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PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Thank you to all parents and carers for their wonderful support this half term. We have all adapted well to such a different way of learning and we most definitely could not have done it so successfully without the support of everyone. Thank you and I hope you all enjoy your well deserved half term.

Lunches

On the return to school after half term, the kitchen at Swanland is planned to be opened once again so we will be able to provide hot meals from Tuesday 23rd February. Should there be any change to this, I will let you know as soon as possible.

Remote learning

This week's PE Home learning resource can be found by clicking [here](#). This will also allow you to access all week's resources. We will continue to place these on the website weekly.



Our updated plan for teaching when in tiered restrictions (including the most recent National Lockdown can be found on our website. Click [here](#) to take you directly to the web page.

Support with Microsoft Team

North Yorkshire Education Services are offering free webinar sessions for parents and carers to support them in using Microsoft Teams for remote learning. This is a free session. Please click [here](#) to go to the booking page.

CBBC



CBBC have created their own You Tube channel on which they upload videos to daily that are suitable for 5-11year olds. These are for entertainment during half term

“We have all the top CBBC brands on here, with a wide range of genres from factual shows, news, dramas, comedy to entertainment. Programmes like Horrible Histories, Blue Peter, Newsround, The Next Step, Saturday Mash-Up, Operation Ouch, the Playlist, the Dumping Ground, Heirs of the Night and Jamie Johnson. We are also welcoming back Dani Harmer in the brilliant new programme My Mum Tracy Beaker.”

If you wish to subscribe go to www.youtube.com/cbbc

Half term activities

Hull Museums and Ferens Art Gallery are offering lots of free online sessions over the February half term. Please click [here](#) to find out more and book sessions.

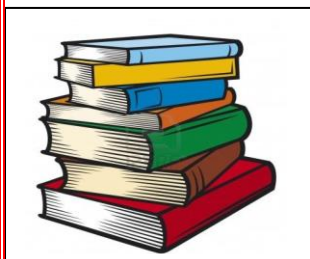
Virtual School Library

Oak National Academy are offering free reading and writing activities every week to children and parents. Every week a different author is the focus with Konnie Hua being this week's author. 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 been added this week.



Reading Book Swap

Reading book swap will continue to take place after half term. This will take place every Wednesday between 1pm and 2pm. Please do not come outside of these times (unless arranged with your child's class teacher) as we will not have the staffing facility to change books. The books swaps will be COVID safe with the staff member wearing appropriate PPE and the returned books being quarantined for 72 hours before being used again.

We ask that people try to come between their allocated time. If this is not possible, it must be within the hours' time slot.

Class 1 (and siblings): 1.00–1.15pm

Class 2 (and siblings): 1.15–1.30pm

Class 3 (and siblings): 1.30–1.45pm

Class 4 (and siblings): 1.45–2.00pm

Please buzz the gate and the staff member will come out to you. Please do not use this facility if your child is in school at all in the week as their books will be swapped then if necessary. If these times are unsuitable, please speak with your child's teacher who can arrange another time which is convenient.



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!!

Please contact the school office for more details.

Future dates

Friday 12th February – school closes for half term

Monday 22nd February – Training Day

Tuesday 23rd February – School reopens

Thursday 4th March – World Book Day! More details to follow.

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
Head Teacher