



DUSSINDALE MONTHLY
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Thank you

Thank you for the positive feedback we have received over the last week. It has been much appreciated by the staff who are working incredibly hard to meet all pupil's needs with Remote Learning. Can I please remind parents if you wish to enquire about key worker/vulnerable pupil provision please use the email: head-ds@yare-edu.org.uk

Assembly Theme - Reflection

Continuing the theme of reflection, we are inviting all pupils to write reflective messages of kindness and positivity to family and friends which can be laminated and hung from trees in the school grounds. If your child has a message, it can be written and left on the table in the school entrance when you are out for daily exercise or sent using the email: office-ds@yare-edu.org.uk



Dussindale Music Video

Calling all Dussindale Pupils!

Last year many of you did a fantastic job of performing in our Dussindale Music video, which brought a lot of happiness and joy to our community, during very unusual times. We are calling on your talents once again, in order to spread some more cheer this January and February.

If you would like to take part, then please choose one of the following songs to dance, jump around, do cartwheels to, in your living room (...kitchen/garden etc.) Be imaginative - hair brushes make great fake microphones!

- * High Hopes - Panic! At the Disco
- * Can't stop the Feeling - Justin Timberlake

If you are not a keen dancer then we welcome other ideas, as we would like to include as many of you as we can. Maybe make a sign with a positive message and send a video to us of you holding it.

Most importantly we want to see you having fun, so that we can spread some happiness to our community!

Please film videos in landscape and email to: office-ds@yare-edu.org.uk
The deadline for video submissions is Wednesday 3rd February 2021.



Good news

It has been great to hear and see how the pupils at Dussindale Primary School have been engaging in remote learning whilst the school is operating differently.

We enjoyed watching the videos on Tapestry where Dussindale Reception were magicians. Inspired by their Talk for Writing story—Mavis the Magical cat (who can colour in pictures by magic) the children created magical coloured pictures.



As part of their geography this term, Year 4 have been learning about volcanoes. Some of the pupils extended their work by making some of their own volcanic eruptions. Here is a photo of one.

Finally, Well done to Honey Pitcher who sent in photos of her wonderful Oreo cakes.

If you have a piece of good news or work which you would like to share with the school community via the school newsletter, facebook, or website, please send it to: office-ds@yare-edu.org.uk.



Mental Health Week 2021 (1st - 7th February)

Next week Dussindale Primary School will be supporting 'Children's Mental Health week 2021' (1st-5th Feb) organized by the charity www.place2be.org.uk

This year's theme is 'Express Yourself'. We are encouraging children (and adults) to explore the different ways we express ourselves through activities we enjoy and that benefit our mental health. Children might choose to express themselves through art, drama, dance, sport, cooking, writing, music etc.

During mental health week we shall be uploading some creative activities to Google Classroom and giving children the opportunity to share their creative ideas and projects by uploading pictures/videos or sharing ideas in our regular Zoom sessions.

On Friday 5th Feb we would like to encourage all children at home or school to 'Dress to Express'. On the day children can choose to wear their favourite (non uniform) clothes that express their personality and creativity.

If you have photos/videos of creative activities that you would be happy to share with the Dussindale school community please send them to: office-ds@yare-edu.org.uk



Half Term



Schools have **not** been instructed by the government to remain open for critical worker and vulnerable groups over the half term holidays.

Therefore, our provision will currently finish at 3.20 pm on Friday 12th February. If your child is eligible for benefits-related free school meals then a food voucher will be issued to continue over the week's holiday. As you know, schools are told about national school plans at the same time as the wider population so if we are made aware of any change to the information above, we will let you know as soon as we can.

Blue Peter

Blue Peter have informed us that they have launched [Blue Peter on YouTube](#) at CBBC, for entertainment outside of home-schooling hours during this period of national lockdown.

Blue Peter is the longest running childrens TV show in the world and they are uploading videos to their channel that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking demos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. They also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about their presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwakasy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog. If you wish to subscribe please visit <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> or on BBC iPlayer.



Family First Magazine



To access your free e-copy of Family First magazine, packed full of information to help keep children happy, learning and entertained at home during lockdown please paste this link into your browser:

<https://familyfirst.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=78d2652349ab3e1cddffc01a0&id=f9ca0d9ba8&e=53f2b5fab5>

Diary Dates

Friday 29th January — Reception Superhero Storybook Dress Up

Monday 1st — Sunday 7th February 2021 — Mental Health Week

Wednesday 3rd February — Last day for submitting music videos

Friday 5th February — 'Dress to Express' wear your favourite (non uniform) clothes

— Leave a positive message to a friend or family member in the front entrance for hanging on a tree in the grounds

Friday 12th February — Last day of half term

Monday 15th — Friday 19th February — Half term, school closed

Monday 22nd February — School term starts

Tuesday 23rd February — PTFA meeting 6 pm on Zoom

Thursday 4th March — World Book Day

Friday 5th March — Maths Day

Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th March — Parents evening on Zoom

Friday 26th March — Last day of term

