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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

We would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas. We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas time. Thank you for all of your support this year and we look forward to 2024!

#### Carol Singing

We have had 4 very successful carol singing afternoons in the local supermarkets. The final amount is still being calculated but this is approximately £1100. Well done carol singers!



#### Christmas Dinner

For those who don't normally stay for a hot dinner but had a Christmas lunch and would normally pay for their school dinners, please be aware that payment is available in the usual way through ParentPay.

#### Attendance

If children are taken out of school for anything other than a medical appointment, an 'Absence for Exceptional Circumstances' form must be completed. If we do not receive one of these forms, then the child's absence will be recorded as an unauthorised absence which has not been explained. These must be completed even if a call or message has been sent to school.

If your child has a medical appointment, please contact the office and provide evidence of the appointment so that it can be recorded as a Medical on their attendance file.

#### School Photographs

Please note that the date for school photographs is the 19<sup>th</sup> June and not the 12<sup>th</sup> June. Please amend this on your Dunswell yearly planner.

#### Bags to School

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January, Bags to School will be doing a collection of clothes, shoes and accessories. If you are having a clear out over the festive period, please bear this in mind. The bags for the collection will be delivered to school around two weeks before the collection date so we will send these home with children once we have them in school.

#### Reception September 2024 starters

Please note that the deadline for September 2024 school starters is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Applications should be made through the portal which can be found on [www.eastriding.gov.uk](http://www.eastriding.gov.uk)

### Reading Skills Texts

This term was the first time we have asked parents to provide a hard copy of the book which the children are focusing on in Reading Skills sessions. Teachers have seen a great benefit of all the children having their own copy to support their learning and they have all taken ownership of their own copy. We would really appreciate if parents can support us in providing the next term's book.

Class 3 will be focusing on **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** by Roald Dahl and Class 4 will be looking at **When the Sky Falls** by Phil Earle.

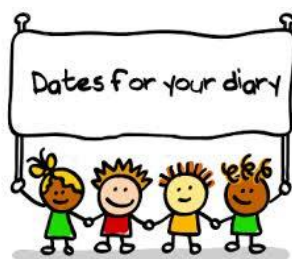
Mrs Minns and Mrs Barrick also send a big thank you to those who have purchased books as it really supports the teaching in class. World of Books is a great website for buying good quality second hand books.

### Governors

Dunswell Academy are looking for two Trust governors to fill current positions on the governing board. We currently have a full complement of parent governors, so these positions need to be filled by people who are not currently parents at Dunswell.

If you have any family members or friends who have an interest in the school or the local community and would like to be involved in supporting the school, then please ask them to contact the school office.

Although not a necessity people with a financial, human resources or health and safety background would be really helpful to help complement our current Local Governing Board.



### AUTUMN TERM 2023

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – school closes for Christmas

### SPRING TERM 2024

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – School closed for training

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – school closed for training

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January – school reopens for Spring Term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Year 6 children begin the Run with It programme

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Beverley Fire Station to visit Class 1

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Bags to School clothes collection

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

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Catherine Burrell  
Head of School

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Alison Oxtoby  
Executive Head Teacher

