

# Dunnington News



15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## **AUTHOR VISIT - GRANT KOPER**

We have been very lucky to book an author visit on the 10th April where Grant Koper will be in school reading his book 'The Day Granny's Knickers Blew Away!'

The book is aimed more at the younger children but older children will also enjoy the session and be inspired by him when they get to ask questions about how he writes. Children will be able to get writing tips and be encouraged to read and write more stories themselves.

Grant will also sign copies of his book (£6) on the day - so look out for the order form coming soon on the newsletter!

Mrs Waddle

## **Message for Parents from Mrs Elliott**

Following on from the Year 5 visit to York University's Astrocampus, we wanted to let you know that the Astrocampus runs free events fortnightly during the year (October - March) which are open to the public and which you and your children may like to attend. There is just one more public opening for this year on Thursday 28th March at 6.30pm; however, you will get to have a tour of the observatories and an introduction to the night sky. When possible, you will also have the opportunity to observe the Moon, planets, and stars with their telescopes and binoculars and the events do go ahead whatever the weather. Also included in every event is the opportunity to find out more about space science - this can include meteorite handling, using an infra-red camera to discover how space telescopes work, and investigating spacecraft in 3D using our iPads.

Tickets are needed to gain entry to this event and can be obtained at <https://astrocampus.york.ac.uk/visit/>, however, it is free to attend so if you fancy going along, make sure you get your tickets in advance!

## **News for Year 1 and 2 Parents from the KS1 Staff**

Welcome back after the holidays, we hope you had a wonderful break.

After the success of our 'Circus' topic, which included a fabulous visit from Blooming Circus, this half term we are moving on to our topic on 'Island Adventures'. We shall be basing our work around the books of 'Katie Morag', stories that are set in the imaginary island of Struay, off the west coast of Scotland.

The children will have the opportunity to write about the island and carry out some geography based tasks.

In DT we are going to be making puppets, and to this end, we still need many more kitchen roll inner tubes please. We would appreciate it if you could set them aside and bring them into school as soon as possible.

Later on in the term, we are going to have a pizza making day. Mr Garguilo will be showing the children the traditional way of making Neopolitan pizza and everyone will get a chance to make the dough and put toppings on the pizzas and share them after. What a treat! If your child has any specific allergies, please ensure that staff are made aware of these. The topping will just be mozzarella, cheddar cheese, basil and a tomato base.

In computing, the children will be learning about coding and practising this in class. We shall be using the <https://studio.code.org/hoc/1> website, which you are welcome to use at home too. For ongoing typing practise, the children really enjoyed the bbc website <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/z3c6tfr> which is superb for finding their way around the keyboard and using it correctly.



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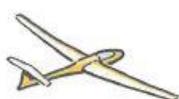
Please can we ask that all parents do some reading and spelling practise each week. For Year 2, please carry on with Times Table Rock Stars and over the next few weeks, some children may bring home some old SATs papers to practise at home.

At the end of term, there will be the usual Easter Service at Church and also EYFS/KS1 celebration. In both cases parents are invited to attend but more information will be given closer to the time.

Finally, if any parents would like to come in to assist with reading, please get in touch with your child's class teacher. Also, if you have any interest/expertise that you would like to present or share with the children, please do get in touch, as the children love visitors to school.

We look forward to a great term ahead.

## VILLAGE CHARITY EVENTS



# NSPCC



Dunnington NSPCC Committee

Presents



## Afternoon Tea

## &

## Lady Glider Pilot Talk

Saturday March 30th 2019 – Talk Starts 2pm



The Reading Rooms

Church Street, Dunnington YO19 5PW

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## FREDDIE'S FIGHT

Station House are holding a charity week from Monday 18th March to raise money for a little boy, Freddie. He is 3 and has a rare form of aggressive cancer called Neuroblastoma. We are all trying so hard to raise enough funds (£250,000) for him to undergo treatment in America.

Station House Nursery, have kindly offered to dedicate a whole week to #Freddie'sFight, where we are holding various charitable events.

We'd like to ask if you'd join in our fundraising week at Station House Nursery, in Dunnington, by making a donation please?

Any of the following would be greatly appreciated:

Cheque or cash donation straight into the collection bucket (I will happily come along to you with our Freddie's Fight collection bucket).

Cake donations for our cake stall (cake stall running all next week in the nursery entrance hall for parents to buy).

Buying raffle tickets (£1 each/£5 per strip) or "Lucky Numbers" tickets (£2 each/£10 per strip) - fantastic prizes available, including a GIANT 3Kg KITKAT donated by Nestlè

Bottles for the "Bottle-Lotto" game. (Anything from a bottle of orange squash to Wine, Champagne. It's hidden in a bottle bag and pot-luck what the parents will choose.)

Everything adds up and counts. Any donations are hugely important and appreciated.

We are more than happy to collect donations.

Please contact Nicola Gilham 07960 955611 for further information.

