Sports Day – Tuesday 11th June

Photographer – Thursday 13th June

Sports Day (reserve) – Tuesday 18th June

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

Yours sincerely



Alison Oxtoby
Head of School



Chris Huscroft
Executive Headteacher