

# DUSSINDALE NEWS



Week beginning: Monday 20th November 2023

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## Greetings

What a wonderful week at Dussindale Primary School!. Our week began with Odd Socks Day and ended with an amazing Pudsey Fair, led and organised by our Year 6 children. Well done to Year 6 children who raised £362 for Children In Need. Year 1 had a lovely time at the theatre watching *The Gruffalo* and Year 4 enjoyed their visit to Strangers Hall as part of their local history unit on Robert Kett. This week sees our Family Learning Sessions-we hope you will be able to join in with your child's session. We continue to explore our value of "friendship" this week through the story of 'The Kindest Red'. This story explores how kindness plays an important part in all friendships.



## Recogniton Wall

Well done to all our children who took part in the Norfolk Schools Cross Country event and NCFC Y5/6 Football at the Nest on Monday. You all showed great resilience and Respect.

Well done to Lucie and Maizie who took part in the Thorpe Remembrance parade.



## Bag 2 School

Don't forget your Bag 2 School this week! Full bags can be brought to school on: Tuesday 21st November, Wednesday 22nd November and collection day Thursday 23rd November. Drop off is in the school hall (mornings only). You can use bin bags if you have more than one bag of items to donate!

## Family Learning Sessions

We hope that you can join us this week for our Family Learning Sessions from 8.40-9.20 am. The dates are:

- Monday 20th November - EYFS & Year 6
- Tuesday 21st November -Year 5
- Wednesday 22nd November- Years 3 & 4
- Friday 24th November-Years 1 & 2

The focus for the family learning sessions for EYFS and Years 1 & 2 is handwriting and Talk 4 Writing. In Years 3 and 4 the teachers will focus on writing and in Years 5 and 6 the focus will be on Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, also known as SPAG, which is tested in KS2 SAT's.



Together on a voyage of discovery...

Be responsible, Be respectful, Be resilient and Be ready

## Dussindale Houses



Well done to Wroxham House who were last half term's winners with 230 tokens! Next was Hickling with 216, Ranworth with 204 and Salhouse with 180! This half term our children will compete in an inter-house cross country competition at school. Children will earn a token for their house for every lap they run. Children can also walk their laps if they wish. Children will need to come to school in their PE clothes on their day, wearing a t-shirt/top in their house colour. The dates for the cross country house event are:

- EYFS and KS1- Tuesday 5th December
- KS2- Thursday 7th December



## Pudsy Fair

Well done to our Year 6 classes who worked incredibly hard to create an amazing Pudsey Fair on Friday for the school. The Y6 children made fantastic games for the rest of the school to play and they showed great compassion, care and kindness with the younger children. Thank you also to our families that gave donations for the fair.



### Making Sense of SEND FREE INFORMATION FAIR

**Wednesday 22 November 2023** 10am-12pm  
Wells Maltings, Wells-next-the-Sea

For parents & carers of children aged 0-25 with SEND.  
Information stands will include:



**Norfolk County Council**

Optional talk from 10:30 - Philip Beck will be talking about School and Community Teams- and taking your questions!

Free refreshments will be provided, and you are welcome to stay for as long as you'd like!



# FANTASTIC LEARNING



Year 2 enjoyed their castles immersive day.



Well done to all the children who represented the school at the Norfolk Schools Cross Country trials.



All children took time with their Buddy Class this week to share a book.



Our Year 1 classes enjoyed their visit to the Theatre to see *The Gruffalo*.



Monday was Odd Socks Day in school.

# REMINDERS

## School Lunches

Please order (or cancel) your child's school lunch, via **Parent Portal** by **8am** on the day.

Menus for the three weeks are available on the school website : [Autumn 2 menu](#)

**Please note week beginning 13th November is Week 2 of the menu.**

## School Day

The site opens at 8.30am and the doors at 8.40 am. The gates close at 8.50 am as this is registration. In the afternoon the gates open at 3.10 pm ready for Reception to be collected at 3.15 pm and Year 1-6 at 3.20 pm.

## School Uniform

Pupils are expected to wear a jade sweatshirt with the school logo, jade green polo shirt, navy trousers, shorts or skirt with green, navy or white tights or socks and plain black, flat shoes with a good sole grip. Green and white gingham dresses are also permitted. Your child's teacher will confirm when the class are learning PE and on these days children are expected to attend in a white t-shirt, black shorts, dark colour trainers and or black, navy or grey tracksuit. Please note all clothing must be plain with no logos.

## Lost Property

Please name all items of clothing so it can be returned to pupils. Unnamed items will be kept in the office for a fortnight for collection.

## Attendance

**If your child is absent please ensure you let the office know by either leaving a message on the school answer phone 01603 436180 or email [office-ds@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:office-ds@yare-edu.org.uk) Do not send a message on Class Dojo.** Please be aware that when children reach 9 unauthorised sessions within a six week period, schools are now required to issue a fixed penalty notice. If you are worried about your child's attendance Just One Norfolk have some useful advice: <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance>

## Benjamin DAB - Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast club sessions run from 7:30am to 8:40am and cost £6. A choice of cereals and toast are available. After school sessions run from 3:20pm to 6:00pm and cost £12. All children are provided with a school snack pack. Sessions are operated by school staff and will usually take place in the hall. Sessions are filling fast, with some already being full up. For any enquiries, please email [benjamindab@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:benjamindab@yare-edu.org.uk)

## White Rose App

Within school, we use White Rose Maths and they have released a free app called '1-Minute Maths' to help children to practise at home. The app is aimed at children in Reception and Key Stage 1 so if you have children in those year groups please download the app and encourage your child to have a go!



## Parking

Can we please remind parents to use Sainsbury's Car Park and walk through to the Vane Close school gate to keep our pupils safe and ensure they respect local residents.

## Family Learning Sessions

The focus for the family learning sessions for EYFS and Years 1 & 2 is handwriting and Talk 4 Writing. In Years 3 and 4 the teachers will focus on writing and in Years 5 and 6 the focus will be on Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, also known as SPAG. The sessions take place week beginning the 20th November, with year group specific dates listed in the diary dates.

## Help with Living costs - Winter 2023/24

Help with Living Costs - Winter 2023/24 Norfolk Assistance Scheme can help you get support and financial assistance for food, energy, water, and other household essentials.

## Bag 2 School

Remember to return full bags of clothing to the school hall (mornings only) on: Tuesday 21st November, Wednesday 22nd November and collection day Thursday 23rd November. Clean bin bags can be used if you have more than one bag of items to donate! The money raised will go towards painting a mural.

## Daily Healthy Snack

Although Reception, Years 1 and 2 have the choice of free fruit/vegetables daily, they can also bring in fruit/vegetables only to eat from home to eat if they wish. Pupils in Years 3-6 can purchase a healthy snack for themselves from the Snack Trolley for 50p, or alternatively bring in a healthy snack to eat from home.

## Thorpe St. Andrew Town Council Christmas Event

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council are holding a Christmas Event on Saturday 2nd December, 12-7pm, in Fitzmaurice Park. Please visit their facebook page for more information.



Saturday 2nd December, 12-7pm, Fitzmaurice Park

**BOOK NOW FOR SANTA'S GROTTTO!**

<http://buytickets.at/tsatc>

£2.50 per child  
includes a wrapped present

**MUST BE PRE-BOOKED**

CRAFT STALLS ★ FOOD STALLS ★ FUNFAIR  
★ WOODLAND LIGHT TRAIL ★ BAR

 OFFICE@THORPESTANDREW-TC.GOV.UK

## Dyslexia Awareness Parent/Carer Workshops

These workshops have been designed to support anyone who has contact with a child of school age e.g. parents/carers, grandparents or other family members. The child does not need to have an official diagnosis of any learning difficulty for parents/carers to attend workshops or courses.

Venue: Taverham High School, Beech Avenue, Taverham, Norwich NR8 6HP

Date & Time	Course / Workshop Title & Description	Cost
Thurs 23 Nov 2023 9.30 – 11.45AM	<b>Reading/Spelling Strategies [primary age]</b> – The workshop will look at the types of challenges a dyslexic young person might face when doing reading and spelling, and explore a wide range of practical support tools, resources and apps that you can use at home to support your child.	£10 per person
Tues 6 Feb 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	<b>Technology Focus [secondary age]</b> – The workshop will explore technology useful for supporting a dyslexic young person with reading, writing, spelling and maths at high school.	£10 per person
Wed 27 Mar 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	<b>Making Learning Stick [all ages]</b> – The workshop will explore what working memory is, as well as many ways for you to support your child with working memory skills to help increase their confidence and ability when reading, writing, doing arithmetic or studying for exams.	£10 per person
Thurs 2 May 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	<b>Supporting Maths Difficulties [all ages]</b> – The workshop will look at the types of challenges a dyslexic young person might face when doing maths and explore a wide range of practical support tools, resources and apps that you can use at home to support your child.	£10 per person
Tues 18 Jun 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	<b>Reading/Spelling Strategies [primary age]</b> – The workshop will look at the types of challenges a dyslexic young person might face when doing reading and spelling, and explore a wide range of practical support tools, resources and apps that you can use at home to support your child.	£10 per person

To book your place please click [here](#)

Please contact Laura Bates for further information or to book a place at:  
dosadmin@taverhamhigh.org or telephone 01603 800505 ex 239

# DIARY DATES

Monday 20th November - EYFS & Year 6 - 08.40 - 9.30 am  
Tuesday 21st November - Year 5 - 08.40 - 9.30 am  
Tuesday 21st November - Year 1 Local Walk  
Wednesday 22nd November - Years 3 & 4 - 08.40 - 9.30 am  
Wednesday 22nd November - Cross Country County Final  
Wednesday 22nd November - EYFS Parents Phonics session  
Friday 24th November - Years 1 & 2 - 08.40 - 9.30 am  
Friday 24th November - Year 5/6 Football tournament  
Thursday 23rd November - Parents Bags 2 School collection  
Monday 4th December - 9am SENCO Coffee morning for parents  
Tuesday 5th December - KS2 House Cross Country Event  
Wednesday 6th December - Year 6 bikeability group 1 (tbc)  
Wednesday 6th December - Visiting pantomime  
Thursday 7th December - Year 6 bikeability group 1 (tbc)  
Thursday 7th December - EYFS and KS1 House Cross Country Event  
Friday 8th December - Year 6 bikeability group 4 (tbc)  
Monday 11th December - Year 6 bikeability group 2 (tbc)  
Tuesday 12th December - Year 6 bikeability group 2 (tbc)  
Tuesday 12th December - 7.30 pm Voice Squad sing at Cathedral  
Wednesday 13th December - Year 6 bikeability group 3(tbc)  
Thursday 14th December - Year 6 bikeability group 3(tbc)  
Thursday 14th December - 2 pm Year R Nativity  
Friday 15th December - 8.50 - 9.20 am Parents reading in class with children  
Friday 15th December - Year 6 bikeability group 4(tbc)  
Friday 15th December - 2 pm Year 1/2 Christmas Celebration  
Monday 18th December - 2 pm Year 3/4 Christmas Celebration  
Tuesday 19th December - Christmas Dinner  
Tuesday 19th December - 2 pm Year 5/6 Christmas Celebration  
Wednesday 20th December - Last Day of Term  
Thursday 21st December to Tuesday 2nd January - Christmas holiday  
Wednesday 3rd January 2024 - INSET day school closed  
Week beginning 22nd January - Maths Family Learning sessions  
Monday 29th January - Voice Squad to Young Voices O2  
Monday 5th to Friday 9th February - Mental Health week  
Monday 12th and Wednesday 14th February - Parent Teacher Consultation Evening  
Friday 16th February - 8.50 - 9.20 am Parents reading in class with children  
Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February - Half term  
Thursday 7th March - World Book Day  
Friday 15th March - Comic Relief tbc  
Wednesday 20th March - Year 5 Wicked trip  
Friday 22nd March - 8.50 - 9.20 am Parents reading in class with children