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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all! I hope you have all managed to enjoy a restful time with family and friends over the festive period. As a staff, we would like to thank children and parents for all the kind messages, cards and gifts received at the end of last term. They were very much appreciated and gratefully received.

Reminder Y3/4 Topic Celebration

The Y3/4 topic celebration will take place on Thursday 12th January at 2:30pm in the school hall. Parents/carers are most welcome.

Spring 1 Sports Clubs

Spring 1 Sports clubs will begin next week. Details of the clubs can also be found on the school website.

<https://www.dunningtonprimary.co.uk/extra-curricular-activities/clubs-list>

Our House Point System

In 2018, our school council worked with the pupil body to introduce a new house point system throughout the school.

They decided that, on entry to school, all pupils would be allocated to one of four houses: **Craven (Green)**, **Rowntree (Yellow)**, **Terry (Blue)** or **Tuke (Red)**. The houses were named after famous confectioners in the York area.

House points form a part of our whole school reward system at Dunnington CE Primary School. Events, such as sports day, bring children together to compete in their houses. The house system encourages a team ethos across the school and allows children of all ages to have a common goal.

Whilst good behaviour and a positive attitude to learning is expected, our house points are used to reward children for **'taking that extra step'** for example;

- Helping and caring for others,
- High levels of enthusiasm, courtesy, collaboration or cooperation,
- Persevering with a challenge,
- Striving to improve.

Each half term, we count up the number of house points and provide the house, collecting the most points for that period, with a small treat/incentive e.g. a non-uniform day, additional playtime, breakfast with the headteacher etc



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Congratulations to all in **Tuke House** who had gained the most points when we broke up for Christmas. Next Thursday, they will be served breakfast with the headteacher. A separate email will be sent to the parents/carers of children in Tuke house just to ensure that all dietary requirements are met.

Craven	339 House Points	Terry	305 House Points
Rowntree	285 House Points	Tuke	441 House Points

Let's see which house manages to gain the most points in this next, very short, half term!

The cumulative total for the whole year will result in the children from that house being awarded the house cup!

Farewell to Reverend Mark Poole

Congratulations to Revd Mark who has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of the Barmby Moor Benefice. Mark has been a huge support to our school community during his role as Curate at St Nicholas's Church. He has provided words of encouragement and support as well as regular Collective Worships, both virtually (during Covid19) and in person. He will be leaving Dunnington on the 26th of February. We will be sorry to see him move on but are thankful for his time with us.

Messy Star Party at St Nicholas's Church

Please find attached a flier from St Nicholas's Church detailing their 'Messy Star Party'.

Parent and Pupil 5-Minute Read.

Please find attached, a poster to discuss with your child regarding 'Staying Safe on New Devices'

With very best wishes,



Caroline Hancy

Attachments

- Messy Star Party
- Staying Safe on New Devices



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