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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed some relaxation and recuperation over the Easter break and are ready for the somewhat, busy term ahead!!

Dunnington victory Dodgeball Finals!

Dunnington attended the York Dodgeball finals on the training day before the Easter holidays. We were the only



school in York to have two teams through to the final's day. Both teams represented the school really well, displaying fantastic skills and an unbelievable attitude, making sure they were giving everything they had.

One of our Dunnington teams finished as winners and the other came fourth in the competition, which is an amazing achievement!

Two of the top four teams in the whole of York is fantastic! Mrs Rowntree and Mr Sellers are extremely proud of everyone that took part. Thank you also to the parents who gave lifts and support.

Spring Term House Points

Congratulations, once again, to all in **Tuke House** who gained the most house points over the course of the spring term. Next Friday (28th April), they are invited to attend a breakfast with the staff which will be served (by Mrs Hancy!) in the school hall at 8:15am. Children should be dropped off at the front door **no earlier than 8:15am**. 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	470 House Points	Terry	406 House Points
Rowntree	351 House Points	Tuke	490 House Points

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

Curriculum Information for Summer 1

Please take a moment to visit the 'Classes' area of the school website. Staff are busy uploading curriculum overviews for the first half of the summer term.



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Year 5 Residential

On Thursday 4th May at 4.00pm there will be a brief presentation for parents/carers of children attending our forthcoming Year 5 residential trip to Newby Wiske Hall on 19th June. We will go through final details, kit lists and opportunities to discuss any questions prior to the trip.

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Sugden.

Coats in School

As the weather is so changeable at the moment, please could you ensure that children have coats in school. We do try to go out at break times, wherever possible.

Teachers' Strikes 27th April and 2nd May 2023

You may have heard on the news that the NEU have announced further dates for industrial action this half-term. This is expected to take place on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

It is likely that we will be open for some, but not all classes on these dates.

Pupils not in attendance can access appropriate remote learning materials for their year group on the Oak National Academy website. Please visit: <https://www.thenationalacademy/>. Go to the **Classroom** button, then **Subjects**, and then click on **show year groups**. Select the appropriate year group. Pupils can choose any of the lessons contained within that area.

Staff do not have to tell their employer which union they are members of and individual NEU members do not have to tell their employer whether they personally intend to take part in strike action. Therefore, it is very difficult to know the precise impact of the strike until the actual day of the strike. I will endeavour to notify parents as soon as I have a clearer picture but this may need to be by email on the morning of the actual strike days.

School lunches will be provided for those pupils in attendance and for any pupils in receipt of free school meals who are at home. Please contact the school office if you wish to take up this offer.

I'm sorry that you may have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

The planned 'catch-up' swimming session on 2nd May will still go ahead but if your child is in a class affected by the strike action, we will require them to be dropped off at school at 9am and collected at 11:30am. We appreciate that this may not be possible for everyone, dependant on childcare arrangements for the day.

Year 1 and 2 Vehicle Resources

As part of our topic this half term, we are planning to make vehicles.

Please could you provide:-

- 8 plastic bottle tops from milk containers
- A sturdy cereal box or small shoe box
- 4 CDs (for wheels)

If you have any spares of the above, please could you send these in too, to help others who may have trouble sourcing the equipment.



Also, if you have any of the following, we are also collecting:-

- Pringle tubes
- Smaller boxes for the cab part of the car
- old rubber gloves

We will need these in school by Friday 12th May at the latest please, as we will commence the project during the following weeks.

Coronation Celebration Day

We are planning to celebrate the upcoming coronation of King Charles in school on Friday 5th May. Children are invited to come in non-uniform, dressed in red, white and/or blue. During the school day, each class will learn a little about one of the previous British monarchs and will produce some work or artwork related to their class's chosen king or queen. We are hoping to share their work in a special assembly and whole school celebration that day. We are also hoping to run an optional coronation themed competition - more details to follow shortly! There will also be a celebration, Coronation Lunch on 5th May. Details attached.

A thank you to the PTA from EYFS

This half term, EYFS are focussing on minibeasts and with some of our PTA money, we have been able to order a butterfly garden and some live caterpillars. These arrived on Monday lunchtime through the post and the children were really excited to meet their new friends! They are still very small, but are very wriggly and the children have enjoyed watching them and using the magnifying glass to study them! We are hoping they will all transform into beautiful 'Painted Lady' butterflies that we can release before the half term holiday.



Menu variation on 18th May 2023

Please find attached details of a menu variation for Thursday 18th May which is census day in school.

Important Dates

Please find attached, a list of important dates for the term. These will also be published on our website.

York City FC Holiday Couse

Please find attached a flyer from York City FC offering a Football Fun Couse at half term for families eligible for benefits related to free school meals.



Five Minute Read

This week's five-minute read on 'Ofcom's Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes Report 2023'

With very best wishes,



Caroline Hancy

Attachments

- Important Dates for the Summer Term
- Five Minute Read 'Ofcom's Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes Report 2023'
- York City FC Flyer



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