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PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

School Photographer

This week, the school photographer was in school. The children only had individual photographs taken due to the restrictions, but the company will use these to create a class collage. We look forward to seeing what these will look like!



Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

We are very fortunate at Dunswell to have a wonderful PTA team who have undertaken their roles fantastically for a number of years. The PTA play a key part in raising vital funds for the school.

Our chair, Simone, has run the PTA successfully and is now ready to step down from the role. We are therefore looking for a new chair but also some new PTA members. Without a chair, we will be unable to run a PTA for the school. The committee meet to discuss and arrange events. It would be great to have some new members with more great fundraising ideas. Please speak to me or a member of the PTA for more information.



Educational Psychology Service: research into children and young people's experiences of lockdown and transition back into school/college

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on everyone, not least children and young people. The East Riding Educational Psychologist Service are keen to gather their views and perspectives directly and find out more about what living through the pandemic has been like for them and how the transition back into school has been. An anonymous survey is to be conducted relating to educational experiences for children and young people within the East Riding and will help to inform local practice and developments.

The surveys can be completed at home on a phone/tablet or laptop [via this link](#). Many children and young people will be able to complete the survey independently, others may need additional support to read the questions. You will know best how to help your child(ren) to complete the survey as independently as possible, whilst considering any individual special educational needs or disabilities. It will be ideal to get as many children and young people's views from our local area represented as possible and the final date for completion is **Friday 18th June 2021**.



Remote learning

Our plan for teaching remotely can be found on our website. Click [here](#) to take you directly to the web page. This contingency plan will be utilised if children have to self-isolate from school or if a full class bubble has to close.

Virtual School Library

Oak National Academy are continuing to offer free reading and writing activities every week to children and parents. These are available online and an excellent resource. Every week a different author is the focus with Harry Heape being this week's authors.

Please click [here](#) to go directly to the page



Mental Health and Well-Being

The Government has provided a comprehensive list of tools and links to support parents at home with their child's mental health and well-being. Click [here](#) to see the resources and links available.

We also continue to regularly update the Health and Well-being section of the website. More information has once again been added this week.



Dunswell's 100 Club

It is not too late to join the Dunswell 100 club – you've got to be in it to win it!!

Be in with a chance of winning as well as supporting the school to raise vital funds.

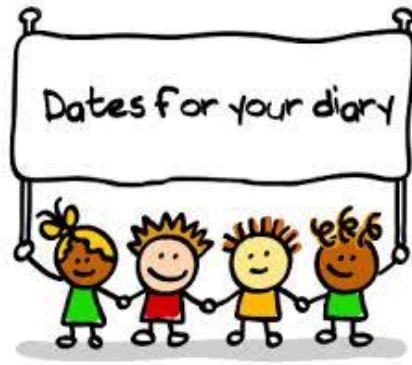
Positions across the Edukos Trust

We are delighted to have been approved as an official employer for the Kickstart scheme through Premier Advisory Group as our gateway. The Kickstart Scheme provides new job placements for 16 to 24 year olds on Universal Credit who are at risk of long term unemployment. As a Kickstart employer, we have 11 vacancies available for young people who would be interested in working with us. We are currently recruiting for:

- 4 Business Admin Support
 - 1 Finance Assistant
- 1 ICT Assistant
- 1 Marketing Assistant
- 2 Maintenance & Facilities Assistant
- 1 PE & Coaching Assistant
- 1 SEND Learning Support Assistant

These positions are only available to young people eligible under the Kickstart scheme. Eligible young people interested in the positions will need to be referred to the placements through their Job Coaches in order to access the vacancies and the application process. You can find further employer's promotional materials at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/kickstart-scheme-employer-resources>



Future dates

Tuesday 13th July – School Sports Day (depending on Government restrictions)

Tuesday 20th July – Reserve Sports Day (depending on Government restrictions)

Thursday 22nd July – Leavers' assembly (details to follow – depending on Government restrictions)

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Oxtoby'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alison Oxtoby
Head Teacher