

GREAT DUNHAM GAZETTE

Issue 10 ~ 12th January 2018

Mantra of the Month: The expert in anything was once a beginner.

Happy New Year



We hope you all had a restful Christmas break and are refreshed ready for the year ahead.

Welcome

Welcome Mrs Carolyn Pickhaver who has been contracted to work with year 4/5 until 9th February as unfortunately Mr Spooner is unwell at the moment. Please welcome her whilst sending Mr Spooner positive get well thoughts. Mrs Pickhaver has considerable teaching experience and will be able to answer any questions about learning and progress.

Handwriting

This half term we are having a real focus on improving handwriting and presentation. The aim is that by the end of this half term all the children in KS2 will be correctly joining their writing. In KS1 we will be ensuring correct letter formation and the children will be starting to learn letter joins. Please encourage them to practise at home and check out the display near the office for examples of the children's work as we move through this half term.



Big Battery Hunt



Pupils will be bringing home today a Big Battery Hunt box to collect used batteries to recycle. This is a competition so once the box is full, please bring into school to empty. Each child will record the number of batteries they recycle. The child with the highest number could win a prize.

Night Owls

Night Owls after school provision is open every evening. There has been a slight change in activities which are now:

Monday ~ Arts and crafts
Tuesday ~ Games night
Wednesday ~ Junk modelling
Thursday ~ Computers
Friday ~ Cooking

After School Clubs

JAFFA ~ Starting Tuesday 17th February for 4 weeks ~ 3:15pm-4:15pm ~ £1 per child
Homework Club ~ Thursdays ~ £1 per child

PE Skills Required. Can you help?

Please let us know if you, or other family members have any P.E skills or qualifications you would be prepared to share through helping, advising, or leading a session in school / after school, or if you have any links with local sports clubs or facilities we, as a school, could make use of. Thank you.

Aspire this half term



This half term children will be taking part in scooting, X-Factor, library skills, cooking, story writing, board games and dodge ball.



Attendance this week – 97.5% school target

Oulton ~ 96%
Hickling ~ 98.4%
Ranworth ~ 98.26%
Filby ~ 97.78%

Star of the Week

Oulton ~ Daniel for making an excellent effort with his learning, especially his handwriting
Hickling ~ Jamie for support effort in English and Maths.
Ranworth ~ Lenny for working really hard to learn his times tables
Filby ~ Polly for always working hard and wanting to do her best

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Citizen of the Week

Oulton ~ Athena for helping her friends improve their work

Hickling ~ Theo for marvellous manners in English and French!

Ranworth ~ Ranworth class for being kind and helpful to Mrs Pickhaver

Filby ~ Ben for voluntarily helping Mrs Green to set up sensory circuits

Lunchtime Award

Viktor for stepping in and help during lunchtime.

Robot Challenge

Good luck to the Robot Aspire group who are taking part in the VEX IQ Challenge on Thursday 18th January.

Parents Lunch Invite

Reception children are looking forward to their guest joining them for lunch on Wednesday next week. Year 1 will be sending their invitations out ready for Wednesday 28th February

Parking Outside School

The yellow zig zag lines outside school are due to be extended by Highways to ensure the safety of your children. Please do not park on them.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Mrs Jarrett who has secured a place in this year's London Marathon running for the Make a Wish Foundation. We will keep you updated regarding her training and how she gets on.

Newspapers

Please can Ms Watson have any unwanted newspapers to use during art lessons.



21st/22nd February

This is an opportunity to discuss your child's report. Please look out for appointment slips closer to half term.



January 2018

- 4th Back to School
- 16th Catch Up Flu Vaccinations
- 17th Reception Parent Lunch
- 18th Special Dinner~Paddington Bear Brunch
- 18th 10 x KS2 pupils Challenge Day at Aviation Academy Norwich
- 25th Whole School Olly Day Road Safety Magic Show

February 2018

- 1st Parent council meeting
- 1st Ranworth Green Britain Centre visit
- 8th Ranworth Seat Belt Training
- 8th Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit at Letton Hall
- 12th – 16th Half Term – School Closed
- 28th Year 1 Parent Lunch

March 2018

- 22nd Hickling visit to Norwich Castle
- 28th Year 2 Parent Lunch
- 29th 2:30 Easter Hat Parade
- 29th School Open - **No After School Club**
- 30th Good Friday – School closed

April 2018

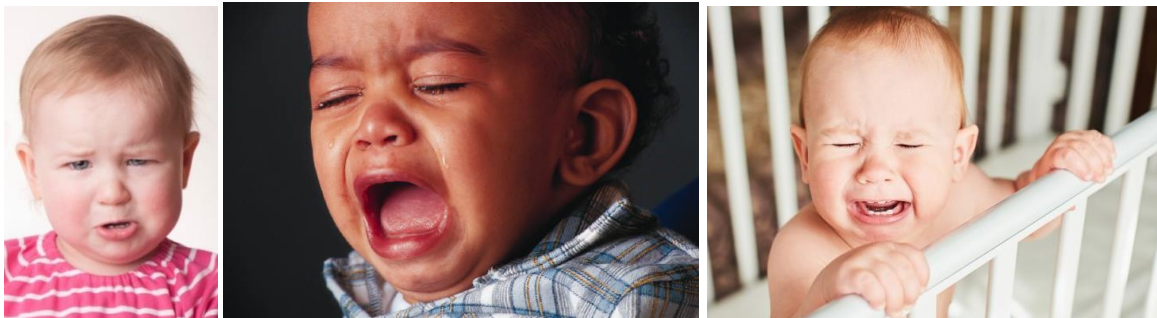
- 2nd – 13th Easter Holidays – School Closed
- 16th School Restarts
- 18th Year 6 and Year Group Photographs
- 25th Year 3 Parent Lunch

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It's a hard job being a parent.

Perhaps you have worries about tantrums, sleep, eating, toileting, friendships or speech and communication. Perhaps you are worried about your child going to nursery or school.



Would you like the opportunity to discuss these issues or others with staff from Educational Psychology and Specialist Support?

On **Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at Dereham Children's Centre in the afternoon**. Call **01362 692839 to book** an appointment or call in at Dereham Children's Centre, London Road, Dereham, NR19 1AS.