



## DUSSINDALE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER



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raising standards and safeguarding children

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a relaxing summer holiday and have been able to enjoy some of the warm weather and beautiful surroundings of Norfolk. Since returning on Monday, we would like to thank you for your support with the new daily timings and routines to ensure all members of our school community are kept safe. We look forward to working with you over the forthcoming academic year. Please continue to check the website for the latest updates and the back page of this newsletter for diary dates.

## Assembly Theme - Resilience



This half terms assembly theme from the Successful Learner Web is resilience. During the half term, we will be using a range of stories such as The Hare and the Tortoise, The Dot, Little Red Hen, Lost and Found and How to Catch a Star to encourage children to increase their capacity to recover quickly from difficulties and toughness they may be experiencing. To support your child in developing resilience encourage a daily routine which includes physical exercise and provides opportunities for them to talk about their feelings at meal times, on car journeys or while walking side by side.

## School Games - Well done!

In recognition of achievement across the Autumn and Spring Terms of 2019-20 Dussindale Primary School received the Youth Sport Trust School Games Award for participations in Schools Games events. Also, in recognition of its participation in virtual competitions/challenges during the 'lockdown period', Dussindale Primary School has been awarded the Schools Games 2020 Virtual award. Thank you to Miss C Cook and Mr Crowle for leading the school forward in sport and inspiring and enabling pupils to take part both before and during lockdown and for parents for supporting the school with its sporting success.



# Update from the Yare Education Trust

Dear Parents,

I am writing to introduce myself to you as the Acting CEO of The Yare Education Trust, following the retirement of Ian Clayton MBE from the role at the end of August.

Whilst our Trustees (those responsible for governing the Trust) agree the next steps, I am committed to continuing the excellent work of the Trust, helping our schools do the best they can to achieve our ambition:

"for The Yare Education Trust to be an exemplary provider of inclusive education, rich in aspirational values, committed to meeting the needs of our people and providing an outstanding education, so that all can strive to achieve the best possible opportunities in life."

To achieve this our schools will:

- Offer an inspirational, ambitious and broad curriculum that is rich in knowledge and experience, promotes excellence for all and enables children to develop an understanding of their own personal identity, their roles and responsibilities in the world
- Engage effectively with the wider community to broaden horizons and provide high quality learning experiences, both in and out of school, that help children develop a love of learning new things
- Promote an inclusive learning culture that values and respects all people equally, where diversity is seen as a rich source of learning and all demonstrate tolerance and mutual respect
- Provide stimulating learning environments, where positive learning behaviours are the norm and all young people are safe, challenged in their thinking and encouraged to explore, dream and discover their world in order to open up their career and life choices
- Build an attractive talent management programme to recruit, retain and develop staff through clear career progression opportunities

Your school leaders (Headteachers and Governing Bodies) will be working on school improvement plans with the Trust's Central Team over this coming year.

Each school contributes to our partnership work and plays an important part in creating the overall strength of our Trust.

We value the feedback from you all, our school communities, helping us to build towards our aims.

We have talented Headteachers and leaders in all our schools and committed Governing Bodies (*Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form, Bluebell Primary School, Dussindale Primary School, Hemblington Primary School, Hillside Avenue Primary School, North Walsham Infant and Junior School Federation*) so we can be confident that, in spite of the challenges, we will do all we can to make sure the future looks bright for our children, young people and staff.

Best wishes

Clare Fletcher

Director of Schools and Acting CEO



## Message from author Brian Moses

Hi Everyone,

I love reading and I've always read. My parents encouraged me, sat with me, listened while I learned to read and then took me to the library where I discovered Enid Blyton's *Famous Five* adventures. It was these books that established the reading habit for me. I finished one book and there was always another waiting.

I read and read and read, beside the fire on cold winter evenings and under the bedclothes at night when I should have been going to sleep. Books hooked me, I always had my nose in a book. A book was a ticket to adventure. However boring life was, a book could lead me away from everyday life and into fantasy worlds that would excite and inspire me.

These days I still read a lot of fiction. A good story is a good story whether it is written for adults or children and over the past few years I have enjoyed reading the *Harry Potter* books and those written by Michael Morpurgo. I enjoy travel books too and I read a lot of children's poetry as I like to know what my fellow poets are writing about.



I'm also a book collector (not quite so many now since we downsized) but at one stage, as you can see from the photograph, I had a massive collection.



**Remember: It doesn't matter what you read, or when you read, what matters is that you read.** Happy reading everyone, Brian Moses

## Nut free food

Can we please remind parents that Dussindale Primary School is a nut free school. This means parents should refrain from including products that contain nuts in lunch boxes. We would be very grateful for your support with this.



## Diary Dates

5th - 9th October 2020 — Mental Health Week

Friday 9th October 2020 — Individual/Sibling school photo

Friday 9th October 2020 — Frobisher Class Assembly online

Friday 16th October 2020 — Coral Class Assembly online

Thursday 22nd October 2020 — INSET day — no school for pupils

23rd —30th October 2020 — Half Term

Friday 6th November 2020 — Caspian Class Assembly online

Monday 9th November 2020 — Parent Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 11th November 2020 — Parent Consultations

Friday 13th November 2020 — Jemison Class Assembly online

Monday 16th November 2020 — Flu Vaccinations

Friday 20th November 2020 — Java Class Assembly online

Friday 27th November 2020 — da Gama Class Assembly online

Friday 4th December 2020 — Med Class Assembly online

