

#### **DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

#### **MRS ABBOTT**

After 17 years of dedicated service to our school, Mrs Abbott has informed us of her decision to take an early retirement at the end of this academic year.

Mrs Abbott is a great teacher who has had a tremendous impact on the lives of many children in the local community. She has always played a key role in maintaining the school's ethos; demonstrating professionalism, compassion, enthusiasm and commitment to all aspects of school life and consequently has been a great asset and friend to the staff team. I know she will be greatly missed by all connected with the school but I'm sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Abbott every happiness for the future.

## **WORLD CLASS SCHOOLS' QUALITY MARK**

I am delighted to inform you that we have been awarded the World Class Schools' Quality Mark (WCSQM).

Earlier in the year I informed you that our Year 6 pupils, along with selected year groups from other primary schools in our Multi-Academy Trust, would be involved in this project and working towards accreditation for our school.

The award followed a rigorous assessment process in which our pupils were required to identify and demonstrate their 'World Class' characteristics using the WCSQM character development framework as a benchmark, drawing on examples of experiences either at school, at home or in their local community.

Congratulations and thank you to Miss Dickenson and our Y6 pupils for all their hard work and success in achieving this recognition for our school!

### **Y6 RESIDENTIAL TO BOGGLE HOLE**

The Year 6 children and staff had a wonderful time at Boggle Hole this week - the weather was perfect - sunny and fairly warm! They participated in lots of coastal activities: rock-pooling, fossil hunting and a walk to Robin Hood's Bay. Everyone approached the week positively - excellent teamwork and independent skills were shown by all. A big well done!

# Y5 RESIDENTIAL TO NEWBY WISKE (Year 5 only)

Please find attached a letter and medical form for all pupils attending the Y5 residential trip to Newby Wiske in June.



#### **PSHE SUMMER 2 'CHANGING ME'**

Every year, within our Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) curriculum, the second half of the Summer Term Puzzle (unit) is Changing Me. Please find attached, a letter and guidance documents for parents and carers, explaining our approach to these important lessons. These documents can also be found on our school website.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. Alternatively, you can arrange an appointment with Miss Dunn (our PSHE coordinator) or myself, via the school office.

# **BROWNLEE TRIATHLON**

The Brownlee Triathlon photographs have now been uploaded to the school website. Please also find attached two flyers regarding further opportunities for triathlon act ivity.

### **TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS**

We are excited to let you know that on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June Key Stage 2 will be holding a 'Times Table Rockstars' day! Children can come dressed as a 'rockstar' for the day, perhaps even as their TTRS avatar if they so wish, and will spend parts of the day playing on TTRS, and competing in Battle of the Bands competitions. Times table facts are a really important aspect of the maths curriculum, and we are looking forward to celebrating the hard work the children have done this year to secure their times table knowledge. Get ready to rock!

The Key Stage 2 team

## YORK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Please find attached a flyer for York Symphony Orchestra who will be performing at York University on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023. They also run an open rehearsal for children in the afternoon which is really interactive and provides an opportunity for children to experience a full orchestra playing.

I hope you have a great half-term and enjoy some sunshine!

With very best wishes,

Caroline Hancy

### **Attachments**

- Newby Wiske Letter and Medical Form (Y5 only)
- 'Changing Me' Letter
- School PSHE Policy
- Jigsaw RSE Leaflet
- Changing Me Puzzle Map
- York Symphony Orchestra Flyer

