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Friday 31st January 2025

Uniform

Please be reminded of our uniform policy [here](#). Hoodies are only to be worn on PE days and children will be asked to remove them in the classroom if they are worn on a non-PE day. There is also an increase in children wearing jewellery. Children should not be wearing fashion necklaces and only stud earrings are allowed – this is for safety reasons.



Arbor app

Please ensure that you have downloaded the Arbor app using the letters sent out last week. We will soon be moving over to using the app to send messages out to parents.

Wraparound Care

We are continuing to work closely with the Early Years Development team at the East Riding and we are planning to meet soon to discuss further.

Attendance

Attendance is analysed on a regular basis in school. As we fast approach half term, attendance letters will be sent out to all parents whose children have attendance at 93% or below. At 90% children are classed as persistent absentees and we wish to keep parents fully informed by advising them if their child is nearing the 90%. We are here to support parents if needed so please do speak to us if you have concerns. We are also aware that some absence is due to longer term illness and are understanding of this.

Spring Term Parent Consultation Meetings

Our Spring Term Parent Consultations will be held on the 5th and 6th March (5th March only for Class 1). These will begin at 3.45pm with face to face meetings in school. The final hour of the evening will be set aside for online meetings with parents. More details and links for bookings will be sent out towards the end of this half term but please put the dates in your diaries.

Don't forget
parents
evening!

PE on Thursday 6th February

On Thursday 6th February we have a PE consultant in school to work with all our children and teachers. This will mean that for this week **ONLY** all children will do PE on the Thursday and will need to attend school in their PE kits. Reception children should ensure that they have their PE kits in school that day and they will change as normal at school.

Interested in Volunteering??

Please see below some information from Age UK

Make a Difference in Your Community!

Are you a parent with a little time to spare during school hours? Age UK Hull and East Yorkshire are looking for volunteers to help support older people in our community.

Volunteering with us is flexible and rewarding, with a variety of roles to suit your interests and availability. You could:

- Befriend an older person who may be feeling lonely.
- Help us prepare and run community events.
- Assist in our office with light admin tasks.
- Get involved with local fundraising activities.



Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, develop new skills, and make a real difference.

If you'd like to find out more, please contact volunteer@ageukhull.org.uk or call us on 01482 324644

Burton Constable Hall

I'm reaching out to share an exciting opportunity for your pupils and their families this February! With a fantastic special offer and an engaging half-term event, there's plenty to discover and enjoy at Burton Constable Hall & Parkland.

February Special Offer

Throughout February, when a child's Parkland ticket is purchased, they'll receive unlimited visits for the entire month! It's the perfect opportunity for families to enjoy multiple days of adventure.

Wild Wonders: Great & Small

This February half-term, follow our nature trails throughout the parkland to explore and discover creatures great and small. Visit the Bug House, get a close-up look at our whale skeleton, Moby, in the stables, and enjoy our brand-new Whale Trail.

Families can also take part in hands-on nature activities, including planting seeds and vegetables, making bird feeders, and nature spotting!

Playground Equipment

We are looking to expand the activities that we can offer children on the playground at breaktimes. To do this we are looking for various resources which people may have at home and no longer using. We are looking for:

- Comics (it doesn't matter how old)
- sheets of different fabrics and materials
- dressing up outfits of all ages
- various kinds of construction blocks and
- unwanted storage boxes with lids



We are also looking for a small rocking chair for developing our outdoor sensory area and any unwanted complete chess sets for Mrs Burrell's popular chess club.

If you think you can help at all, please speak to Mrs Burrell or Miss Oxtoby before bringing the items to school as we need to ensure that they are the items we need as storage space is very limited! Thank you in advance for your support.

Governor Spotlight



Chris Wright

I was born in Hull in 1991 and started supporting Hull City around the same time. I studied initially a foundation degree at Bradford College in Sports Coaching before attaining a full honours degree through Open University in Sport and Health Science. I then worked a year before initially completing a PGCE in Lifelong Learning through Huddersfield University. I then worked at several different schools mainly as a supply teacher. My current school is Cottingham High School where I retrained as a Design and Technology teacher focusing primarily on engineering.

I love being a part of the local community and coach football in the local area for Mill Lane United, I am proud to serve the community of East Riding and my biggest passion in education is giving every child the opportunity to succeed regardless of any needs or demographics.

I consider it a real privilege to serve Dunswell Academy, and I also sit on Cottingham High Schools LGB as a staff appointed governor.

Support

Please find below links to support groups:

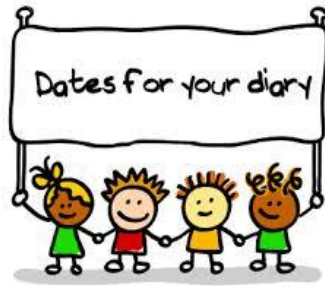
Early Help support: [East Riding Early Help](#)

The teams offer a range of activities and services for children, young people and their families offering the right help at the right time so that families are resilient, feel confident, safe, healthy and happy. Our services include the following:

- Information and advice
- Additional family support and services and activity sessions that are free and for all children and families
- Intensive family support for families who may need additional support to get through a difficult time.

Domestic Violence: [East Riding Domestic Violence Support](#)

Mental Health and Wellbeing: [East Riding Support](#)



SPRING TERM 2025

Thursday 6th February – PE for all classes

Friday 14th February – school closes for half term

Monday 24th February – school opens for Spring Term 2

Wednesday 5th March – Parents Evening for Class 1, 2, 3 and 4. In school with Teams meetings as the later appointments, 3.45pm to 6.00pm. More details to be sent out later this half term.

Thursday 6th March – Parents Evening for Class 2, 3 and 4. In school with Teams meetings as the later appointments, 3.45pm to 6.00pm. More details to be sent out later this half term.

Wednesday 12th March – Class 3 production. Dress rehearsal for parents and toddlers at 9.30am and 2.15pm for parents. More details to follow.

Thursday 27th and Friday 28th March– Year 4 residential

Thursday 3rd April – Easter Assembly at the Sports Hall at 9.15am. All welcome.

Thursday 3rd April – School closes for Easter.

Tuesday 22nd April – School opens for Summer Term 1

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