

Dunnington News



12th July 2019

SCHOOL MEALS

From September 2019, there will be an increase in the cost of school meals. This is because, following consideration by the Governing Body, we have asked Caterlink to pay the Living Wage to their staff working in our school. This is in line with many other York schools, where City of York Council advocate paying the living wage rather than the minimum wage.

The cost of a pupil school meal from September will rise to £2.30 for children in Years 3 to 6. School meals will still be free for children in Reception to Year 2, under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

SCHOOL PICNIC – TUESDAY 16th JULY, FROM 11.45 – 1.00

Family members are welcome to join us for this event. If your child would like a school picnic, this should be ordered and paid for in the normal way on Monday. Please note, there will be no jacket potatoes available on that day.

If you would like a school picnic, the cost will be £3.00 for adults and £2.15 for visiting children, payable on arrival at school. You are welcome to bring your own picnic if you prefer.

You might also like to bring something to sit on!

We hope for a nice sunny day and look forward to seeing you there.

YEAR 1 AND 2 SCHOOL TRIP TO YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK, DONCASTER – 17 September 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

To enhance our learning in the Autumn term about our topic, Paws, Claws and Whiskers, we have provisionally booked a visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park, near Doncaster. The Park has a great range of animals, including some which are critically endangered. We ran a trip here 3 years ago and were really impressed with the organization and facilities. The animals look in superb condition and the enclosures for them are excellent with plenty of room for them to roam around. The animals are clearly visible. There is also opportunity for visitors to wander through enclosures containing lemurs and wallabies which all adds to the excitement!

As well as there being various Ranger Talks held throughout the day at various locations and about various animals, we have also booked the children onto an educational workshop entitled 'World Habitats and Adaptations.' In this workshop children learn about desert, polar, savannah and rainforest habitats. They will learn about some of the animals in the Yorkshire Wildlife Park collection that live in these various habitats and what they need to survive there. The session includes being hands on with a range of animal bio-facts and live animals.

Further information regarding the cost of the trip, volunteers, clothing and timings will follow in a subsequent letter on the first day of term. We hope this will provide something very exciting for the children to look forward to and we are sure it will be a very enriching day for all involved. If you have any questions on the above, please see your child's teacher.

Kind regards

Key Stage 1 Team



South York
MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

Soak the Teacher!

To help raise further money for our two charities this year, Oscar's Paediatric Brain Tumour Charity and Dog's Trust, School Council have decided to organise a soak the teacher event! The event will take place during the whole school picnic on Tuesday 16th July and during that time children will be able to pay 50p for 3 wet sponges to throw at any of our lucky volunteer teachers!

We hope the event will raise lots of money for these important charities, as well as being great fun!

Lucy Jarvis



Sports News from Mrs Rowntree

Y3/4 FOOTBALL MATCHES

We took two teams to play against Wigginton Primary School on Friday.

It was fantastic to watch two fabulous matches and include so many children from our school.

One team narrowly missed out on a win with a final score of 3-2. A huge well done to the team and a special mention to Y3's Charlie Morris who played in goal and did a fabulous job.

The other team won their game 4-0. A brilliant achievement, especially considering that for some of the pupils it was their first ever competitive match.

FOOTBALL KIT

Please ensure that all items of football kit are returned to school before the end of term. We are missing several items of kit, especially socks!!

QUADKIDS

The Y2 Quadkids team took part in the North Yorkshire School Games on Sunday.

The children took part in running, jumping and throwing events, competing against all other areas of the county.

Our team were very well supported by staff and parents and came 5th overall. A fantastic achievement and a great day had by all!

Thank you to all those involved, who took time out on a weekend to support this special event.

Important Reminder from Mrs Rowntree

Thank you to all those parents who helped or encouraged their child to fill in the online P.E. Survey, If your child has not yet completed the survey, I would be really grateful if you could spare a bit of time to do this as soon as possible.

Many thanks.

The login details are:

www.koboca.co.uk

username: **Dunnington2**

password: **OLP17BLM**



South York
MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

PTA Update:-

Now that the dust has settled and we've had a chance to total up funds we are really pleased to confirm that the Summer Fair raised a whopping £2,315.50! Thanks once again to everyone involved and all that supported this!

I would like to take this opportunity to confirm exactly what the PTA funds have been able to buy for the school this year; firstly we have bought a new sound system for the hall which will be used for all future productions from the Infants Nativity plays through to the Year 6 Leaver's Productions (Cost £3,205). Next, we have been able to help the school upgrade its wifi, ensuring that every classroom can now access it. We also purchased new football goal posts and whole sets of class reading books (Cost £5,028). Finally, we have purchased Maths Rapid Recall Boards which the teachers will be using in class with children very soon (£607)! We have also committed a further £2593 to extra headphones for the IT Suite and more KS1 topic and reading books.

As you can see the funds we raise really are put to good use for the benefit of the whole school.

Your support is always greatly appreciated and you can see why we need a PTA to help fund extra items which the school just wouldn't be able to afford.

I have been Chair of the PTA for the last 2 years and have thoroughly enjoyed it - unfortunately I have to step down at the end of this academic year as I start a new job in September and will need to give that my full attention. I would urge anyone interested in taking over this role to come and speak or email me. It really is a fulfilling role which you get a lot of support in. We are very lucky to have such lovely helpful/supportive parents as I constantly read (on a group on FB) where other Chairs simply don't get any help and sound really fed up! I can honestly say I have never felt like that and would have loved to carry on. I will certainly continue to help in any way I can but can't take the overall lead! I have created a very helpful set of guidelines/files notes which I myself found a useful reminder from one event to another!

With sincere thanks and best wishes,
Michelle Scaife
PTA Committee

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE WHOLE SCHOOL

We would like to say how grateful we are to the PTA for all they have provided and a special thanks to Michelle for her commitment, organisation and enthusiasm over the past two years.



Kids-go wild at the
**Hassacarr Nature Reserve
Activity and Open Day**



Mini Beast Safari



Pond Dipping



Arts and Crafts



Become a scientist dissecting owl pellets to see what they have eaten

Thursday 1st August

10.00 am - 12.00 noon

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

The event is organised by Dunnington Conservation Group
and Natural England

Hassacarr Nature Reserve, Hassacarr Lane
Dunnington, York



South York
MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST