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Dunnington C of E Primary

Please Remember

Our school is a
"NUT FREE
ZONE".

Please avoid nuts, or any
products that contain
whole nuts in packed
lunches.

Thank You

Welcome Back

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed a relaxing break with your children and are all set for the busy term ahead.

Term has started positively, with new staff settling in very quickly thanks to our friendly and welcoming children and also helpful and detailed handovers from Mr Martinez and Mrs Rab.

At the end of last term we enjoyed a wonderful 'Performing Arts Day' with children across all age groups working together on a range of creative activities including drama, dance, shadow puppets, ukulele and percussion sessions. It was an absolute joy to see the children working together, supporting each other in their learning and having great fun! The staff really enjoyed it too! Look out for the photos which will be posted on our website very soon.

Sadly, Mrs McGowan will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. From August, her partner's role within the British Army will be based in Germany and they will therefore look to relocate overseas. Mrs McGowan has been an absolute asset to our teaching team and will be greatly missed. We are grateful for all her hard work and commitment over the past two years and wish her all the very best for the future.

Mr Pillinger will also be retiring from his post as caretaker at the end of May. His last day will be on Friday 19th May 2017.

Sewell FM are currently recruiting his replacement but I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all he has given to our school over the past eight years. We wish him well and a long and very happy retirement.

Best wishes, Caroline Hancy

SCHOOL COUNCIL SUMMER TERM FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The children have been discussing ways to support one of our families in raising funds for a special 'eye gaze' computer to help their son communicate.

For more information, please visit http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/15158250__10_000_appeal_to_help_York_school_boy_Marcus_communicate/

Each class has come up with their own fundraising idea. Some have written persuasive letters to celebrities others have decided to organise a bake sale. Classes may be writing to ask for your support in the coming weeks.

Dates To Note

April

24th Clubs Start
(unless notified separately by club organiser)
27th Y4 JD visit to Pizza Express

May

1st Bank Holiday- school closed
3rd-5th Y5 residential visit to Low Mill
8th Swimming sessions begin (children from various KS2 classes involved)
8th-12th Y6 Statutory assessment week
8th-19th Y2 Statutory assessment weeks
12th PTA Pamper Night 6:30pm
17th Y5 Curriculum celebration 2:30pm- Parents welcome
23rd Y3 Curriculum celebration 2:30pm Parents welcome
22nd- 26th Walk to School Week
24th POPPEY transition event (Reception children involved)
26th EYFS and KS1 Curriculum celebration 2:30pm- Parents welcome
29th -2nd June School closed for half term

June

5th June Staff Training Day
6th School reopens
6th Mary Weastell (Chief Executive CYC) visiting
14th Welcome meeting for parents of new Reception starters 6:30pm
20th Choral Concert in the Minster (Y5 children involved)

July

1st PTA Summer Fair
3rd Sports Afternoon 1:15pm Parents welcome
4th Move up afternoon (children visit their new class teacher)
4th Singing Showcase 4:15pm Parents welcome
6th Move up morning (children visit their new class teacher)
6th Musical Evening 6:30pm Parents Welcome
7th-11th Y6 residential visit to Boggle Hole
12th, 13th, 14th Chocolate Story trip for LKS2
17th Final swimming session (children from various KS2 classes involved)
18th Sports Afternoon (cancellation date) Parents welcome
21st Y4 curriculum celebration 2:30pm- Parents welcome.
24th Family Picnic lunch—all welcome 11:45am
25th Summer Discos 6pm onwards
26th Leavers service in St Nicholas' church 10am.
As this is a service for the whole school, we are unable to accommodate parents- sorry.
26th Leavers Assembly 2pm. Parents of Y6 pupils welcome.
End of Term

(Children return Wednesday 6th September 2017)

SUMMER UNIFORM

The school policy on uniform, outlined in the school prospectus, is:

- dark grey or black school trousers, skirts, pinafore skirts or shorts (not sports trousers)
- a school sweat top or cardigan in red or blue
- a white, red or blue polo shirt or school shirt
- sensible shoes (not trainers)
- a summer dress (optional) in red or blue check/stripes

For safety reasons, where children are wearing sandals to school, please ensure they are sandals which are secure on the foot, not flip-flop/beach style. It is also advisable that children have a named sun hat in school during the summer term although we do have hats we can provide for our KS1 and LKS2 children when working outside. We do still play outside in light rain so please ensure your child has a lightweight jacket in school, even during the summer months.

Please could you also ensure that children have suitable kit and footwear for outside PE during the summer term.

HOT WEATHER

The children are encouraged to drink plenty of water throughout the school day so please ensure they have a named water bottle in school. These can be purchased at the school office for 95 pence or supplied from home.

Children can also bring and apply their own sun-cream during the school day. Unfortunately, members of staff are not able to assist children in doing this. You may wish to consider applying a 'once a day' protection before school if your child is

SPORTS NEWS

A big well done to the Y5/6 football team on their triumphant success in coming top of the York Schools league. A fantastic achievement!

We had 8 runners in KS2 who all took part in the cross country North Yorkshire finals at Dalby Forest in March. Superb efforts from Rory Callin, Ella Wheeler, Alfie Cresswell, Will Chalk, Rory Thornton, Izzy Chalk, Archie Booth and Lawrence Pierson and, of course, thank you to the parents for taking time out to get them there and back.

The school netball teams took part in the cluster finals and despite winning a number of matches they unfortunately didn't qualify for the York finals. However, many of our 2 teams were Year 5 pupils who have only had 2 terms of netball coaching and the progress they have made is brilliant. I am looking forward to next season to build on that progress!

I had the pleasure of taking 6 pupils to a fantastic inclusive sports day at Queen Margarets School in Esrcick. This was a lot of fun and the children had a fantastic time trying out archery, blindfolded activities and bouncing on space hoppers!

A team of very enthusiastic Year 6 girls attended a football event with me in April. On a very cold and wet day they had a brilliant time enjoying various coaching sessions with York City and York College students. They played small matches against other local schools and learned more about the popular game. The girls approached the whole day with a smile on their faces and were a pleasure to take out of school. Leading on from this we now have 2 'girls only' football clubs set up for this half term. These are run by York City coaches and the response has been fantastic. Both clubs are now full but if successful, we will endeavour to provide further coaching beyond this half term.

York City are also in delivering curriculum support for Y2 (DA/LR) and Y3. Coaches are coming into support teachers and develop their skills and knowledge for teaching football.

Our PE curriculum specialist is working in Year 4 this half term supporting staff in their delivery of athletics. Simon Walton is a secondary PE teacher and will also be running a Y5/6 athletics club on a Thursday lunchtime and a Y4-6 tag rugby club after school.

Yorkshire cricket coach, Rachel Hildreth is delivering 4 weeks of cricket sessions to Y3/4 pupils. This forms part of a scheme called 'Chance to Shine' and is a national programme. She is also booked in to do a taster session for F/KS1 pupils with a new initiative called 'Cricket Stars'. Maybe we will spot the next Jonny Bairstow!! Also on a cricketing note, we are very proud to hear that Emma Bailey has been selected for the North Yorkshire Girls Cricket Squad. We are very pleased to see all her determination and hard work has paid off for her!

Premier Sport will be in school starting on Tues 9th May with a new breakfast club for KS2 and a new after school club for KS1 on Wednesday 10th May. Details are to follow after a launch assembly next week.

IT'S BUG BUSTING WEEK AGAIN!!

Thank you for your extremely supportive response to our bug busting weeks in the past. This approach to the problem has been very effective in working towards the elimination of head lice from our school. We would therefore like to ask for your cooperation in continuing with this regular event.

Please remember that we need **every family** to participate in order for our efforts to be effective.

Please proceed as follows:-

Starting from Monday please check for head lice and eggs and wet-comb the hair of every member of your family at least once every three days for at least one full week.

Experts are divided as to whether wet-combing or chemical treatment is best but unless you find lice or eggs, it is better not to treat heads with chemical preparations.

If you are unfamiliar with head lice and would like more information or support about detection and treatment, please see Mrs Hancy or Mrs Brandon.

We will keep you up to date about any relevant information we receive on the effectiveness of our bug-busting week.



THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN OUTSIDE SCHOOL

A number of parents have expressed concern over the safety of our children with regards to traffic outside the school gates. Please help us to keep your children safe by:-

- Avoiding using the yellow zigzag areas to drop off children
- Refraining from parking on the double yellow lines **or in neighbours' driveways**
- Adhering to the 20mph speed limit
- Keeping the pavements around the school gates clear from obstructions including dogs.
- **Ensuring those who walk/scooter/cycle to school without an adult are regularly reminded how to do so safely e.g. safe routes, crossing places, danger spots.**

Thank you for your cooperation.