



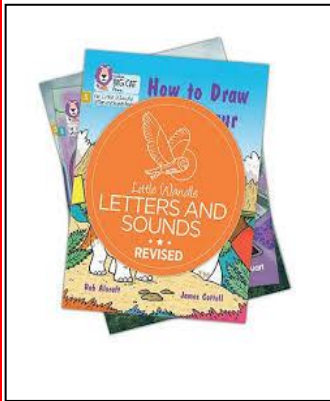
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Friday 14th February

Entry to school

We have previously used a one-way system to enter school on a morning and I would like this to be in place once again. It allows parents to enter and exit more easily and staff can monitor children as they enter when only coming in from one direction. We ask that in a morning you enter through the middle gates and parents then leave through the main gate. Please can parents also be reminded that although the school gate doesn't close until 8.55am, school begins at 8.50am and activities will begin in school from this time. Children will receive late minutes from 8.55am onwards.



Reading Books

We took the decision to use paper books rather than books online as the experience is far better for both children and parents. This came at a very large cost to the school. Recently, we have had a number of books come back into school which have not been cared for correctly. We understand that accidents happen but these books have clearly not been given the care they deserve. If we find that books are returned to school in an uncared for state, we have no choice but to charge the cost of the book back to parents. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

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 earring are allowed – this is for safety reasons.



After school Clubs

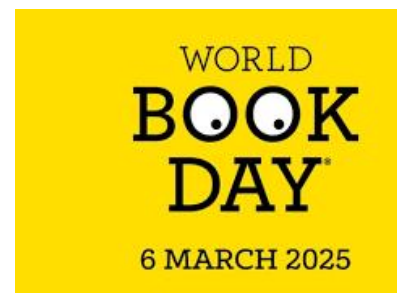
A separate letter has been sent out today for after school clubs for the next half term. Mrs Barrick will be beginning a SATs club from Thursday 13th March. A separate letter for this will be sent to Year 6 parents after half term.

Half-term activities

We have been asked by a parent to share details of half term activities with Northern Wildings. As always, we are just sharing details of the events and not advocating for the company. These checks must be done by parents. <https://www.northernwildings.com/>

World Book Day

This year's World Book Day will take place on Thursday 6th March. This year we ask that all children wear their pyjamas to school in celebration of all things books! A letter will be sent out after half term with more details.



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. The final step is to look at the use of childminders for parents. There are currently none in the area so the East Riding area are supporting a recruitment drive. As per today's email about this, please don't hesitate to contact if you think this is something which would be of interest.

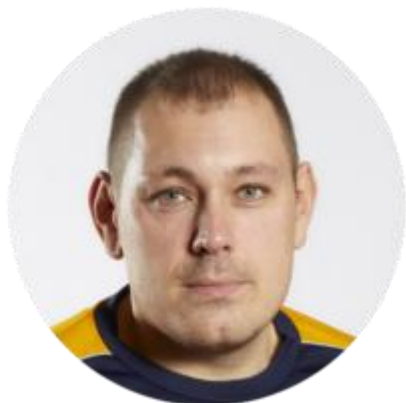
Spring Term Parent Consultation Meetings

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. Please use the links below if you have not already signed up:



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:

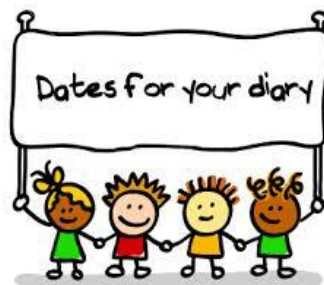
Early Help support: [East Riding Early Help](#)

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

Friday 14th February – school closes for half term

Monday 24th February – school opens for Spring Term 2

Friday 28th February – Times Table Rockstars Day (see separate letter)

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 – World Book Day – all children to come to school in pyjamas!

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. 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. This will include a performance from the children who attend Music Box sessions in school.

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



Catherine Burrell
Head of School



Alison Oxtoby
Executive Head Teacher