



## DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear parent/ carer,

### Message from Mrs Thompson

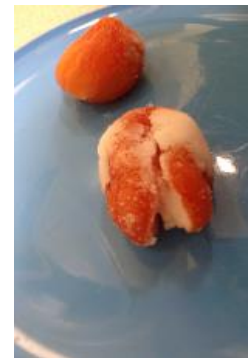
It has been really lovely to welcome the children back after their half term break. We hope they -and you – have all managed to have a fun-filled and restful time in spite of the terrible weather!

This half-term is always a busy one. I have already heard the wonderful sound of Christmas songs being sung by EYFS and KS1 as they begin to prepare for their Nativity – I know the children are all really excited. It is also clear to see that the children in all of the classes are fully engaged and enthused by their learning – if you want to see what your child is learning about this half term, do check out the thematic overviews on the class pages of the school website by following the link below:

<https://www.dunningtonprimary.co.uk/our-classes>

We have been delighted to have Miss Malarkey back in school over the last few weeks teaching in all the classes. She has now headed off on an exciting new adventure teaching in Qatar. We had hoped she was going to be in school this week, but her visa came through quicker than expected and she jetted off on Monday! We wish her the best of luck and know she will be utterly amazing out there. Keep in touch Miss Malarkey – we will miss you lots!

### A few things we have been getting up to in school this week ...



Reception have been planting trees and experimenting with printing – I love the colours they have chosen! Year 4 have been having a go at mummifying tomatoes – I apologise for the rather disgusting photo - and year 6 have completed some amazing William Morris inspired printing.



### Remembrance Day

We have been thinking about Remembrance in our Collective Worship this week. Poppies are available to buy in school if your child would like to donate.

We will hold a minute's silence on Friday.



### Children in Need



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DPS Fundraiser for BBC Children in Need

We are taking part in the BBC's Children in Need event on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November because we know how keen the pupils are to help children and young people in need.

On the day, children are welcome to wear Children in Need merchandise/ spotty clothes/ pyjamas/ non-uniform – please do not purchase anything especially.

Please do not send any donations into school. We have set up a Just Giving Page so that donations can be made direct to the charity:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/dpschildreninneedfundraiser?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fdpschildreninneedfundraiser&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/dpschildreninneedfundraiser?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fdpschildreninneedfundraiser&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

### **PE Kit Reminder**

Please remember to pack spare trainers in your child's PE kit. It is also really helpful for them to have spare socks available throughout the week.

PE uniform consists of plimsolls and trainers, black shorts and a white t-shirt. We would also recommend that the children have black or dark blue leggings/ jogging bottoms and a jumper/ hoodie (preferably in blue or red) for outdoor PE.

### **Mobile phones**

Please remember that pupils are not permitted to have mobile devices or other electronic devices in school or on any school related trips or visits.

Should a pupil need to bring a mobile phone to school for travelling to school purposes, this should be brought to my attention by their parent/guardian and the mobile phone will be kept safely in the school office during school hours.

### **Riding Lights Presents Give it Back Mac!**

Please remember to login to ParentPay to give consent for your child to watch the theatre production of Give it Back Mac! on the 18<sup>th</sup> December.

The recommended contribution is £4 per child. We are still needing more contributions to cover this event – if the contributions do not cover the event, we will be unable to hold similar events in future.

### **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 and 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.



### **Catering Assistant Vacancy**

There is a catering assistant vacancy at Dunnington, which has been advertised on the North Yorkshire website. The role is for 11.25 hrs per week at £11.59 per hour, term time only. Full training will be given, a uniform will be provided. The role is subject to DBS clearance.

The closing date is 12<sup>th</sup> November.

For further information visit [www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk) or email [Geraldine.johnson@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Geraldine.johnson@northyorks.gov.uk).

## Dates for your Diary

### Autumn Term 2023

Any additional dates will be added in bold each week.

**We will confirm the date and times for year 6 parent consultations next week.**

### November 2023

Yoyo Workshop – Year 5	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Individual School Photographs	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
<b>Children in Need Wear Children in Need merchandise/ spotty clothes/ pyjamas/ non-uniform – please do not purchase something especially.</b>	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>

### December 2023

Tree Decorating Assembly	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023
EYFS and KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 - 2pm Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December - 2pm
Riding Lights Theatre Company Presents – Give it Back Mac! – Whole school	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Yoyo Assembly and Workshops – Year 1 and Year 4	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Christmas Parties	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
PTA Christmas Disco	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Christmas Services in St Nicholas' Church Parents welcome	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023 10 am- EYFS and KS1 11am- KS2
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023
Staff Training Day	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023
Back to School	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024

Enjoy the rest of your 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 – Think before you send
- New York SEND Local Offer – Letter to parents