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9th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to begin by offering a very warm welcome to you all following the summer break!! It has been great to see everyone again and we have certainly enjoyed a very positive start to the new term. Our new arrivals in reception and across the school have taken things in their stride and, I hope, are beginning to feel comfortable in their new surroundings.

Secondly, on behalf of all who work at the school, I would like to pass on a very big thank you to children and parents for all the kind cards, letters and gifts received at the end of last term. They were very much appreciated.

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

Naturally many children arrived at school this morning talking about the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth. Today, where it felt appropriate, we spent some time in classes reflecting on this news and allowing children to share their thoughts. We will come together as a school community on Monday to remember and celebrate the life of Her Majesty, The Queen.

Welcome Meetings

Hopefully you should, by now, have received information about our September welcome meetings. The meetings will be held **at 6pm** on the following evenings:-

Tuesday 13 th September 2022 Reception	Wednesday 14 th September 2022 Years 1 and 2
Thursday 15 th September 2022 Years 3 and 4	Monday 19 th September 2022 Years 5 and 6

Access for these meetings will be via the main entrance of the school. Please don't worry if you are unable to attend, information will also be sent out in a class newsletter and published on the school website.



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Start and Finish Times

A reminder of our new start and finish times.

EYFS and KS1 SCHOOL HOURS 8:55 a.m. to 12.00 noon Registration 8:55-9:05am 12 noon- 1.00 p.m. lunch (EYFS lunch 11:45am -12:45pm) 1:00p.m. to 3:25 p.m. Registration 1:00-1:05pm 6 hours 30 minutes daily.	KS2 SCHOOL HOURS 8:45 a.m. to 12.00 noon Registration 8:45-8:55am 12 noon- 1.00 p.m. lunch 1.00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Registration 1:00-1:05pm 6 hours 30 minutes daily.
Please be on time - but better late than never. Try not to have the children waiting in the playground too early, especially in cold or wet weather; five minutes before school begins is early enough. KS2 children should not arrive before 8:40am.	

School Uniform

The children have arrived back looking very smart in their school uniforms. Please could you ensure that all articles, including PE kit and shoes, are named. We really would like to reduce the amount of lost property in school!! The lost property box is located near to the school office. We periodically check this and return named articles but please do pop in and have a look if you know you are missing something.

Jewellery

For safety's sake the wearing of jewellery, with the exception of watches, is discouraged.

We are unable to accept responsibility for the care of jewellery or for the damage caused by the wearing of earrings. If your child has pierced ears, please ensure that small studs are worn.

All jewellery, including studs, must be removed for P.E. and should not be taped up. It should be kept in a named container. We cannot be held responsible for lost items of jewellery. Unfortunately, members of staff are unable to help children to remove jewellery. If your child is unable to remove their own jewellery, please ensure items are removed at home on the relevant days otherwise they will not be able to take part in the PE session.

If your child is planning on having their ears pierced, the best time is early in the summer holidays to allow time for the ears to heal.

Unpredictable Weather

We do try to get out at playtimes whenever possible so please ensure your child has a coat or showerproof jacket in school at all times. As we all know, the good, old British weather can be very unpredictable!

Water Bottles

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 £1.10 or supplied from home. **We do not provide cups by the water machines as this is not very hygienic.** However, if a child has forgotten their bottle, they can borrow a bottle from the staffroom. Please encourage your child to bring their bottles home daily for a good wash!



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Nut Free Zone

For the benefit of parents new to the school, you may have read in our prospectus that our school is a 'nut-free zone'. This is because we have a number of children in school who have a severe nut allergy. We therefore ask that all parents avoid putting nuts or any product that contains whole nuts into packed lunches. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Sweets in School

Occasionally children have brought treats and sweets in from holidays and birthdays to share with their friends. Whilst I appreciate this is a really kind gesture, some parents would rather their children didn't eat sweets. It can also be quite time-consuming and difficult for teaching staff to determine which sweets children can have when they have food intolerances/allergies. We therefore request that children don't bring treats into school to share.

Outdoor Gym and Play Equipment

Our outdoor gym and play equipment at the rear of the school is now back in operation! The children know that they are only allowed on this when they are supervised by staff. Please could we ask that younger siblings don't use the equipment at school drop off and collection times also?

Bringing Cycles and Scooters to School

Many children bring their cycles and scooters to school. Whilst we encourage this as a healthy form of transport, we do want our children to be safe.

We ask that children dismount their cycles and scooters before they enter the school gates and walk them to the scooter parks and cycle sheds sensibly. Please do not allow your child to scooter or cycle in the playgrounds before or after school.

Could I also ask that parents and children do not walk, scooter or cycle in the front car park at the beginning and end of the school day.

Parking around School

Parking near schools is a city-wide problem. Despite numerous pleas in school newsletters, we still have an issue with cars dropping off and parking on the double yellow lines, zig zags and neighbouring driveways making it difficult for children to see and dangerous to cross near our school. We have had a number of 'near misses' and complaints from neighbours who are unable to access their properties, which is concerning. Your help and consideration would be very much appreciated. For parents new to the school, may I alert you to the fact that Hunter's Way is a private road - please refrain from parking down that street.

Bug-Busting Week

As is tradition at Dunnington CE School, the first week of every half term is 'bug busting week'. 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 co-operation in continuing with this regular event. We often have reported cases of head lice in school, so it is important to be vigilant. Please remember that we need **every** family to participate in order for our efforts to be effective.

Please proceed as follows:-

Starting from today, 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-



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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 contact the school office.

Thank you again for your co-operation.

Welcome to Danny Sellers

We are delighted to inform you that Danny Sellers will be joining our staff team to support PE and sports provision across the school. Mr Sellers has worked as a PE assistant in several other York Schools, coaches at the I2I Academy and also runs his own football academy on a Saturday morning. Danny is skilled in all areas of the PE curriculum and will be working alongside staff to enhance PE provision. He will also run the UKS2 boys football team and provide other after school clubs over the course of the year. Mr Sellers will be in school every Tuesday and will initially be working with our children in Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6.

School Staff

Please find below updated information on our current staff roles and contact details (where appropriate).

	Mrs Hancy	Headteacher	head.dunningtonprimary@york.gov.uk
Early Years and Key Stage One Team	Mrs Elliott	Early Years Leader and Reception Teacher	tracey.elliott@dunnington.yorkschoools.net
	Mrs Subritzky	Reception Teacher	edwina.subritzky@dunnington.yorkschoools.net
	Mrs Priest	Key Stage 1 Leader and Y1/2 Teacher	katie.priest@dunnington.yorkschoools.net
	Mrs Subritzky	Y1/2 Teacher	edwina.subritzky@dunnington.yorkschoools.net
	Mrs Abbott	Y1/2 Teacher	davina.abbott@dunnington.yorkschoools.net
	Mrs Rowntree	Y1/2 Teacher/ PPA and SLT cover	lucie.rowntree@dunnington.yorkschoools.net
	Mrs Downing Mrs Perks Mrs Midgley Mr Sellers	Teaching Assistant Teaching Assistant Teaching Assistant Sports Coach	
Lower Key Stage Two Team	Miss Dunn	Lower KS2 Phase Leader and Y3/4 Teacher	jessica.dunn@dunnington.yorkschoools.net
	Mrs Jones Mrs Todd	Y3/4 Teacher Y3/4 Teacher	sue.jones@dunnington.yorkschoools.net charlotte.todd@dunnington.yorkschoools.net
	Mrs Birkenshaw Mrs Collins Mr Sellers	Teaching Assistant Teaching Assistant Sports Coach	



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Upper Key Stage Two Team	Miss Dickenson	Upper KS2 Leader/ Y6 Teacher	rachel.dickenson@dunnington.yorkschoools.net
	Miss Sugden	Y5 Teacher	lorna.sugden@dunnington.yorkschoools.net
	Mrs Lockwood	Teaching Assistant/ PPA cover	jenny.lockwood@dunnington.yorkschoools.net
	Mr Sellers	Sports Coach	
	Mrs Subritzky	SENCO/Pupil Support	edwina.subritzky@dunnington.yorkschoools.net
Whole School	Mrs Askins	School Business Manager	sally.askins@dunnington.yorkschoools.net
	Mrs Falshaw	Office Assistant	alison.falshaw@dunnington.yorkschoools.net
	Mrs Hutchison	Office Assistant	hazel.hutchison@dunnington.yorkschoools.net
School Office			dunningtonprimary.school@york.gov.uk

Please be aware that staff will endeavour to check emails each day but this cannot be guaranteed so for urgent matters, please leave a message with the school office.

Summer Works

Our EYFS classroom has been refurbished over the summer holidays and we have taken delivery of new, interactive Promethean screens for each of our classrooms. Three have already been installed today and the next phase of installation will follow shortly. We are very excited to begin using these to enhance our curriculum delivery.

French Curriculum Enrichment Day – Thursday 29th September 2022

Many of you will know that French is the language that we teach throughout Key Stage 2. Children in EYFS and Key stage 1 also have occasional French sessions, learning numbers, greetings, days of the week etc. On Thursday 29th September, we will be having a French celebration day in school. We ask that all children, including EYFS and key stage 1, dress in the colours of the French flag (red, blue, white). Teachers throughout the school will plan French activities for their class to mark this occasion.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

There are many clubs on offer over the course of the school year. Attached you will find a list of clubs that will be provided for this half term and details of how to sign up for a club.

Important Dates for the Term

Please also find attached a list of important dates for the term.

As always, if you have any concerns about anything mentioned in this letter or your child over the course of the year, please get in touch.

With very best wishes,



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