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Unity Education Trust

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March's Mantra: Mistakes are opportunities for learning

Dates for your Diary

March 2023

17 th	Red Nose Day – wear red
31 st	2:30pm Easter Hat Parade – all parents Welcome
31 st	Last Day of Term / No After School Club
18 th	April – Return to School
25 th	Class photos

School Communication

Lunchtimes Update

Before Christmas we were increasingly concerned by the number of children not eating their lunches in the rush to be out on the playground as well as the growing number of behaviour incidents. Children had also expressed a desire to have more equipment at lunchtime and a wider variety of activities available.

To address this we have revamped lunchtime. We have introduced zones ~ sport zone, mindful zone ~ adventure zone. The children can choose a new zone each day and spend their lunchtime there, supported by an adult if needed.

To reduce the number of children in each zones at any one time we have introduced two sittings for eating lunch:

Year R,1,2 sitting one

Year 3,4,5 and 6 are sitting two

Only when the sittings is over can the children go out to play so there is no need for anyone to rush and race outside, leaving food uneaten.

On Friday, children who have earned an Above and Beyond certificate will be served their lunches first and will sit at a special table with an adult of their choice.

As part of this revamp we are encouraging healthy packed lunches and have attached a guide for you to peruse at your leisure (it's also available on the website

<http://www.greatdunham.norfolk.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Packed-Lunch-Guidance2022.pdf>)

We would remind you that only fruit /veg is allowed as a morning snack.

Thank you for your support

Feedback from the children about zones and the sittings has, so far, been overwhelmingly positive.

Board Games

If anyone has any good quality board games that they would like to donate to the school for wet play times please can you bring them to school next week. Thank you.

Celebrating Success

Above and Beyond



Imogen – for making great progress in her Maths

Ralphie C – for working really hard in phonics and completing his “hold a sentence” independently

Tallulah, Sophie Y, Jack, Willow P, Ava-Grace, Summer and Bridge – for being very helpful Bistro Buddies at lunchtime.

Well done ☺

Reading Buddies

Libby – for helping her reading buddy to sound out and blend the words

Holly – for listening carefully to her reading buddy



Mathletics w.c. 6.3.23

Silver

Ralphie C and Willow P

Bronze

Willow P, Tallulah, Ralphie C, Ben and Toby

Writing Certificate

Toby – for writing a super book review on “The Lighthouse Keeper”

Weekly Attendance w.c. 6.3.23

Our attendance target for this year is 96%

Oulton ~ 92.93%

Hickling ~ 98.69%

Ranworth ~ 92.06%

Attendance for the year

Oulton ~ 90.21%

Hickling ~97.16%

Ranworth ~ 92.73%

Our whole school attendance this year to date is 93.14%

National average currently is 93.8%

Your child is considered a persistent absentee if their attendance is below 90%

Reminder

The school office is open from 8:30am – 3:30pm. If you need to contact a member of staff outside these hours please either leave a message on the answer phone and someone will call you back or send

an email to office@grd.unity-ed.uk. If your child is unwell you can report this on ParentApp and it will send an email directly to Mrs. Nour.

Parent Apps

Please make sure you have down loaded **ParentPay** to pay for items and **ParentApps Connect** to stay in communication with the school.



Please type ParentPay.com into a Google search



Twitter 

You can follow us on Twitter @GreatDunham. This can also be found on the first page of our website: www.greatdunham.norfolk.sch.uk

Great Dunham Village Hall Coffee and Cake

Great Dunham Village Hall will be holding a Coffee and Cake morning at the village hall on Thursday 16th March from 9am.

Everyone welcome, £1.50 per head.

Come and have a chat – meet new friends.

More details of this and other upcoming events on the Great Dunham website and social media pages.

www.greatdunham.org.uk

Great Dunham Village Hall Presents:

Coffee & Cake Morning

Thursday March 16th 9am – 11:30pm

Great Dunham Village Hall, Litcham Road, Great Dunham, PE32 2LJ

Great Dunham Village Hall Family Barbecue and Fun

Great Dunham Village Hall will be hosting a Family Barbecue and Fun Day to celebrate the King's Coronation at the village hall on Sunday 7th May from 1pm.

Everyone welcome and will include:

Family entertainment and magic show

Live music with local vocalist

Kids Games

Ice Cream Van

Stalls

BBQ

Bar

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Jo Manning
FEMALE VOCALIST



Sunday May 7th 1pm – 5pm

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