

# GREAT DUNHAM GAZETTE

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## Welcome Back

Hope you all had a fantastic holiday. Children have made a great start, settling quickly back into routines and showing a wonderful attitude to learning. We are looking forward to a super year. Already the teachers are busy planning visits and visitors to enhance the learning and provide some memorable moments. Curriculum newsletters will come out on the first Friday of each half term via children post (please check book bags) and these will include information about trips, homework challenges and details of what the children will be learning. We have two whole school trips planned- one to Theatre Royal, Norwich for the pantomime and one to Royal Norfolk Show- details of these will follow closer to the time.

Y3/4 are off on an overnight residential visit to Kingswood, West Runton later this month and Y6 will be going away for a few nights camping after SATs (we are still confirming details but will let you know as soon as possible). Y2 will be having a sleepover at school sometime next summer term. Lots to look forward to as we work together to make 2017-2018 the best year yet.



**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.

**Congratulations Mrs. Jarrett** Mrs Jarrett, as well as working hard every day in the school office, spent last year studying with Anglia Ruskin University to complete her Level 4 Diploma in School Business Management. This means that she will no longer be our School Secretary... she will now be known as the School Business Manager.

## Class Structure

Rec/Year 1~ Oulton~ Ms. Titmarsh & Mrs Spencer  
Year 2/ Year 3~ Hickling~ Ms. Owen-Smith, Mrs. Nour & Mr. Whitty  
Year 4/ Year 5~ Ranworth~ Mr. Spooner, Ms. Simpson & Ms. Gill  
Year 6~ Filby~ Ms. Watson & Ms. Freij

This term we would like to welcome our new reception children Erin, Blake, Alex C and Alex V.

## Growth Mindset Mantra of the Month

**There's a difference between not knowing and not knowing yet.**

Yet is a tiny word with a big meaning. We will learn how the power of yet can reinforce growth mindset in learning. "I can't do it!" becomes "I can't do it yet!" with the message being reinforced that with hard work and perseverance "I am going to get better at this."

Carol Dweck, in her TED Talk, 'The Power of Believing That You Can Improve' reminds us that using 'yet' helps us understand that learning is a journey. "It gives you a path to the future."

The children will be self assessing, putting a coloured circle next to the WALT. The colours will mean:

	I understand this and I could teach it to someone else.
	I understand some of this, but I need more practice.
	Stop! I don't understand this yet.

Look out for these when you look at the children's books at Open Afternoon or Parent-Teacher Consultations.

## Handwriting

From Y2 onwards the children will be taught how to join their handwriting using the letter formation shown in the newsletter.

Teachers will be sending home guidance on joins so that you can **encourage** your children to try and use the correct style. We are at the beginning of this learning journey so please don't worry if it takes a while for the children to get to grips with it.

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## School Prospectus 2017-2018

Changes:

- **Blue polo shirts** are being phased out. They are no longer available to purchase from Birds or Tesco. When the children grow out of them, please purchase white polo shirts as the replacement.
- **Break time snacks**~ fruit only e.g. apple, orange, banana
- **Extreme haircuts**~ patterns, shapes, letters shaved into hair is not allowed.
- **Housepoints**~ we are not going to be giving out housepoints anymore. The children will earn counters to be placed in a jar, working towards a whole class reward.

Reminders:

- PE Kit
- School uniform
- Jewellery
- Long hair

[Click here](#) to see the Prospectus.

## After School Clubs

Monday Inspire Football £2 starts 11<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Tuesday JAFFA £1 (3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> Oct only)  
Thursday Homework Club £1 starts 14<sup>th</sup> Sept

## JAFFA Club

JAFFA is an after school club teaching the children Bible stories through games, craft, music and drama. There is a small charge of £1 per child each time to cover the cost of snacks and materials. The club will run this half term on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October.

So do come along and join us, lots of fun and laughter and creativity guaranteed!

## Breakfast Club / Night Owls After School Club

Breakfast club and after school club run every day. The prices are:

Breakfast club 7:45am-8:45am £4.00

Breakfast club 8:25am-8:45am £1.00 (no breakfast included)

After school club 3:25pm-3:35pm £1.00

After school club 3:25pm-4:15pm £4.00

After school club 3:25pm-5:30pm £6.00

There are different activities available each day:

Monday~ Junk modelling

Tuesday~ Indoor/outdoor games

Wednesday~ Cooking

Thursday~ Computers

Friday~ Arts and crafts

## Office Hours

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

## Friends of Dunham School

Friends of Dunham School (FoDS) is our fundraising group. Led by parents FoDs organises fundraising events and activities throughout the school year. The money is then used to contribute to the cost of school trips, purchase equipment for school (wooden play equipment; dictionaries) and currently raising funds to build a new classroom. FoDs are always keen to recruit new members (Many hands make light work!). They meet once each half term, more frequently in the run up to events, at school. Refreshments are provided.

Log on to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to help raise funds for school while you shop.

FoDs have organised a School Lottery. If you would like to purchase a ticket, log on to [www.yourschoolottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk).

If you are interested in joining FoDs come along to the MacMillan Coffee Morning and not only support a very worthy cause but also meet the current committee and find out more about the plans for the year.

## Parent Council

We are going to form a **Parent Council** for the school. This new Parent Council will comprise of one parent representatives 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

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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 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 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

## Attendance this week

Oulton ~ 97.73%

Hickling ~ 100%

Ranworth ~ 96.65%

Filby ~ 100%

## MacMillan Coffee Morning:



9.45-10.45 ~ 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Social Media** It is human nature to have a moan and a groan when we disagree with decisions however, in a school like ours, where it is very easy to speak to a member of staff everyday, issues are much better dealt with face to face rather than posting negative comments on social media. Once posted, comments are there for everyone to see but do not actually resolve the issue and can present an inaccurate picture of our school. Any problems should in the first instance be discussed with class teachers. If you are dissatisfied with the response, then please come and speak to me. If, after that, you still remain dissatisfied please follow protocols as presented in our Complaints Policy. Face to face is much better than Facebook!

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## September 2017

- 6<sup>th</sup> Years 1 – 6 Back to School
- 6<sup>th</sup> 3:20 Year 2/3 (Hickling) Meet the Teacher
- 7<sup>th</sup> Reception children start
- 7<sup>th</sup> 3:20 Year 4/5 (Ranworth) Meet the Teacher
- 8<sup>th</sup> Launch of Parent Council
- 8<sup>th</sup> 3:20 Year 6 (Hickling) Meet the Teacher
- 11<sup>th</sup> 3:20 Year R (Oulton) Meet the Teacher
- 11<sup>th</sup> 3:15-4:15 Inspire Football starts (£2)~ Will run each week unless stated
- 12<sup>th</sup> Oulton visit from Bethany and Benjamin
- 13<sup>th</sup> 3:15 Mr Martlew (Litcham School Headteacher) on the playground to meet year 6 and parents
- 14<sup>th</sup> 3:15-4:15 Homework Club starts (£1)~ Will run each week unless stated
- 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 3/4 Kingswood Trip
- 27<sup>th</sup> Individual/Sibling Photos
- 29<sup>th</sup> 9:15 Harvest Festival at St Andrews followed by MacMillan Coffee Morning
- 29<sup>th</sup> Greshams Cross Country Event

## October 2017

- 4<sup>th</sup> 2:30 Parent Council Meeting
- 4<sup>th</sup> Year 6 parents evening at Litcham School
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sponsored Spell
- 13<sup>th</sup> 9:15-10:30 Open Morning for Prospective Parent
- 17<sup>th</sup> **No Homework Club**
- 17<sup>th</sup> 3:15-6:00 Parents Evening
- 18<sup>th</sup> 1:30-2:30 Open Afternoon for Prospective Parent
- 18<sup>th</sup> 3:15-5:00 Parents Evening
- 19<sup>th</sup> 2:30 Open Afternoon for Parents to Share Learning
- 20<sup>th</sup> **INSET Day – School Closed**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Half Term – School Closed

## November 2017

- 9<sup>th</sup> Hickling trip to Flag Fen

- 10<sup>th</sup> 10:45 Remembrance Service St Andrews – All Welcome
- 14<sup>th</sup> Year R-4 Flu Vaccinations
- 17<sup>th</sup> Children in Need – details to follow
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 2:30 Parent Council Meeting

## December 2017

- 8<sup>th</sup> 2:15 Christingle at St Andrews – All Welcome
- 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner
- 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30 KS1 Christmas Play at Village Hall
- 13<sup>th</sup> 2:30 KS2 Christmas Service at St Andrews
- 14<sup>th</sup> 9:15 KS2 Christmas Service at St Andrews
- 14<sup>th</sup> 2:15 KS1 Christmas Play at Village Hall
- 15<sup>th</sup> **No After School Club**
- 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Market
- 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Parties
- 19<sup>th</sup> Whole school Pantomime visit
- 19<sup>th</sup> **No Homework or After School Clubs**
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – School Closed

## January 2018

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

## February 2018

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

## March 2018

- 29<sup>th</sup> 2:30 Easter Hat Parade
- 29<sup>th</sup> **No After School Club**
- 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday – School closed

## April 2018

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Easter Holidays – School Closed
- 16<sup>th</sup> School Restarts
- 18<sup>th</sup> Year 6 and Year Group Photographs

## Dates for 2017/2018

### May 2018

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

### June 2018

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

### July 2018

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

*This list will be updated and circulated throughout the school year. Occasionally dates may have to change but we will notify you in advance if this happens.*