



Latest News

Dear Parents,

As I write this, the children are all looking forward to dressing up for World Book Day tomorrow after the postponement due to the snow. Thank you for your excellent support with this. Last Friday the Friends of Digby School organised their Mother's Day Tea Party and raised the excellent sum of £221. They have also organised an Easter hat/bonnet parade and a chocolate bingoo. The Friends of Dunston School have had to postpone this weekend's Sponsored Walk due to the bad weather forecast. It will now take place on Saturday, April 21st. (This starts at 2.00pm from the school). At Nocton, tickets are available to try and win the wonderful Easter hamper and there is an Easter disco on Friday, March 23rd.

As we approach Easter, we have church services coming up next week in all three schools. Dunston School's service takes place on Monday, March 19th (2.15pm) but please note that the Years 5 and 6 children will be at Branston Academy for the afternoon, Nocton School's Easter assembly is on Wednesday, March 21st (2.15pm) and Digby School's is on Thursday, March 22nd (2.15pm). Please come along and join us if you can.

Yours sincerely,

G. Boyall, Executive Headteacher.

NEXT CHURCH SERVICES (Easter Services)



DIGBY - Thursday 22nd March at 2:15pm
DUNSTON - Monday 19th March at 2.15pm
NOCTON - Wednesday 21st March at 2.15pm

PUPIL ABSENCES

If your child is off ill please leave a message on the dedicated absence line on the answering machine, stating their name, class and the reason for absence **by 9.00am** on every day of their absence.

Dunston Class 1 Information

Please can parents of children in class 1, encourage your child in the mornings to walk round to class on their own, from Monday 19th March. Thank you.



ParentMail

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There is a Parentmail App available to all parents registered on the PMX system.

We would therefore ask that parents regularly check their PMX account for all communications/ emails that we send out.

School Uniform

Can we remind parents to label all items of school clothing with your child's name.

Our TWITTER accounts.

Please follow us -



@DigbyPrimary
@DunstonPrimary
@NoctonPrimary

Car Parking at Dunston

As you will have noticed, we have had new staff car parking signs at the entrance and exit of our staff car park. Please remember that parents are not allowed to park within the school grounds at the beginning and end of the day. If a parent picking up a child has a blue disabled badge, they are able to park as agreed.

If you have arranged for another person, ie. Grandparents/friends to pick up your children, please remind them.

Thank you for your continued co-operation.



Class 1 at Nocton

Class 1 have had a very busy term! We have really enjoyed our 'Bears' topic and we are now experts on a range of different bears and where in the world we can find them. In our English sessions, we have been reading 'A Brave Bear' by Sean Taylor and have produced some fantastic detailed pieces of writing. We particularly enjoyed re-enacting the part where the two bears go for a walk through the forest and we used our senses to write a description of what it might have been like for them. We are just about to start our next exciting book. In our Maths work, we have really enjoyed using Maths of the Day to keep our lessons active – making our learning enjoyable! We have worked hard on comparing numbers and ordering non-consecutive numbers. If you've seen our Twitter feed, you will also know we have been working really hard on our ball skills in PE and are particularly enjoying our Hockey sessions.



Class 2 at Digby

Have had a busy term, continuing their topic about explorers. We have been reading Oliver and the Seawigs and have produced many different types of writing including instructions, stories, letters and diaries. The children have had great fun making their own islands with a partner and next we will be making our own Seawigs to decorate our island! We can't wait to share them with you soon. In PE we are very lucky to now have the expertise of Martin, a Chance to Shine Cricket coach as well as Mr Mudie from Carre's Grammar School. Keep an eye on our Twitter page for updates on our weekly sessions.



Class 4 at Dunston

This term, Class 4 studied the paintings of the artist Keith Nash. Mrs Temple contacted him to ask if he would consider giving us advice about painting watercolours and if he would give us feedback about our versions of his paintings. Keith was extremely helpful, gave Mrs Temple lots of pointers to share with the children and even emailed a video across for us to look at, demonstrating how he approaches a painting.

After watching the video, we chose one of his landscapes to study and experimented with colours to re-create his image. We worked hard to leave a lighter section in the sky, we remembered to have a white horizon line and we used water to help 'paint' with the watercolours.

When we were ready, we each chose one of Keith's paintings to study in order to produce our own versions. The children were mindful that pictures of their work would be sent to Keith and so worked with a huge amount of motivation – eager to impress the artist! We waited with anticipation for the response which was amazing!

Keith told us that he was incredibly impressed with the paintings, and commented on the fact that we had taken on board his pointers and guidance.

He left us with these words of wisdom:

"It is our desire and not our ability that determines our success."

"With watercolour painting, like anything else, you are only limited by the size of your imagination."



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