



Dunton Bassett Primary School Newsletter w/e 17/03/2023

Welcome to this week's newsletter. All the children looked fabulous today 'Dressed For Joy' for Comic Relief! It's another busy week next week, with parents' evenings, PTA non-uniform day and a visit from our local MP. Have a great weekend.

Mr. Howard

Next (School) Week's Calendar (*=Parents Invited):

| Day | Event |
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| Mon 20/03 | Forest School Class 2 Mobile Library @ school Arts & Crafts Club (paid) 3.15 - 4.15 pm Parents' Eve 1 * |
| Tue 21/03 | Guitar Lessons pm in school. Sparx Club Yr 1/2 3.15 - 4.15 pm |
| Wed 22/03 | Lego Club (paid) 3.15 - 4.15 pm Parents' Eve 2 * |
| Thu 23/03 | Parents' Eve 3 * Film Club 3.15-4.30 pm YR-4 |
| Fri 24/03 | Non-Uniform Day - PTA - Bring Chocolate! Alberto Costa Visit - C3 PTA Gardening Club 3.15 - 4.00 * |

E Safety:

We will provide information about a different aspect of E safety every week in this publication; we hope you find it useful. This week's topic is: **Tik Tok**

PTA News:

Non-uniform day on Friday 24th is in exchange for an Easter Egg, ready for the Easter Egg raffle and cake sale the following Friday, 31st March. Friday 24th is also the first PTA Gardening Club, 3.15-4.00. £3 entry or free with an accompanying adult.



Peter Law Easter Tennis School, Stoney Stanton

Peter has worked in our school before and he runs fantastic tennis coaching sessions.

For more information on Easter and May holiday camps, please follow the link:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/PeterLawCoaching/Coaching/Summary/3d02e999-c4ea-4c25-8fd-c-abc29c0b5474>

School Calendar (*=Parents Invited):

| Spring Term 2023 | |
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| Date | Event |
| Mon 20/03 | Leics Mobile Library |
| Mon 20/03 | Parents' Eve 1 * |
| Wed 22/03 | Parents' Eve 2 * |
| Thu 23/03 | Parents' Eve 3 * |
| Thu 23/03 | TAG Rugby Festival (Y3/4) @ Mkt Harboro RFC 1.00-4.00 |
| Fri 24/03 | PTA Non-Uniform Day for Easter Cakes & Eggs. |
| Tue 28/03 | C2 Production 2.00-3.00 & 6.00-7.00 * |
| Fri 31/03 | PTA Easter Treats Sale. * |
| Fri 31/03 | End of Spring Term |

| Summer Term 2023 | |
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| Date | Event |
| Mon 17/04 | Start of Summer Term |
| Mon 17/04 | Leics Mobile Library |
| Mon 17/04 | Y4 Parents Info Session: Time Table Check. 3.30-4.00 * |
| Thu 04/05 | Dance Festival (C2) @ Luttt College 3.45-5.30 * |
| Mon 08/05 | Kings' Coronation Bank Holiday – School Closed |
| w/c 09/05 | KS2 SATS Week |
| Mon 15/05 | Leics Mobile Library |
| Mon 15/05 | Tennis Festival (Y3/4) @ Luttt High School 3.45-5.30 |
| Sat 20/05 | PTA Garden Clearance @ School: Volunteers. 11.00-1.00 * |
| Mon 22/05 | Saffron Lane Athletics (Y3-6) 9.30-12.30 * |
| Fri 26/05 | Class Photos |
| w/c 29/05 | Summer Half-Term Week |
| Mon 05/06 | Start of Summer 2nd |
| Wed 07/06 | Transition Sports Festival (Y6) @ Luttt College 3.45-5.30 |
| Thu 08/06 | Parent Forum 2.00 – 3.00 * |
| Sat 10/06 | Village and PTA Summer Fete * |
| Fri 16/06 | PTA Fathers' Day Craft 3.15-4.15 |
| Fri 23/06 | School Sports Afternoon 1.30-3.00 * |
| w/c 26/06 | Bikeability Yrs 5&6 |
| Mon 26/06 | Annual Reports Out |
| Tue 27/06 | C3 Production 2.00-3.00 & 6.00-7.00 * |
| Thu 06/07 | Leavers' Assembly 2.30-3.00 * |
| Fri 07/07 | Minnie Burman Awards Assembly 2.30-3.00 * |
| Wed 12/07 | Last Day of School Year |

Class One Weekly News

| This week's awards: | | |
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| Excellent Work: Athena Harry | Values: Sienna Autumn | Hot Chocolate: Lenny Douglas |
| <p>This Week's Learning: This week we have been learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Yr R - to read tricky words at speed and spell my and the when writing a sentence● Yr R - to explore mass and capacity● Yr 1 - to apply spelling rules in our writing● Yr 1 - to measure and compare mass● to explore the properties of materials and investigate absorbency (Yr 1) in science● to create journey sticks, using these alongside our map skills as well as learning about the seasons (geography) <p>We have also made bird feeders, along with cards and gifts for Mother's Day.</p> | | |
| <p>Next Week's Learning: Next week, we will be continuing our learning about properties of materials in science, observing and recording the weather in geography and making different lines using artists' inspiration in art. We have now completed two of our RSPB Bronze Wild Challenges and will continue with lots of outdoor learning to explore our natural world and hope to soon achieve our award as part of this.</p> | | |

Homework & Reminders:

PE sessions weekly on **Mondays**. We will keep your child's PE kit in school until the end of this half term.

Homework:

Phonics books / quizzes will be added weekly on Fridays onto Oxford Owl. Please access these via

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active-tab=students> with your child's unique login.

RWI Phonics Online Consolidation of Learning at School (please note that these links change weekly to support the children's current learning and can be accessed at home on a computer, tablet or mobile phone. They are only active links for 7 days.)

Yr 1 Please follow the links to consolidate learning we have been practising in class this week
[set 3 reading at home a-e](#)

[reading longer words ea/ee lesson 2](#)

Yr R Please follow the links to consolidate learning of the sounds we have been practising in class this week

[Word Time 1.5 lesson 3](#)

[reading at home igh](#)


[Fred's food cupboard](#)

Reading: Please add a comment in your child's reading book each day they share their phonics online learning with you at home. Thank you for sharing your child's reading scores and feedback via Oxford Owl. Stickers will be added to the children's reading charts at the end of each week.

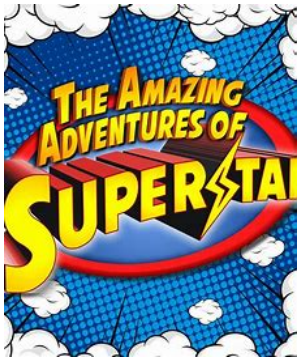
Tapestry - Please continue to add any learning your child is doing at home. Thank you to all the parents who have sent in learning from home this week.

Stay and Play - Please come along to our Class 1 Stay and Play session on **Friday 31st March** at **2pm** where you will be supporting your child to complete lots of lovely activities with an Easter theme! We look forward to seeing lots of you there. Many thanks for the incredible support you have given to these events!

Class Two Weekly News

| This week's awards: | | |
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| Excellent Work: Theo for displaying a hard working and conscientious attitude to his learning. | Values: Amelie H for showing kindness and teamwork by supporting her table partner with their learning. | Hot Chocolate: Dylan T and Evie for fantastic work in our production rehearsals and throwing themselves into their characters! |
| <p>This Week's Learning: In English we have been looking at reported and direct speech. In maths the year 2s have been using the four number operations with units of measure. The year 3s have started their unit on fractions. In history we looked a bit more at some of Christopher Columbus's voyages using drama. In computing we created some branching databases. In DT the children designed their own wrap thinking about a healthy balance of fillings, we are hoping to make up our wraps in the last week of term. In science we did some insect hunting and comparing what we found in forest schools and took part in a BBC science week live lesson about forces.</p>  | | |
| <p>Next Week's Learning: In English we will be focusing on our Superstan scripts looking at expression and stage directions. In maths year 2s will begin a new unit on mass, capacity and temperature and the year 3s will be comparing and ordering fractions. In PE we will be continuing with our hockey sessions and applying some of the skills we have been learning. In history we will be looking a bit more at some of Christopher Columbus's discoveries.</p> | | |

Homework & Reminders:



We have been continuing to work on Supersta this week and are beginning to see some real characters emerge!. Thank you for your continued support with the scripts at home and to those who have already used the prop list to let us know items they can provide. Please feel free to send the items in from next week. Some of the costume items were on the prop list but children should have come home today with a costume list for theirs and everyone else's characters. Please let us know if you are struggling with your child's costume or if you think you may have items for some of the other characters.

Homework

Year 2s spellings are focusing on the j sound spelt with ge at the end of words that don't have a short vowel sound and year 3s are looking at words ending in ch that can have er added. Full details are on the homework sheets in their homework books.

Our values task is to 'catch some compliments' - with family members make a circle and throw a 'ball' randomly to someone in the circle giving them a compliment as you throw them the ball.

Continue with times table practice on ttrs and reading to adults at home - remember learning Superstand lines counts as reading!

Class Three Weekly News

This week's awards:

Excellent Work:
Clayton & Franky

Values:
Mia, Eve & Lani

Hot Chocolate:
Josh G & Aren

This Week's Learning:

This week Year 6 have been doing SATs practice assessments and some of them met with LHS teachers as the next part of their transition to the next phase of learning. On Thursday the Open the Book team came in to take assembly. We have also started a unit of work on writing a brochure to persuade people to holiday in Sicily. We had a bit of fun on Wednesday as we imagined our flight out to Sicily and what we might see as we landed. We even had the preflight safety talk. In Wednesday's PE lesson we were practising our racket and ball control skills and on Friday we should hopefully be starting to sew our stuffed animals. If anyone with a current CRB would like to come in for the last hour on a Friday to assist with sewing I would be very grateful as it will speed the process up considerably. The planned visit of our local MP has been postponed until next Friday morning, but that gave a chance to catch up on what we missed on the snow day.



Class 3 Dance lessons in the hall

Next Week's Learning:

Next week we have Parents' Evening on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday so don't forget to go online and get yourself booked in. Year 4 also have the opportunity to go to the TAG Rugby Festival on Thursday afternoon in Market Harborough. We will hopefully have Alberto Costa visiting us on Friday morning and the PTA have their Non-Uniform Easter Egg event.

Homework & Reminders:

PE

Our PE this term is on a **Monday afternoon and a Wednesday afternoon**. We are not swimming.

Our topics this half term are...

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| Maths | Year 4/5: Fractions; Decimals (Y4); Percentages (Y5); Multiplication & division part 2 Year 6: Fractions/Decimals/Percentages; Area, Perimeter and Volume; Statistics |
| English | Letter writing; persuasive writing (adverts) |
| Science | Living Things |
| History /Geography | South America comparison with the UK |
| RE | U2.9 Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people? |
| PSHE | Rights and Responsibilities |
| Art /DT | DT: Textiles (combining different fabrics and shapes) |
| Music | Pitch |
| MFL | Spanish- Fruits or vegetables |

Homework

Homework has been set as usual this week for years 4 and 5 and the children will need computer access to complete the spelling and maths aspects of it (All children now have the necessary logins). **If you are having problems with the app on mobile phones you may need to do updates or to uninstall and reinstall as I know they have recently introduced updates which seem to be causing some people problems.** **Year 6 will be continuing their revision homework so will only be expected to do the reading and values part of the class homework alongside the work set in their revision books.** Our school value focus for this half term is **confidence**. We continue to consider reading to be of vital importance and would ask you to positively encourage your child to read as frequently as possible (don't forget that discussion with an adult to check comprehension is vital even for those really good readers).

Thank you for supporting your child's learning.
We continue to be grateful for your ongoing support.

Kind Regards
Mrs Alison Romanovsky

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-18 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive: figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 63 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-16s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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Please consider [downloading](#) the single from iTunes and Amazon as well as enjoying this video so we can raise these vital funds.



All UK proceeds will be donated to children's mental health charity **Place2Be** We can do this! The YV Team [#YV23](#) [#YVConcerts](#)



Are you interested in finding out more about training to teach in the local community?
We offer primary and secondary school-based teacher training programmes in the area.

If you are interested in finding out more, join us at one of the upcoming events.

Wednesday 19 April – 6-7pm – A virtual Achieve with TELA information event.

Saturday 20 May – 10-12pm – Meet providers from across Leicestershire at an event at Thomas Estley Community College (LE9 6PT)

Wednesday 24 May – 6-7pm - A virtual Achieve with TELA information event.

[Book your place here](#)

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