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Dear Parents and Carers,

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

I hope that everyone is keeping safe and well and coping in this difficult situation. Please remember that you can contact school on the office email address (office@dunswellacademy.co.uk) or use Seesaw and Tapestry to contact your child's teacher.

School Lunches and Free School Meals

During the Easter holidays, we will not be continuing to provide school lunches. After the Easter Holidays, lunches will be provided to those who are eligible for Free School Meals. Unfortunately, this will not include Reception, Year 1 and 2 children anymore unless you have applied for and been granted Free School Meals by the Local Authority. If you fall into this category, a link will be sent for you to order these if required. If your circumstances have changed and if you feel that you may be entitled to Benefit related Free School Meals and have not previously signed up for this, click on the link below to check your eligibility.

<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-meals/free-school-meals/>

Residentials

Due to the uncertainty of returning to school, we have taken the decision to postpone both Cranedale and Robinwood residentials. Fortunately, we have been able to change the dates of both trips to the Autumn Term. The new dates are as follows:

Cranedale (current Year 4 but children will be in Year 5 when they go): Thursday 26th-Friday 27th November.

Robinwood (current Year 5 but children will be in Year 6 when they go): Friday 11th December – Sunday 13th December.

If your child was due to go on these this term, please take a note of the new dates (particularly Robinwood as it falls on a weekend).

PTA

The PTA were able to complete some of their Easter activities and raised monies through the Mothers' Day hamper and the Great Chocolate Giveaway. Unfortunately, the disco and Easter Egg Hunt had to be cancelled. Many thanks, once again, to the PTA for all their hard work throughout the term to continue raising much needed funds for school.

Easter Holidays

Please ensure you have read the letter which was sent today about the Easter Holidays including keyworker provision.

Home learning

During the holiday period, work will not be set regularly for children. Each teacher will have ensured that on their web page they have put some ideas and tasks which can be completed over the Easter period.

Fraud information

It is so upsetting and terrible to read that in these difficult times certain people are taking advantage and targeting people fraudulently. The following information has been received from the Government:

Information: increased fraud risk during coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

Periods of instability, such as during the coronavirus pandemic, bring an increased risk of fraud. Fraudsters will actively exploit these difficult times and will target vulnerable areas for financial gain.

ActionFraud reported a 400% increase in reports of coronavirus related fraud in March 2020. The reported frauds are varied and include:

- charity fraud
- online shopping fraud
- phishing emails

Further information is available on the [ActionFraud website](#).

Periods of instability lead to increased pressure, which in turn may lead to reduced internal controls and management oversight, making organisations more vulnerable to fraud risks.

During these periods staff wanting to be helpful and flexible when dealing with suppliers can be more susceptible to targeted attacks from fraudsters, particularly around changes to payment details.

Remember, fraudsters can be very convincing, they are used to exploiting organisations and will have prepared thoroughly.

Uniform orders

Just in case anyone is wishing to order uniform, our supplier have advised that they are still open and taking orders. Please follow the link on the website but please ensure that you choose home delivery in the current situation.

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.

I hope you are able to spend some quality family time during the Easter period. Please take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely



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