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Friday 8th December 2023

Punctuality

The number of children arriving after the gate on a morning is slowly increasing. The school gate opens at 8.45, schools begins at 8.50am and children arriving after the gate has closed at 8.55am are registered as late. Lateness is then measured in minutes, and these are recorded on our attendance system. We have parents who are regularly late and when children arrive late to class, they have missed important inputs at the beginning of the day. We understand that some people have genuine reasons for lateness, but we ask that you consider the impact that lateness has on a child's education.

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS 	
MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY	3.4 DAYS 98.4% ATTENDANCE
10 MINUTES A DAY	6.9 DAYS 97.6% ATTENDANCE
15 MINUTES A DAY	10.3 DAYS 94.6% ATTENDANCE
20 MINUTES A DAY	13.8 DAYS 92.9% ATTENDANCE
30 MINUTES A DAY	20.7 DAYS 89.2% ATTENDANCE

Attendance

We have also seen an increase in absence from school so far this year. This is linked to illness as a well as term time holidays. Letters will soon be sent to those children whose attendance is below 90%. We understand that some absences are clearly explained but we still feel it is important that parents see the impact of days missed in school.



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.

Carol Singing

We are currently preparing to create a school choir ready for our annual carol singing. We have the following dates booked in with local supermarkets, please support where possible:

Wednesday 13th December (9.30–11) and Friday 15th December (2–3pm): Tesco, Hall Road

Thursday 21st December (9.30–11): Asda Kingswood. **Please be aware Thursday 14th December has been cancelled.**

Wednesday 20th December (9.30–10.30): Morrisons, Beverley

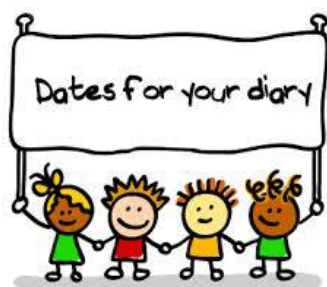


Reading Skills Texts

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.



AUTUMN TERM 2023

Friday 8th December – PTA Christmas Fayre 3pm–6pm at the Sports Hall

Tuesday 12th December – 9.30am KS1 Nativity @ the Sports Hall

2.00pm KS1 Nativity @ the Sports Hall

Thursday 14th December PTA Christmas Disco @ the Sports Hall at 5.30–7pm

Friday 15th December – Class 3 and 4 trip to Hull Truck Theatre

Wednesday 20th December – Whole School Christmas Dinner and class Christmas party

Friday 22nd December – Carol Service @ the sports hall 9.15am. All welcome.

Friday 22nd December – school closes for Christmas

SPRING TERM 2024

Monday 8th January – School closed for training

Tuesday 9th January – school closed for training

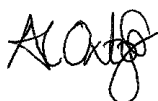
Wednesday 10th January – school reopens for Spring Term

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



Catherine Burrell
Head of School



Alison Oxtoby
Executive Head Teacher