

GREAT DUNHAM GAZETTE

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Hickling visit to the woods



Hickling visited Berry Hall woodlands last Friday. They spent time exploring the habitat and looking for trees, plants and animals.



Bethany and Benjamin visit to Oulton

Oulton Class has a visit from Tracey, Norfolk County Council's Road Safety Officer and her bear friends, Bethany and Benjamin. They taught the class about how to travel safely in cars by sitting in booster seats and always wearing seat belts. Tracey will be back next Tuesday to take Year 1 children on pedestrian training. Please ensure consent forms are returned.



Friends of Dunham School Meeting

FoDS will be meeting in the bandstand at school on Wednesday 20th September at 2:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend. Refreshments provided.

Attendance this week

Oulton ~ 100%
Hickling ~ 98.33%
Ranworth ~ 99.03%
Filby ~ 98.61%
Our whole school target this year is 97.5%

MacMillan Coffee Morning:

9.45-10.45~ 29th September @ St Andrews Church (following our Harvest Festival)
Any donations of cakes would be very much appreciated. Please bring to the office on the day.
Children will not be joining parents at the coffee morning but will have the opportunity to purchase cakes at the end of the day cake sale.



Star of the Week

Oulton ~ Bobby, fantastic start to year 1
Hickling ~ William G, a positive attitude to his reading and maths
Ranworth ~ Ellie-Mai, great effort in all subjects
Filby ~ Henry, positive change in attitude in PE



Citizen of the Week

Oulton ~ Logan, for being helpful to others, especially Miss Titmarsh
Hickling ~ Liam, please, thank yous and waiting for others to pass
Ranworth ~ Verity, great example to everyone
Filby ~ Sam, good attitude, helpful and polite

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Parent Council



We are going to form a **Parent Council** for the school. This new Parent Council will comprise of one parent representative for each year group. It will provide an opportunity for parents, through their Parent Council representative to put

forward their views to the Headteacher and the Governing Body of the school. It will allow parents to help influence decisions made about the school thus enabling them to make an effective contribution to the school's policies.

The following is proposed:

- It will be a body of parents, representing parents/carers, run by parents with the support of the school;
- It is will be a vehicle for parents/carers to come together to share ideas;
- It will give parents/carers a voice and increase their active involvement in decision making, with the intention of fostering a culture of ownership and participation;
- It is intended to further develop a partnership between the school and parents/carers in order to support and promote children's learning.
- It will have an advisory and consultative role between parents/carers the Headteacher and the Governing Body;
- It will receive and be asked to comment on the School Development Plan;
- It will be a solutions focused group;
- It will be a place for the school to learn more about its parents/carers and for parents to learn more about the school;
- It will be a body to propose changes and to influence the way the stakeholders interact for the benefit of all.

We are aiming to meet once each half term during the school day for about an hour.

If you are interested in being the Parent Council Representative for your year group, please let Mrs. Jarrett know by Monday 18th September.



Filby, Ranworth and Hickling have received their logins for Charanga Music World – Musical learning at home. Oulton will receive theirs soon. The children can practise what we have learnt in school at home. They can also practise with an instrument if they have one at home. Well done to the children already logged in!

Night Owls



From now on our extended School Provision which runs 3:15-5:30 each day will be referred to as Night Owls. Extra-curricular activities such as Inspire Sports, Homework Club and JAFFA will be referred to as after school clubs.

Office Hours

The school office is open 8.30-3.30. Outside of these times the school answer phone will be switched on.



Parking The best and safest place to park at the beginning and end of the school day is in the Village Hall car park. Please be considerate of our neighbours and avoid parking across driveways.



Lost Property There is a large amount of lost property already in the bandstand. Please ensure all uniform is named so that it can be returned.

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September 2017

- 20th Year 1 Pedestrian Training
- 21st – 22nd Year 3/4 Kingswood Trip
- 27th Individual/Sibling Photos
- 29th 9:15 Harvest Festival at St Andrews followed by MacMillan Coffee Morning
- 29th Greshams Cross Country Event

October 2017

- 3rd Oulton visit to Tesco Farm to Fork Trail
- 4th 2:30 Parent Council Meeting
- 4th Year 6 parents evening at Litcham School
- 5th Sponsored Spell
- 5th Special Batman lunch
- 13th 9:15-10:30 Open Morning for Prospective Parent
- 17th **No Homework Club**
- 17th 3:15-6:00 Parents Evening
- 18th 1:30-2:30 Open Afternoon for Prospective Parent
- 18th 3:15-5:00 Parents Evening
- 19th 2:30 Open Afternoon for Parents to Share Learning
- 20th **INSET Day – School Closed**
- 23rd – 27th Half Term – School Closed
- 23rd Oct - Feb 2018 Church not in use due to restoration work at St Andrews

November 2017

- 9th Hickling trip to Flag Fen
- 14th Year R-4 Flu Vaccinations
- 17th Children in Need – details to follow
- 22nd 2:30 Parent Council Meeting

December 2017

- 12th 9:15 KS2 Christmas Service, Village Hall
- 12th Christmas Dinner
- 13th 9:30 KS1 Christmas Play at Village Hall
- 13th 2:30 KS2 Christmas Service at Village Hall
- 14th 9:15 KS2 Christmas Service at Village Hall
- 14th 2:15 KS1 Christmas Play at Village Hall
- 15th **No After School Club**
- 15th Christmas Market
- 18th Christmas Parties
- 19th Whole school Pantomime visit
- 19th **No After School Club**
- 20th Dec – 3rd Jan – School Closed

January 2018

- 4th Back to School
- 16th Catch Up Flu Vaccinations
- 31st 2:30 Parent Council Meeting

February 2018

- 12th – 16th Half Term – School Closed
- 21st 3:15-5:00 Parents Evening
- 22nd 3:15-6:00 Parents Evening

March 2018

- 29th 2:30 Easter Hat Parade
- 29th **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

May 2018

- 7th Bank Holiday – School Closed
- 14th – 18th Year 6 SATs Week
- 23rd-25th Year 6 Residential Bradwell, Essex
- 28th – 1st June Half Term – School Closed

June 2018

- 4th School Restarts
- 8th **INSET Day – School Closed**
- 28th Whole School Norfolk Show Visit
- 29th Sports Day and Family Picnic
- 29th **No After School Club**

July 2018

- 4th 7:00pm Summer Production at Village Hall
- 5th Year 6 Whitlingham Trip
- 5th Year 6 Leavers Social
- 6th Year 6 Leavers Assembly at Village Hall
- 9th Year 6 Transition to Litcham School
- 11th 3:15-6:00 Parents Evening
- 12th 3:15-5:00 Parents Evening
- 17th Transition Day in New Class
- 17th 9:00-12 New Reception Children in
- 18th Transition Day in New Class
- 18th 9:00-1:15 New Reception Children in
- 20th 2:30 Goodbye Assembly at St Andrews
- 23rd **No Inspire After School Club**
- 24th **No After School Club**
- 25th Summer Holiday Begins