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Dear parent/ carer,

Message from Mrs Thompson

I would like to congratulate all of the wonderful children and staff in reception, year 1 and year 2 for putting on such a fabulous Nativity for us all. I was absolutely blown away by the confidence our year 2 actors exhibited. Steve Lewis, South York MAT's CEO, came to watch on Tuesday and commented on how loud and clear all of the acting was – we certainly have some budding stage stars of the future in our midst. Reception and Year 1's singing and dancing was also so wonderful to watch. It was really clear to see how much the children were enjoying themselves on stage.

Thank you to all the staff in the reception, year 1 and year 2 teams, who have been working incredibly hard to put on these performances, all of the parents and carers who have been providing costumes and diligently practising lines and to the PTA for providing refreshments.

Reception, year 1 and year 2 – we are so proud of you all. Well done!

Non-uniform Days/ Christmas Lunch/ Christmas Church Services

Thank you for all of the hamper donations that came into school for last week's non-uniform day – the hampers are filled with some very tempting treats!

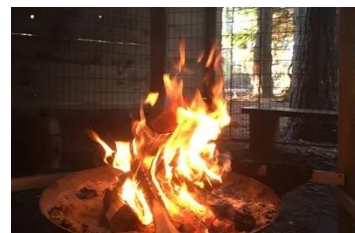
The children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper/ festive outfit tomorrow, which is Christmas Lunch day. I am happy for the children to wear their jumper over non-uniform rather than their uniform.

The children are also welcome to come into school in their party clothes on Wednesday 20th December for their class Christmas parties. The children will still be playing outside on these days so please make sure that whatever outfit they are wearing is warm enough and that they are wearing comfortable and waterproof footwear.

We would love for you to join us in St Nicholas Church for our Christmas Services on Thursday 21st December 2023 at 10am for EYFS and KS1 and 11am for KS2. The school council have surveyed everyone in school and it has been decided that we will be collecting money for the Dog's Trust and Cancer Research UK during these services

Campfire Experience

Tomorrow is our campfire experience day for the pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2. Please send in wellies or a spare pair of shoes if the children do not already have them in school as we will all be going onto the field, which is incredibly wet and muddy! Please also make sure the children are wearing warm clothes as we will be outside for 40 minutes.



Behaviour Policy

We have recently introduced a new behaviour policy and anti-bullying policy. The full policy can be found on the school website (<https://www.dunningtonprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Behaviour-Policy-Nov-2023.pdf>). I have attached the reward and sanction pyramids attached to this newsletter which summarise the rewards and sanctions we use here at school.

We hope we will be getting in touch with you far more often to share successes and things to celebrate. However, if your child gets to step 4 on the sanction pyramid (a time out with a member of SLT), we will log the incident on our internal systems and we will inform parents/carers. If a child has engaged in other unacceptable behaviours, such as hurting someone on purpose or swearing, they will be given an appropriate sanction, based on the age of the child and the severity of the incident, the incident will be logged and parents/carers will be informed.

Please do contact your child's class teacher(s) if you have any concerns about behaviour or anything else that may be affecting your child's attainment or wellbeing in school.

Illness

There seem to be a number of nasty sickness bugs making their way around school at the moment. Please can we ask that children remain off school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least two days as recommended in NHS guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

Year 4 Design & Technology

Year 4 have been making Santa's Grottos in DT.

They have done a festive, fabulous job of it!



York Minster Christmas Tree Festival 2023

I know I saw a few parents on Saturday trying to hunt down the tree we have contributed to in York Minster.

York Music Hub's tree can be found within the stunning Chapter House of York Minster and will be situated there until the 5th January. On it, you will be able to scan our bauble and hear our rendition of It was on a Starry Night.

There are lots of wonderful trees included in the Christmas Tree Festival and the Minster looks even more stunning than ever at this time of year. It really is well worth a visit.

Headlice

We have had some reports of head lice in school. In order to reduce the spread we would appreciate if you could check your child's hair for head lice and eggs

Below is NHS guidance on wet combing hair to remove lice and nits:

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.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2023

Any additional dates will be added in bold each week.

December 2023

Christmas lunch Everyone welcome to wear Christmas jumpers.	Thursday 14 th December 2023
Riding Lights Theatre Company Presents – Give it Back Mac! – Whole school	Monday 18 th December 2023
Yoyo Assembly and Workshops – Year 1 and Year 4	Tuesday 19 th December 2023
Christmas Parties Children are welcome to come to school in party clothes	Wednesday 20 th December 2023
PTA Christmas Disco	Wednesday 20 th December 2023 EYFS and KS1 – 6pm – 7pm KS2 – 7:15pm – 8:15pm
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

Term dates for next term will be shared by the end of the week.

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 – What parents/carers need to know about Disney Plus
- Behaviour Sanction/ Reward Pyramid