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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.

Welcome Back

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

We have had an exciting start to the term meeting the Archbishop of York as he passed our school on his 'Pilgrimage of Prayer, Witness and Blessing' and also receiving some special rocket seeds from Tim Peake which have travelled from Kazakhstan on the Soyuz 44S rocket to the International Space Station. They have been stored in microgravity before being returned to Earth. Y2 DA/LR and Y3/4 KMcG/ SJ will be planting the seeds, alongside seeds which have remained on planet Earth as part of a national experiment.

On Friday our EYFS and KS1 classes will be joined by guests for a celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday in the hall. Dunnington Parish Council have very kindly offered to provide each child in the school with a commemorative gift to mark this special occasion.

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.

We do still play outside in light rain so please ensure your child has a lightweight jacket in school, even during the summer months.

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 children when working outside.

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.

Dates To Note

April

- 18th Clubs Start
(unless notified separately by organiser)
22nd FS/KS1 Celebration -The Queen's
Birthday Party (parent/guest invited)

May

- 2nd **Bank Holiday- school closed**
3rd-27th Y2 Statutory assessment weeks
4th-6th Y5 residential visit to Low Mill
9th-12th Y6 Statutory assessment week
20th PTA Pamper Night 6:30pm
25th Y5 Low Mill celebration 2:30pm
(Parents welcome)
25th POPPEY transition event -
Reception children involved
26th Y3/4 Ancient Greek celebration
(Parents welcome)

30th -3rd **School closed for half term**

June

- 6th School reopens
Week beginning 6th June - KS1 bus trip
around York (exact date tbc)
7th Cricket day (details to follow)
13th-17th Y1 Phonics screening week
16th Y3/4 to 'Horrible Histories' at York
Grand Opera House
20th-24th Y6 residential visit to Boggle Hole

July

- 2nd Summer Fair
4th Clubs finish
(unless notified separately by organiser)
11th Sports Day
Parents welcome - details to follow
19th Sports Day
(if 11th has to be cancelled)
25th Family Picnic lunch
— all welcome 11:45am
25th Summer Discos
Infants 6.00-7.00pm
Juniors 7.15-8.15pm
26th Leavers Service
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 7th September 2016)

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 unable to apply their own cream.

Best wishes, Caroline Hancy

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 Howard.

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.