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Dear Parents and Carers,

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Comic Relief

For comic relief, the children all dressed 'silly' to raise money for the charity. Overall, we raised £115 for the charity.

School gate

For safeguarding purposes, please 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

The bag pack at Tesco was a great success. A group of eight children raised £302 in 2 hours of packing bags. Well done! Thank you to the PTA and Mrs Cross for arranging the event.

There is still chance to enter the photography competition with an animal theme. Entries need to be handed in to the office by Monday 1st April at 3.30pm. The winners will then be announced at the school's Easter assembly on the 4th April. An Easter disco will be held on Friday 5th April at David Lloyds. Tickets are on sale in the school office.

Easter Egg Decorating competition

To celebrate Easter in school this year, we will be holding an egg decorating competition. The theme for the decorating is anything beginning with 'E'. This will take place on Friday 5th April. The eggs should be decorated at home and bought in to school on the Friday. They will be judged throughout the afternoon and the winners announced in an assembly. The PTA will be providing prizes! All the eggs will then be on display in the playground for parents to see before the children take them home for Easter.

Fundraising

Miss Whitford and Miss Taylor are on a fundraising mission! Together they would like to try and raise funds by doing a sponsored skydive for the school. However, before this can happen, they need to raise an initial £420 for the actual sky dive and were hoping to gain sponsorship from different businesses. Any further monies will then be raised through sponsorship nearer to the time. If you know a business who you think might be willing to donate towards the initial cost, then please come and talk to Miss Whitford and Miss Taylor as soon as possible. In return they will advertise your business in various ways before and during the sky dive!

The funds they raise would support the school children in learning, developing and achieving to their full potential. This will be a huge barrier for the pair to overcome and they hope to support and inspire children in overcoming their barriers and any monies raised would support this aim.

Parent governor

Please see separate letter which has been distributed today. Voting will now close on Tuesday 23rd April at 9am.

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
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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.

Catherine Barker (EYFS and Class 1 governor)

I grew up in Dunswell attending both Dunswell Primary and Cottingham High School.

After finishing Bishop Burton College, I spent 4 ½ years travelling around The Caribbean, New Zealand and Australia. On return to the UK, I gained qualifications in NEBOSH and CITP. This enabled me to move into the Health and Safety and training side of the Landscape industry.

In 2004, my husband and I bought Manor Farm – a then derelict 10 acre plot – and built our home and businesses. Along with Operations Director for a civil engineer company, I own Manor Farm Camping where many of the children of Dunswell Academy have enjoyed camping and day trips. Most recently we helped class 1 celebrate Australia Day.

I have been a Trustee Appointed Governor for 5 years now initially helping with health and safety within the school. I am now enjoying been EYFS governor with responsibilities for Class 1 pupils.

Future dates:

Year 4 residential – Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April

Easter Assembly – Thursday 4th April @ 9.15am

Bikeability, cycling proficiency (Year 5 children who have previously signed up) – Thursday 4th and Friday 5th April

Easter egg decorating competition – Friday 5th April

School closed – 8th April to 22nd April

School opens for Summer term – Tuesday 23rd April

The importance of reading in key stage 2 meeting to parents – Tuesday 30th April @ 3.30 and 5.30

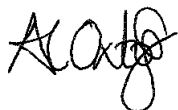
Year 5 residential – Wednesday 1st May – Friday 3rd May

PTA meeting – Thursday 9th May 2pm @ school

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

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

Yours sincerely



Alison Oxtoby
Head of School



Chris Huscroft
Executive Headteacher