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PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Track and Trace – The School's Responsibilities

We have been asked to continue with our Track and Trace responsibilities as a school during the first weekend of the May half-term holiday. Therefore, in the usual way, should your child start to get symptoms of COVID-19, please arrange for them to have a PCR test at a testing centre (LFD tests [home testing kits] are only suitable for asymptomatic testing and are not to be relied upon to 'catch' every case) and inform the school immediately, even during the May half-term holiday, by email to office@dunswellacademy.co.uk . Thank you.



Free School Meals in Half Term

If your child accesses free school meals in school, a voucher will be provided for parents. This is only for children who reside in the East Riding. If you live in Hull and access free school meals, please contact Hull City Council and they will advise you on how to access their offer.

School Photographer

We have the school photographer in school on the 9th June. This is a Wednesday. If your child has PE on this day (Class 2), please send them in their school uniform and send them with their PE kit to change into later. The consent forms which were sent out recently must have been signed and received back in school for us to allow children to be in a group photograph.



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 Derek Landy being this week's authors.

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



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**.

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!! May's winner is Mrs Barker with number 4. There is £25 coming your way Mrs Barker!

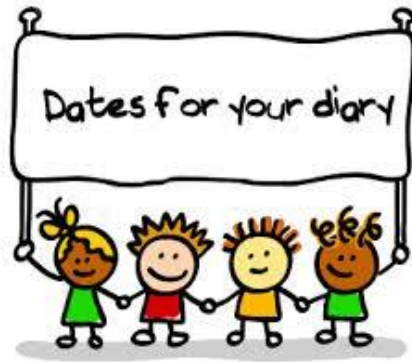
Be in with a chance of winning as well as supporting the school to raise vital funds.

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

Friday 28th May – School closes for half term

Monday 7th June – School reopens

Wednesday 9th June – School Photograph Day

Thursday 10th June – Parenting Dyslexic Children. Please click [here](#) for more information.

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

Tuesday 20th July – Reserve Sports Day (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'.

Alison Oxtoby
Head Teacher