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Wednesday 25th October 2023

Dear parent/ carer,

Message from Mrs Thompson

As we come towards the end of this half term, I would like to thank all of you for the way I have been welcomed into the school community. Dunnington is such a friendly place to work, the children are unfailingly polite and I have really enjoyed my first half term here.

I endeavour to be outside during drop off and pick up time on Monday-Wednesday so please do come and have a chat if you ever need to discuss anything.

It has been a very long half-term and I know all of the children and staff are very much looking forward to the half-term holiday. I hope everyone has a lovely break doing all the things they love. We look forward to seeing the children ready and refreshed for Autumn 2 on Monday 6th November.

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

As always, there has been lots of fun and exciting activities going on in school this week. Here is a snap shot of a few of them:

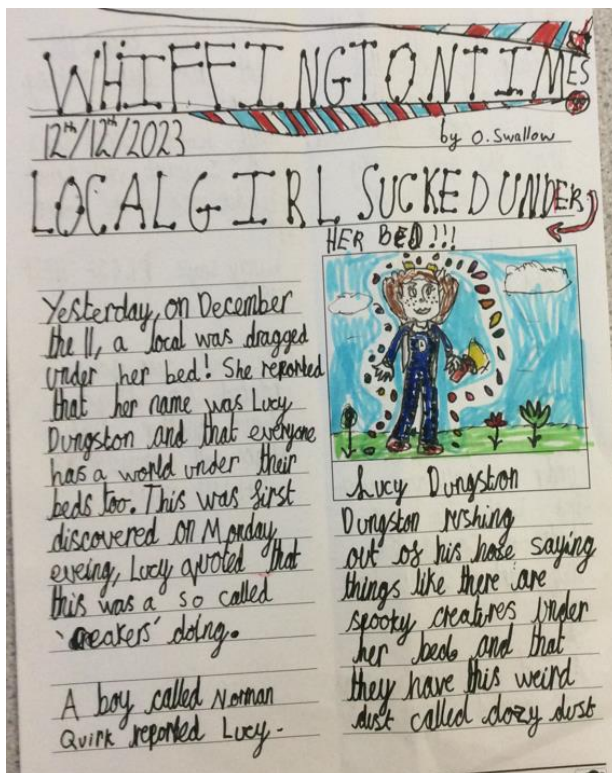
Year 5 loved telling me about adding the wattle and daub to their Anglo-Saxon structures:



Year 1 and 2 really enjoyed making and icing biscuits:



Year 4 have been writing some amazing newspaper articles:



And here is a sneak preview to some of our Christmas Card Designs that every class has been working on:



Football Victory at Lakeside

Two teams from year 5 and 6 emerged victorious after two exciting football matches against Lakeside. Albie said "It was the greatest game of football ever!" Team A won 2-1 with a last-minute winner from Luke and Team B won 3-2 in a thrilling and nail-biting match! Well done to everyone involved.

Head lice

We have had several reports of head lice in school over the last week. Below is NHS guidance on head lice and nits:

How to get rid of head lice

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP. You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day. There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits. There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends
- It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.
- Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Medicated lotions and sprays

If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online. Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs. Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them. If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments.

Some treatments are not recommended because they're unlikely to work.

For example:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice
- tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

Information:

The charity Community Hygiene Concern has a video about wet combing for head lice.

You cannot prevent head lice

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice. You can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early. Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. They can irritate the scalp. There's no need for children to stay off school or to wash laundry on a hot wash.

Newby Wiske Deposit Reminder for Year 5

Please remember to complete the permission form on ParentPay indicating whether your child will or will not be going on the year 5 residential to Newby Wiske on Monday 17th June – Wednesday 19th June. The deposit of £65 is due to be paid by Friday 3rd November. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any problems or concerns relating to this.

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 18th December.

The recommended contribution is £4 per child.



 **WE'RE HIRING!**

SEWELL FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Caretaker/Cleaner, Dunnington Primary School, 25 hours per week

(Caretaker - 7.00am-9.00am, Monday - Friday, 10 hours per week, £11.23 //
Cleaner, 3.30pm - 6.30am, Monday - Friday, 15 hours per week, £10.73)

Reporting to the Facilities Management Team, the Caretaker/Cleaner will be based at Dunnington Primary School and will have overall responsibility for maintenance and portage. They will ensure that all services are provided to a consistently high standard and assist the Facilities Management team in all areas required to meet the needs of both the business and the client.

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

EMAIL PEOPLE@SEWELL-GROUP.CO.UK FOR MORE INFORMATION OR VISIT OUR
CAREERS PAGE: [HTTPS://APPLY.WORKABLE.COM/SEWELL-GROUP/](https://apply.workable.com/sewell-group/)



Please follow this link to find lots of information about what to do in October Half term in York, including childcare and lots of free and low-cost options

<https://mailchi.mp/mumbler/october-in-york-for-kids>

October half term Activities

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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Saturday 4th November
Stamford Bridge Bonfire & Fireworks
Tickets from Eventbrite or Stamford Bridge Post Office
Scouts

Event date - Saturday 4th November 2023
Where - Primrose Hill, Buttercrambe Road, Stamford Bridge, YO41 1AW (behind the nursery).
Gates open - 17.30 - 18.30, fireworks 19.00, event finishes at 20.00.
Catering - All tickets include a hot dog and hot drink and bonfire toffee! We aim to cater for everyone if we can. We are serving hot dogs and hot chocolate as standard. If you have any allergies or other dietary requirements, please e-mail stamfordbridgebonfire@hotmail.com by **27th October**.
Sparklers - Sparklers are 2 for £1 on the evening.
Parking - Very limited parking only available for disabled badge holders. Please walk from Stamford Bridge which takes about 5-7 minutes.
Tickets - Available on Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/> Search Stamford Bridge Fireworks). Tickets also available from Stamford Bridge Post Office. The event is open to all, so please let friends know too!

All proceeds to Stamford Bridge Scout Group, registered charity 517561

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 26 th October 2023
Parent Consultations	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

Have a wonderful half term. 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 – Top Tips for Setting Boundaries Around Gaming
- Educational Psychologist Support Line Flier (Updated)