



DUSSINDALE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER



Together on a voyage of discovery...
raising standards and safeguarding children

Thank you

Thank you for your continued support adhering to the staggered start and pick up times and wearing of masks whilst on site. We are very grateful to all members of our school community who are working together to keep safe. Continuing with these routines we now look forward to enjoying the end of term festivities. Please continue to check the website and the back page of this newsletter for diary dates.

Assembly Theme - Collaboration

This half term we have focused on the assembly theme collaboration. Children have enjoyed stories such as Pumpkin Soup, Have You Got My Purr and Stone Soup which exemplify the importance of this value.



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for their support with Children in Need. Dussindale raised £352.02 for this worthy cause.

Maths Week

During the week of the 9th November pupils furthered their learning by taking part in a feast of mathematical activities as part of a national maths week. To launch the week Mrs Smith introduced a Key Stage 1 and 2 maths challenge and invited all children to partake. In Reception and Key Stage 1 the children had to make something from a tangram while in Key Stage 2 pupils estimate and calculate the amount of pasta pieces in a jar. The winners were:

Reception - Sofia and Oliver

Year 1 - Taaliah and Daisy

Year 2 - Conor and Ruby

Closest Pasta Estimation

Year 3 - Lillie and Chrystella

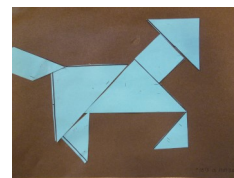
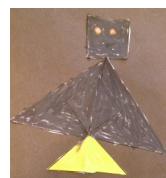
Year 5 - Anna P

Correct Calculation

Year 3 - Freddy, Katie, Leah, Charlie and Jessica, Adam

Year 4 - Jemison Class, Lucas B

Year 5 - Miss Moore and Jamie F



Staffing update

OUR STAFF

Unfortunately, Ms Myga is still unable to return to her teaching post at Dussindale after Christmas, therefore Miss Banham will continue in post until Easter.

Also, Mrs Scriggins is taking a secondment to the Yare Education Office as Compliance and Communication Manager in the Central team from 1st January to 31st August 2021. We wish her success in this new role and look forward to her return on the 1st September 2021.

Lunches

During week beginning 7th December, Harrisons' have changed the desserts each day as part of their Harrison's Bear Festive Adventure. On Monday 7th December pupils will have the option of a dessert from Ireland, on Tuesday 8th a dessert from Iceland, on Wednesday 9th a dessert from Sweden, on Thursday 10th a dessert from Greece and Friday 11th a dessert from Switzerland. As part of this special week, children will receive a colouring sheet to hand back by Friday 11th December and the winning picture will win a Christmas Bear.



There is also a change to the lunch menu week commencing 11th December 2020:

Monday: Normal Menu

Tuesday: Normal Menu

Wednesday: Spaghetti Bolognaise/Vegetable Bolognaise

Thursday: Roast Turkey Christmas Dinner/Quorn Fillet Christmas Dinner

Friday: Normal Menu

Jacket Potato and school pack lunches are also available on all days.

Please order meals via Pupil Asset.

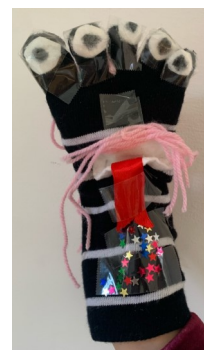
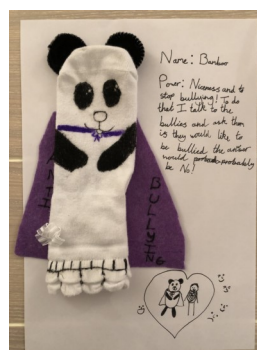
Finally, in consultation with the School Council, Harrisons' has agreed a new menu for January 2021 and this can be found on the school website.

School Council

Thank you to the School Council for all their hard work with Anti-bullying week. We were delighted with the number of pupils who took part in the launch on Monday 16th November by wearing odd socks.

We were also delighted by the take up in the Sock Puppet competition and School Council would like to thank those children who took part. During judging the School council commented "It was very difficult, they are all good and everyone has tried to make them beautiful...everyone's puppet is different..."

The winning sock puppets are pictured below.



PTFA

Following their meetings this term, the PTFA are organising the following events for the pupils:

- **Crazy Christmas Hair Day — Friday 4th December**
Pupils are invited to pay £1 to come to school with crazy festive hair.
- **Gingerbread Person competition — Saturday 12th December**
Pupils are invited to make and decorate a gingerbread person and email a photo of their creation to dussindaleprimaryptfa@gmail.com. Entries will be judged and prizes awarded to the following categories: reception, year 1 and 2, year 3 and 4 and year 5 and 6.

Donations

Thank you to Sarah Brear and Thorpe Garden Centre for their kind donation for bulbs for the Science and Key Stage 1 garden.

Also thank you to Sainsbury's for their £30, Tesco £20 and QD £10 donations for the pupils Christmas Parties.

Christmas Party Days are:

Year 5 and 6 — **Monday 14th December,**
Year 2, 3 and 4 — **Tuesday 15th December** and
Reception and Year 1 — **Wednesday 16th December.**

Children are invited to wear Christmas attire or party clothes on the day of their party. In line with the school risk assessment and COVID-19 restrictions, parties will be in class bubbles.



Christmas Cards



Children are welcome to bring in Christmas Cards. In line with the school risk assessment and COVID-19 restrictions, these will be quarantined for 72 hours before handing out. A Christmas post box will be available in the library for children to post their cards in. The last day for bringing cards in will be **Tuesday 15th December.**

Parent Consultation of Relationship and Sex Education Policy

We are in the process of reviewing our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy at Dussindale Primary and we invite you to be involved in this. We are aware that this is a sensitive topic, therefore we feel it is even more important that we have your input on our new policy. To access the survey, please click this link [Survey](#). The survey will close on **Friday 18th December 2020.**



Santa Dash



Dussindale Primary pupils will be joining thousands of other schools who will be taking part in a national Santa Dash on **Friday 11th December**. 2020 Times have been suggested so that Year Groups across the Country run simultaneously. Your child is invited to come to school in their Christmas attire or jumper on this day to take part.

Christmas Celebration Performances

This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions and the school risk assessment Christmas Celebration Performances will be shorter, pre recorded and posted via Google Classrooms on Wednesday 16th December 2020.

Staff have requested their pupils come dressed in their Christmas clothing for filming the following days:

- Year 2 — **Friday 11th December 2020**
- Year 5 — **Monday 7th December 2020**
- Year 6 — **Tuesday 8th December 2020**



Diary Dates

- Wednesday 2nd December 2020 — Launch of RSE Consultation to parents
- Friday 4th December 2020 — Christmas Crazy Hair Day—£1 donation to PTFA
- Friday 4th December 2020 — Med Class Assembly online
- Monday 7th — Friday 11th December 2020 — Special daily lunch dessert
- Friday 11th December 2020 — Santa Dash ***Come to school in Christmas attire or jumper***
- Friday 11th December 2020 — Earle Class Assembly online
- Monday 14th December 2020 — Year 5/6 Christmas Parties ***Come to school in Christmas attire, jumper or party clothes***
- Tuesday 15th December 2020 — Year 2/3/4 Christmas Parties ***Come to school in Christmas attire, jumper or party clothes***
- Wednesday 16th December 2020 — Reception and Year 1 Christmas Parties ***Come to school in Christmas attire, jumper or party clothes***
- Wednesday 16th December 2020 — Christmas Celebrations sent via Google Classrooms
- Thursday 17th December 2020 — Christmas Roast Lunch
- Friday 18th December 2020 — End of Christmas term (normal staggered pick up times)
- Monday 4th January 2021 — Start of the new term
- Thursday 7th January 2021 — Year 6 height and weight check
- Tuesday 12th January 2021 — PTFA meeting 6 pm via Zoom
- Friday 15th January 2021 — Drake Class Assembly online

