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6<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

### PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

#### Parent survey

So far there has been a limited response to our parent questionnaire. I would really appreciate your views and opinions of what works well and how we could improve. Therefore, we would be very grateful if you could please complete the parent survey using the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pP6gP6MxFY37xAo\\_NAT6jJuB\\_0-GQiYzG8kxlv-BjN8/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pP6gP6MxFY37xAo_NAT6jJuB_0-GQiYzG8kxlv-BjN8/edit) .

Alternatively, you can use the following QR code:



Once we have received the surveys, we will collate the results and look carefully at all areas. Time is very precious but if you could spare five minutes, we really would appreciate it! Paper copies are available at the office if you prefer.

#### PTA

The PTA are holding a Valentines Day disco at David Lloyds on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm – 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £1 and are now available from the school office.

#### Comics/Magazines

We are looking at different activities for children during lunch break. We are hoping to create a basket of reading materials for children to enjoy in their social time. If you have any comics or magazines which are appropriate for children from Year 3, then please drop these in at the office. Many thanks in advance.

## Parent open morning

Our parent open morning takes place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. There are still a few places available in classes, so if you haven't already booked in then please do so via the school office by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. On the morning of the visit, please ensure you sign in via the office and collect a visitor's badge which should be returned after your visit.

## Register

The school has a new registration system in place for registering the children and their lunch choices. Once the register has been completed by the class teacher, they are unable to make amendments which will affect children if they are late into school. If you are late to school, then please visit the office to inform them of your child's attendance and meal choice for the day. The new system also allows us to register how many minutes late the children are into school which is then kept on their attendance file.

## Uniform

In order to maximise efficiencies in the school office, we are moving towards a completely online solution for ordering school uniform. In the transition between the current system and the new system, the school can support you in completing orders. If you have any questions or concerns, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office. The website for uniform orders is [www.steadyschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.steadyschoolwear.co.uk) this can also be accessed via the school website which gives a list of uniform expectations.

## Parents Evening

Spring Term parent consultation meetings have been set for Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. A letter with further details and times will be sent out shortly.

## 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

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.

Joe Russell (Chair of Governors)

I believe the school is at the heart of the village. It ensures the future of the wider community. The school has played a key part in my life, educating both myself and my three children. I feel that being a governor allows me to give something back as well as supporting the school in maintaining standards and continually looking for ways to challenge and improve the school.

I run a local landscaping company, Landplan, and feel this enables me to bring my business knowledge and experience to education particularly in this business-like academy structure. I have been a governor at the school for over 10 years. In 2013, I played an active role in helping the school to achieve academy status therefore saving the school from closure.

I want to support the school in being the best that it can. I am contactable via the school office.

Future dates:

Class 2 School Trip to Eureka – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Parent Open Morning – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Valentine's Day Disco – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February @ David Lloyds 6-7.30pm

School closes for half term – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

School closed – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

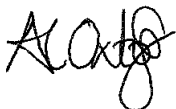
School reopens – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

PTA Meeting – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February @ 2pm in Reedy's Room

Spring Term Parents' Evenings – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

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

Yours sincerely



Alison Oxtoby  
Head of School



Chris Huscroft  
Executive Headteacher

*All school letters, news and events calendar can be found on the school's website:*

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