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PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer

We have reached the end of another school year and I wanted to write to you to thank you for all your help and support this year.

When we wrote to you all at this time last year, we hoped that 2020–21 would be a more settled year with opportunities for sporting competitions and events. While this has not been possible in the way that we would have hoped and anticipated, we have endeavoured to provide as much stability and as many opportunities for the children as we can.

I want to commend you and your children on how well they adapted to online learning. This was certainly a challenge for parents, children and school staff alike, but the way the children engaged with their learning online was outstanding. Having said this, we were delighted to welcome them back into school in March for face-to-face teaching.

This year we have all learnt many new skills. For the staff, this has been teaching online as well as attending training and meetings online. For the children, learning to use technology for online lessons was a valuable learning experience and, it seems, one they adapted to much more easily than us adults!

Through the summer term, we have endeavoured to offer the children some of their usual experiences and, whilst residential visits were not possible, I hope that they enjoyed the other trips, visits and experiences we were able to provide.

To the Year 6 children and the other children leaving us for new schools, we want to say what a wonderful bunch you are! Once again, Year 6 have not been able to undertake their usual Year 6 experience, however, they have stayed engaged, positive and resilient throughout their final year in school. We really do all wish you the best as you move on and believe you have bright futures ahead.

There are not a great deal of staffing changes this year, however, we would like to welcome back Mrs Hamilton from her maternity leave. Also, Mrs Chaudhry, Year 2 Teaching Assistant, is taking a career break this year in order to undertake teacher training; we wish her all the very best with this.

The guidance we currently have for September 2021 is that 'normal' school life will resume, with no bubble system in place and assemblies and lunch times able to take place in the usual way. This is obviously all subject to change and we will keep you informed, as soon as we are able, if there are any changes to be made. We hope you all have a lovely summer with your families and look forward to welcoming you all back in September 2021 for what we hope will be a more 'normal year'.

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Dan Ward Tutoring

Message from Dan Ward (Year 5/6 Teacher at Dunswell Academy):

I can now confirm that I will be tutoring at Swanland Primary School on Tuesday mornings (7.45–8.45 am) and Thursday afternoons (3.30–4.30 pm).

There are a couple of spaces left in each session; if you would like to book or would like more information, please contact me on: 07780 701 727 or at: danwardtutoring@outlook.com.



Year 6 Summer Fayre Games

The Summer Fayre games, organised by Year 6 last week, were a phenomenal success! The Year 6 children (and their parents) and the staff had put a great deal of effort into running this event and a fantastic £734.93 was raised. Well done Year 6!



Non-Uniform Chocolate Tombola & Fill-A-Jar Prize Draw – Thank you!

Thank you to all the children who brought in Chocolate, Fill-A-Jars and donations, this day raised £233.00 for the school! We would like to thank Mrs Lamb for organising this event, including all the prizes.



PTA Bag2School – Thank you!

Thank you to all parents/carers who donated their unwanted clothing/household textiles for the PTA's Bag2School collection – you raised £66.00 for the school!



Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – Friday 23rd July 2021 at 10.00 am

The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will now take place on Teams tomorrow morning at 10.00 am; a link will be sent directly to the Year 6 families. We do hope you will be able to attend.



PTA 'Your School Lottery'

Congratulations to the latest winner! Everyone loves LEGO ... unless they stand on it! Support your local school lottery this Summer, and you'll be in with a chance of winning an amazing £250 Lego Voucher! Even whilst school is closed for Summer, our lottery will still take place every week, so please keep supporting us for your chance to win this great prize.



Remember if you have not signed up yet, why not visit our lottery here! [Your School Lottery](#)

Dates
for your



Autumn Term 2021 Diary (→ [New Diary Item](#))

Wednesday 8th September – School Re-opens for Autumn Term 2021–2022 (8.55 am)

Tuesday 14th September – Year 3 Meet & Greet (6.00 pm)

Thursday 16th September – Year 2 Meet & Greet (5.30 pm)

Friday 17th – Sunday 19th September – Yr 6 Postponed Yr 5 Residential to Robinwood

Monday 20th September – Reception Meet & Greet (6.00 pm)

Wednesday 22nd September – Year 1 Meet & Greet (5.00 pm)

Wednesday 22nd September – Year 4 Meet & Greet (5.30 pm)

Thursday 23rd September – Year 5 Meet & Greet (5.00 pm)

Tuesday 28th September – Children's Individual Photographs (all day)

Tuesday 28th September – Family Photographs (time tbc)

Wednesday 29th September – Year 6 Meet & Greet (5.30 pm)

Friday 22nd October – School Closes for October Half-Term Holiday (3.20 pm)

Tuesday 2nd November – School Re-opens After October Half-Term Holiday (8.55 am)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Hannah Stephenson

Head Teacher