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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Now that children have been back in school a few weeks since the Christmas holidays, there has been a chance to reflect on the progress of all classes since September. It is very heartening to see such positive progress in so many different ways for so many of our children. As this is a very short term, one of our challenges is to fit our units of work in alongside all of the other things that are going on in school this term. We would like to thank you for the support you give to your children with their learning at home and in working together with us to get the very best from them.



Year 5 and 6 Play

Please note that the date for the Year 5 and 6 play is now going to take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 9.30am and 2.00pm. The date has changed because to fit around the secondary school's transition week which has now been decided on. Please adjust this date on your yearly planner.

Sickness Bug

We have had a number of children off school with a sickness bug. Please be reminded that if children are sick, it is 48hours after their last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting before they are able to return to school.



Bags to School

Thank you so much for all of your kind donations for Bags 2 School. Altogether we collected 120 Kg of donating clothing which raised £60 for school. This money will be used to by resources needed for our wellbeing room, which is used by many children.

Parent Readers

We have already had one parent volunteer to help with listening to readers in school which is wonderful. We would really appreciate one more person to be able to do this. Please contact Mrs Burrell if you are interested. We can be flexible with the day you come in and help. A volunteer DBS would need to be completed and our school policy is that, where possible, parents do not support the class which their children are in.





### Art Club

Mrs Kennerley has asked if anyone has any old adult-sized shirts that they no longer want, please can they be donated to us so they can be used to protect children when they are painting.

### Parent's Open Morning – Phonics and Reading Skills

The teaching of reading at Dunswell Academy starts in reception and continues throughout Key Stage 1 with Synthetic Phonics. From year 2 and then throughout Key Stage 2 we teach Reading Skills. Even though reading is primarily a knowledge-based subject, the aim is to develop essential skills needed to read effectively. These are: sequencing, inference, summarising, retrieving, and predicting. We believe that it would be beneficial for you to see how this works in practice and therefore would like to invite you in to school to see this in practice the following dates: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. There will be a letter sent out next week with details of how to sign up for the two sessions.

### Parents Evening Dates

Parent's Evening will be on the following dates for each class this term:

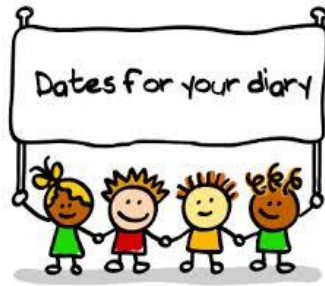
Class 1: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Class 2: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February

Class 3: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February

Class 4: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February

Spring term parent's evening sessions are a chance to talk to your child's teacher about their progress so far this year. As we have done before, there will be a choice of either in person or teams appointments. There will be a letter sent out next week with the details on how to book your appointment via sign up genius.



## SPRING TERM 2024

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January– Year 5 and 6 Indoor Athletics competition at CHS

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – School closes for half term

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** – school reopens for Spring term 2

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February Parents' Open Morning– Reading

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Parents' Open Morning– Reading

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February Class 1 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February Class 1 Parent's Evening

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February Class 2, 3 and 4 Parents' Evening

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February Class 2, 3 and 4 Parent's Evening.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March Panathlon at Hollywood Bowl

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