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Wednesday 18th October 2023

Dear parent/ carer,

I hope you are having a good week. It certainly feels like Autumn now and has been really chilly over the last couple of days. Please do send children in in warm clothes and with a waterproof coat – a number of children are still coming in without coats and we are conscious that the forecast is set to get worse over the remainder of the week.

Autumn Term parent Consultations

I think most parents/ carers have managed to book slots for next week's parent consultations. Booking will be open until Sunday 22nd October at 12noon, so please do try to book in before then if you are able.

In order to book your slot, please visit: <https://dunningtonprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

You will be taken to the following log in page.

Dunnington CE Primary School

SchoolCloud

Welcome to the Dunnington CE Primary School booking system. Bookings can be amended via a link from the email confirmation - please ensure your email address is correct.

Your Details

Title	First Name	Surname
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Email		Confirm Email
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>

Student's Details

First Name	Surname	Date of Birth	
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Complete the form to log in to the system and to secure your appointments.

Please do contact the school office if you are experiencing any difficulties so we can check we have the correct name and email address entered onto our system.

Year 6

Miss Dickenson will not be returning to work next week. We are really grateful to the support Mr Clark has given the class, but he is unfortunately unable to continue teaching them after Thursday. We are working together with the supply agency to ensure we have a strong, consistent teacher in place next week. As a result of Miss Dickenson's continued absence, we have taken the decision to postpone the year 6 parent consultations. We will let you know a re-scheduled date as soon as we are able, but we can reassure you it will be during next half term.

Open Afternoon

You will have seen that we intended to hold an open afternoon towards the end of this half term to allow you to visit your child's classroom and see the work they had been completing this term. However, on reflection, we have decided that the 18th December is perhaps not the best date for this as so many people have prior Christmas commitments. We will re-schedule this date for the spring term. There will also be opportunity for you to see the work the children are doing in class topic celebrations that will be timetabled through the year.

Early Years Open Evening

For children starting school in September 2024, we invite families to come and visit our welcoming school.

OPEN EVENT



Growing and learning together and aiming to be the best that we can be, in an environment based on Christian values

This will be a drop in event where you will have the chance to see our EYFS area and to meet staff and ask questions.

DAY	TIME	
NOV 22	4-5PM	Dunnington CE Primary School

I mentioned last week that we that we are holding an open event for families of children starting school in September 2024.

It is a drop-in event where families can see our amazing EYFS area, meet staff and ask questions. They will also have an opportunity to have a tour of the school.

Reduced pupil numbers have had a significant impact on our funding over the last few years so we would really appreciate it if you spread the word about this event.

Pokémon/ Football Cards

As you are aware, we took the decision to ban Pokémon cards in KS1 last week. We have since had reports that there are a number of children in year 5 and 6 who were bringing in money to trade cards. I have discussed this with the children in assembly, but please do remind them that they are not allowed to trade cards in school and they should not be bringing in money to buy anything from their peers.

Pedestrian Training – year 3 and 4

Please note that pedestrian training sessions will take place during the mornings of Thursday 19th, and Thursday 26th October for both Year 3 and Year 4. The children will carry out their training with members of City of York Council Road Safety Team, and staff from school, on the pavements and roads around the school site. Please can you ensure that your child has suitable outdoor footwear and a warm, waterproof coat on these days.

Kind regards,

Miss Dunn, Mrs Todd and Mrs Jones

Riding Lights Presents Give it Back Mac!

We are all really excited because Riding Lights Theatre Company will be performing Give it Back Mac – a Christmas show that gets right into the heart of the nativity – on Monday 18th December for the whole school.

At present, we have only received very few contributions. As I know you understand, we can only provide enrichment opportunities such as this with the support of families. The recommended contribution is £4 per child, the **consent form and payment are now on ParentPay.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Cross Country Race

We had over 22 children taking part in the York Schools Cross Country races last week. These took place at Askham Bryan College and they are always very well attended by many children from across the city.

A huge well done to all those children who took part and especially Darcey in Y1 who ran the girls Y1 race, Lucas and Otis in year 2 who came 1st and 3rd in their race, and Lance and Jimmy in year 4 who came joint 8th in their age group.

The KS2 boys will go onto a race to represent York in the North Yorkshire Schools event at Giggleswick School on the 23rd November.

Many thanks to the parents for providing the children with lifts to this event. It is much appreciated.

Mrs Rowntree

Yorkshire Marathon

Congratulations to Kerry, who made it round the Yorkshire Marathon despite her injury (in a time of 4hrs 11 mins). She raised an amazing £1,140 for Oscars. She wanted to say thank you to everyone who came out to cheer the runners on in Dunnington - it really helped.

I am very tempted to sign up myself next year!



Space Virtual Reality Workshop

After Christmas, Year 5, Year 1 and Year 2 will have a very exciting opportunity to explore Space...and beyond! A virtual reality workshop on Space will be taking place on Wednesday 10th January 2024.

The children will learn about our solar system, visit distant planets, discover how stars are made and delve deeper into this fascinating wonder!

The cost of this is £7 per child, **the consent form and payment details are on ParentPay**. This is a great opportunity for the children to enrich their learning which we wouldn't be able to offer without your support.



Many thanks,

Mrs Priest, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Rowntree and Miss Sugden

Check out these amazing pieces of Egyptian art created by children in year 3 and these outstanding Anglo-Saxon houses that the year 5s have been making this week!



October half term Activities



Book here

Challenge yourself in the Marble Run and Microbit Speed Gate Workshops!



Hoglets Spooky Shakespeare

Join Hoglets Theatre for a funny, energetic and unique children's theatre experience; a world of hand-made puppets, music and storytelling.

From £2.50 ticket, ages 5+



The Firework Maker's Daughter

Come join our magical storyteller as she travels to the Firework Festival, just in time for bonfire night! £3.50 ticket, ages 4+



Stop Motion Animation

Unleash your imagination! Bring your clay creature to life using stop motion animation.

£3.50 ticket, ages 10+



Be entertained by Sir Trumpsalot from the Knights of the Wobbly Table!

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Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2023

Any additional dates will be added in bold each week.

October 2023

Year 3 and 4 Pedestrian Training	Thursday 19 th October 2023 Thursday 26 th October 2023
Parent Consultations	Monday 23 rd October 2023 (Year 3) Tuesday 24 th October 2023 (Rec, Year 3) Wednesday 25 th October 2023 (Rec, 1, 2, 4, 5) Thursday 26 th October 2023 (1, 2, 4, 5) Postponed for year 6
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 27 th October 2023

November 2023

Back to school	Monday 6 th November 2023
Yoyo Workshop – Year 5	Monday 13 th November 2023
Individual School Photographs	Wednesday 15 th November 2023

December 2023

Tree Decorating Assembly	Friday 1 st December 2023
EYFS and KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 12 th December 2023 - 2pm Wednesday 13 th December - 2pm
Riding Lights Theatre Company Presents – Give it Back Mac! – Whole school	Monday 18 th December 2023
Open afternoon – visit classrooms to see children’s work	Monday 18th September 3:30pm–5:00pm Re-scheduled for Spring Term
Yoyo Assembly and Workshops – Year 1 and Year 4	Tuesday 19 th December 2023
Christmas Parties	Wednesday 20 th December 2023
PTA Christmas Disco	Wednesday 20 th December 2023 (TBC)
Christmas Services in St Nicholas’ Church Parents welcome	Thursday 21 st December 2023 10 am- EYFS and KS1 11am- KS2
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 21 st December 2023
Staff Training Day	Friday 22 nd December 2023
Back to School	Monday 8 th January 2024

We hope you have a lovely week. As always, don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

With very best wishes,
Clare Thompson

Attachments

- Five Minute Read – Supporting children to deal with upsetting content