

# Dunnington

## News



13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Children in Need

Thank you for your generous donations to Children in Need. The children have had great fun participating in a variety of 'Act your Age' challenges including speed art tasks, obstacle courses and laps of the playground whilst doing keep ups with a tennis racket. We will let you know how much we managed to raise once the donations have been counted.

### Scooter Safety

It is great to see so many children walking, cycling and scooting to school. Please could I ask that Y5 and Y6 parents remind their children of the importance of doing so safely, particularly when they are not accompanied by an adult. I have had a few concerning conversations regarding the speed of children scooting on pavements and roads in the village. I have spoken to the children in school today but would appreciate this message being reinforced at home.

### Exciting News!

I am pleased to inform you that Mr and Mrs Priest are expecting their second child in May 2021. I am sure you will join me in offering our congratulations and best wishes on this exciting news.

### School Photographs

Individual photographs of the children were taken on Monday and proof copies have been sent home. Order information is included with the photograph, should you wish to purchase any. Orders must be returned to school by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Any orders returned after this date can still be processed, but will incur an additional delivery charge and may not be received by the end of term.

Please note – we were unable to arrange for siblings or family groups to be photographed this year due to social distancing regulations.

### PTA Christmas Cards

As you may know, the PTA have for several years now, organised for the children to design their own Christmas cards. Packs of Christmas cards and other goods such as mugs and tea towels, showing their child's design, are then made available for parents to purchase if they wish.

The children usually design their cards in school, however this year the materials have unfortunately arrived late and we are unable to complete these in school in the time required.

We are therefore going to send the resources home with children today, to enable your child to create their Christmas design at home this year. An order form will also be sent, for you to return to school with your child's design if you wish to purchase any of the items. Order forms and designs will need to be returned to school by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November please.

**To minimise contact as much as possible, a box will be placed outside the front door of school each morning while children are arriving. Please place your orders in the box.**



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Year 5 have spent some time this week thinking about Remembrance Day. We worked as a class to reproduce Georgia O'Keeffe's 'Red Poppy' artwork using a variety of mediums and the collage has been displayed in the window for KS2 to see and reflect upon during the week.

On Wednesday, we also looked, in French, at how Armistice is commemorated in France and the differences to here in UK. Having completed a translation of a simple French war poem, the children then made 'les bleuets'. These are cornflowers, which have been adopted by the French to commemorate Armistice Day because they were the only flowers that still grew on the battlefields, along with the poppy adopted by the British. We wrote on some French words connected to the war poem.

A great week reflecting on others and the sacrifices they made for us - well done Year 5!

### India Day in Year 1



Year 1 had a fantastic day last Friday learning all about India. First, we tried Indian food – parathas, pakoras and dahl, created Rangoli patterns on the floor and learned some Bollywood dance moves! We used atlases for the first time and showed some impressive map skills too. What a fun day it was and a great way to start our new topic!



## Diwali Day

As part of our topic work 'From Dunnington to Mumbai' in Year 2, we had a Diwali day! Diwali is celebrated this weekend in India and across the World. The children got to find out why it is celebrated and why it is called the festival of light. During the day we made Rangoli patterns and our own colourful lanterns out of card. On top of this the children got to work with clay and make their own Diwali lamps. A great day was had by all!



Year 2 team!

# Dunnington Primary PTA

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Dear Parents,

Many thanks for your continued support during this difficult time.

## **A plea for help!**

At Dunnington Primary we have always been very fortunate to have lots of support from parents helping run our events. However, we also need support with the committee. Currently the committee is very top heavy with parents from the older years at school. We need support from Reception to Year 3 parents. It's not onerous and you are not committing yourself anything by volunteering. We have several meetings a year and its more for ideas and support than anything else. If you would like to get involved or talk about a particular role please contact me at the above email.

## **AGM:**

This years AGM has been postponed due to COVID-19, it will now be held in January. Should anyone wish to volunteer for any role or post please get in touch – it would be appreciated!

## **Christmas Raffle:**

We will be running our usual Christmas coloured hamper raffle this year. Each family will receive some raffle tickets which we would appreciate your support with. Friends, family, neighbours would all love a shot at winning one of the exciting hampers. Due to COVID all items will be quarantined for 72 hours.

## **Dates for your diary:**

- 11<sup>th</sup> December
  - Non uniform/Christmas jumper day – support for Save the Children and Dunnington PTA
- 17<sup>th</sup> December
  - Break the rules day (within reason!), more information to follow.

James.  
PTA Chair



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