

Dunnington News



6th October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Staffing News

It is with very mixed feelings that I am writing to inform you of some staffing news.

Last week Mrs Rigden was successful at interview for role of Headteacher at St Paul's Nursery, York. St Paul's Nursery is a local authority maintained nursery school just outside York city centre. It also has an enhanced resource school providing for young children with Special Educational Needs.

Mrs Rigden will therefore be leaving at the end of the Autumn term to take up her new position.

Mrs Rigden joined our school in September 2012 as an aspiring leader. She became SENCO in 2014 and has more recently taken on the role of Key Stage 1 phase leader. She is an excellent teacher; an extremely positive role model with a very calm 'can-do' attitude. She plays a key role in the maintenance of the school's ethos, demonstrating professionalism, compassion, enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to all aspects of school life and consequently has been a great asset to the school team.

We will be desperately sorry to lose her, but we know that she is ready for this next step in her career. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her every success and happiness for the future.

The governors have now started the recruitment process to find a replacement for Mrs Rigden and will inform you once a decision has been reached.

I thank you, in advance, for your continued support but please don't hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss related matters further.

SHOE BOX CAMPAIGN 2017

Operation Christmas Child which is better known as the 'Shoe Boxes' campaign started again in September 2017. Last year we collected 105 shoe boxes from Dunnington Community and the boxes were given to children in the poorest parts of the world.

By filling ordinary shoe boxes with small toys, school supplies, sweets and other gifts we are bringing **HOPE and JOY** into the lives of children who have very little. Your participation is very much appreciated. A leaflet will be sent home with your child.

Further leaflets and flat packed shoe boxes, which do not have to be wrapped in Christmas paper, can be picked up from **Dunnington Methodist Church:**

Wednesday Coffee Stop 10.00am - 12.00noon
Saturday Coffee mornings 10.15am - 11.15am.
Sunday worship 10.30am - 12.00noon

Packed Shoe Boxes' need to be dropped off at Dunnington Methodist Church by **Sunday 19th November 2017** when they will be blessed to go on their journey.

Thank you for your generosity, you are making a real difference.

For more information please contact Dana Homer on 01904 481121 dhomer50@gmail.com

Church Christmas Card Competition

An opportunity for your child to enter a competition to design the 2017 Christmas Card to be sent by the churches to households in Dunnington, Stockton, Warthill and Holtby.

Please find full details attached.

<p>Yours sincerely,</p>  <p>Caroline Hancy Headteacher</p>	<p>Other Items</p> <p>KS2 Dance Video – a letter from Miss Dunn is attached.</p> <p>The PTA Newsletter for October 17 will also be sent out this afternoon.</p>
<p>Message for Y6 Parents From Miss Dickenson & Miss Reynolds</p> <p>We would like to invite you to a SAT's information evening on Thursday 26th October from 6pm -7pm. The meeting will explain the Year 6 testing arrangements and the expectations for learning in maths, reading, writing and spelling.</p>	<p>Junior Choir</p> <p>Reminder – If you would like to join Junior Choir, please return the form sent out last week, to Mrs Gilderdale on Monday morning</p>

<p>Message from Miss Dunn for Dance Club: Just a reminder that Dance Festival tickets can be found at the website: http://www.creativelearningpartnerships.org/yorkshire-schools-dance-festival. Tickets are likely to be slightly more limited this year, as there are more children taking part, so it is advised to buy them in advance. Thank you!</p>
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We are thrilled to receive Premier League Primary Stars kit and equipment

We are celebrating after being awarded a Premier League Primary Stars equipment pack.

The pack contains 15 Nike size 4 footballs, a new Nike football bag, 16 bibs, 6 hoops, 10 numbered cones, alphabet floor markers, a ball pump, 5 large bouncy dice and resource cards to use in delivering fun, cross curricular games lessons.

The Kit and Equipment Scheme forms part of the Premier League Primary Stars offer to primary schools in England and Wales. This is a curriculum-linked education programme that uses the appeal of the Premier League and its clubs to inspire children to learn, be active and develop important life skills.

Delivered by the Football Foundation, the Premier League Primary Stars Kit and Equipment Scheme gives teachers a range of equipment that can be used across different curriculum areas to get children active.

Also available is a free downloadable suite of resources for teachers across Key Stages 1 and 2 in English, Maths, PE and PSHE. The easy-to-use materials have been developed in partnership with education organisations including the National Literacy Trust and the PSHE Association.

Mathematician Rachel Riley and children's authors Cressida Cowell and Dan Freedman also helped to create the teaching packs, which use real life sport examples to put lessons into a relevant and engaging context for children.

We initially heard about this opportunity through our links with York City and I put a bid

together based on us aiming to raise activity levels both within curriculum PE time and at playtimes. I used some of the new equipment with a group of Y1 children this week and it provided a great warm up game, encouraging them to raise their heart rates whilst finding letters of the alphabet and doing simple maths to find the correct number marker to stand on. Hopefully all your children will find some cross curricular PE lessons just as fun!

Mrs Rowntree