



The Duchy of Lancaster Newsletter

Friday 30th January

**News and information for families
and the community**





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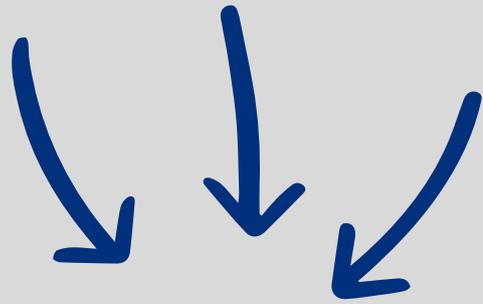
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Message from Mr Finney



We have experienced a particularly busy week at The Duchy of Lancaster Primary School, and I wanted to take a moment to share some important updates with our school community.

With just a couple of weeks remaining until half-term, I wanted to draw your attention to some key information.

Firstly, we have new arrangements for school drop-off and collection parking that I encourage all parents to review carefully.

These changes have been implemented to enhance safety and efficiency around our school site.



I'm also delighted to share that we have had a bright new bench donated which is currently at our school entrance.

This addition not only provides a welcoming feature but also offers a practical space for our pupils.

Further details about this new addition can be found within this issue of our newsletter.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
Valentine's
→ Day →

DISCO

THURSDAY **12** FEBRUARY

KS1 - 6PM - 7PM | KS2 7:15PM - 8:15PM

£4 TICKET INCLUDES SNACK &
DRINK

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL
OFFICE



**THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER
PARENTS' EVENING**

Teachers will be sharing information
about attainment and progress.

Points to be shared

- How your child is achieving compared to the expected level for their year.
- Progress your child has made in different curriculum areas.
- Information about personal and social development
- Attendance and the importance of it
- What you can do to support your child at home.

Tuesday 10th February
Wednesday 11th February

15:30 - 18:00
Book soon using
MCAS

PARKING



I am writing to address an ongoing concern regarding parking at school drop-off times.

The safety of our pupils remains our absolute priority, and we have observed significant risks associated with current parking practises.

Parking in front of or opposite the school creates serious visibility issues that compromise pupil safety when crossing the road.

These parking locations directly obstruct clear sightlines and increase the potential for accidents.

PARKING

We will be implementing protective measures, including placing cones in these areas to prevent dangerous parking.

I want to remind all parents and carers that, according to Highway Code section 243, parking opposite a junction or within 10 metres of a junction is not permitted.

These regulations exist to protect our children and ensure safe passage to and from school.

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a safe environment for all our pupils.



Drop In for Young people, Parents and Carers

Come and meet a Community Worker at a place near you. They are ready to answer questions/listen to worries and share supportive information, advice and guidance.

You can also call your local Family hub on **01553 669651** and talk to an advisor who will be happy to help. Mon-Fri 9am and 4:30pm

Gaywood Library	3rd February	9:15am - 11:15am	Georgie
Marshland Hall	12th February	1pm - 2:30pm	Georgie
Hunstanton Library Money Matters	3rd February	10am - 12pm	Lex
Hunstanton Library peer support group with REDI	6th February	9:15am – 10:30am	Lex
Kings Lynn library	7th February	10am – 11:30am	Lex
Dersingham Library	19th February	12:30pm - 2pm	Lex
Cornerstone Church South Lynn	24th February	9:15am – 11:30am	Lex
ECFS South Lynn	27th February	9am - 11am	Lex
Swan Parents' Group	3rd February	9:00am-11:00am	Sarah
Downham Market Library	17th February	3:00pm-4:30pm	Sarah
Downham Market Methodist Church-Under 5 Healthy Child drop-in	26th February	9:30am-11:30am	Sarah



FAMILY HUBS

You can find out more about our family hubs approach online, just scan the QR code



What's on at the King's Lynn family hub in February...

Find more information



www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs

Monday

Stephanie from Housing Options on the 9th of February between 10am and 12pm.

Stephanie can support parent/carers with

- Advice on getting on the housing register.
- Support with applications
- Guidance around housing banding and the process from applying to getting offered your own property.

Tuesday

Tilly from Leeway Domestic Abuse Services on the 10th and 24th February between 10am and 1pm.

Tilly can support with:

- Emotional Support
- Practical guidance
- Referrals to other domestic abuse services.

Wednesday

Breastfeeding Support Group every Wednesday 1pm to 2:30pm

- Peer connection and emotional support
- Expert guidance, advice and practical tips
- Hands-on problem solving around all things breastfeeding

SHPS – Sustainable Housing Partnership Service – Drop-in at the discovery centre every Wednesday 9:20 to 2:30

Assistance with resolving landlord-tenant issues
Support for people at risk of homelessness
Financial help around tenancy costs

Thursday

Emma from the Department of Work and Pensions on Thursdays between 10am and 2pm.
Emma can support parent/carers with:

- Benefit related queries
- Finances difficulties and debts
- Childcare funding
- Opportunities around training, qualifications, or new skills

Friday

Anna from the Relocations, Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion team will be attending the Family Hub every Friday between 12:30pm and 4:30pm. Anna is able to support parent/carers who have relocated to England from another country and who are struggling with barriers to accessing support for their children SEN or Social emotional and mental health needs.

Katie from Norfolk Community Law Service (NCLS) will be at the Family Hub on Friday 23 January, 12:30–4:30pm. NCLS provides free, independent, and confidential legal advice and advocacy for individuals and families who cannot afford access to justice, focusing on vulnerable or disadvantaged groups. Services include:

- Family law and court support, welfare benefits, debt and money advice, immigration advice, discrimination and employment.

FRIENDS BENCH

We are delighted to share an exciting development at The Duchy of Lancaster Primary School.

Our school community has recently received a wonderful donation of a friendship bench from Icen Academy Tech Club.

We extend a special acknowledgement to Charlie, the older brother of Lucy in our Hedgehogs class, who has been instrumental in this generous gift.



FRIENDS BENCH

Currently located in our reception area, the bench will be positioned outside once our weather conditions improve.

On behalf of our staff and children, we offer our heartfelt thanks for this thoughtful contribution that will undoubtedly enhance our school environment and support pupil interactions.





Family Hub Drop In

Advice and support for parents and carers of children and young people from conception to 19 (25 for young adults with SEND).

Your local family hubs team are ready to help, and this month your Community Worker, Sarah will be at the following venues ready to listen and support you to find the right help.

Family hubs can help with advice and support with:

- health and wellbeing
- mental health
- parenting
- relationships
- finding activities and groups
- infant feeding
- money and work
- housing
- SEND
- support for dads
- substance misuse
- transition to adulthood

and so much more...



Date	Time	Venue
06 January	09:00 - 11:00	Swan Parents' Group
13 January	15:00- 16:30	Downham Market library
20 January	15:00 - 16:30	Downham Market library
03 February	09:00 - 11:00	Swan Parents' Group
17 February	15:00 - 16:30	Downham Market library



CELEBRATIONS



Happy Birthday to

BIANCA

Be On Time Bee Winners

SQUIRRELS - 97.1%

SCHOOL - 93.6%

Elephant of Excellence Winners

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Positive Points

Green Mercator - 76

Yellow Hillary- 75

Blue Raleigh- 83

Red Goodall- 76

Diary Dates



Valentine DISCO

FROM 6PM

**Thursday 12th February from
6pm KS1, 7pm KS2**



Wrap Around Care

EVERY DAY - 07:45-18:00

**Our excellent Breakfast Club
and Afterschool Club are open
every day. You can book through
MCAS.**



Parents Evening

15:30-18:00

**Tuesday 10th and Wednesday
11th is our Spring Term
parents' evening. Book soon
through MCAS**

Links



SCHOOL WEBSITE

[CLICK HERE](#)



SCHOOL DIARY DATES

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DEMAT WEBSITE

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