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Wednesday 20th December 2023

Dear parent/ carer,

Message from Mrs Thompson

It feels very strange being in school so near to Christmas, but it does mean we are having a fun and festive week filled with lots of Christmas activities and crafts. We all really enjoyed the fabulous Riding Lights show on Monday and we were treated to a wonderful assembly led by Yoyo yesterday. I know the children are all incredibly excited about their parties this afternoon and we are looking forward to our Christmas services at St Nicholas Church tomorrow at 10am for EYFS and KS1 and 11am for KS2 – we would love for you to join us if you are able to.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the children, parents, staff and governors for making me feel so welcome during my first term here at Dunnington. It is such a friendly school community and I feel very lucky to be a part of it.

Please remember that Friday 22nd December is a staff training day so the children's last day will be tomorrow. I hope that you are able to enjoy a relaxing time with family and friends over the festive period and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 8th January 2024.

Christmas clear outs!

If you are having a clear out before/after Santa has been, Reception would love to take any pre-loved toys off your hands - particularly cars, small world people or animals as these are always very popular areas in our provision. Thank you!

Stockings

Have a look at the wonderful stockings that have been made by the children in year 3 this term.



House Points

Well done to Craven House (Green) who have collected the most house points this term. As you know, children get house points for going above and beyond, so it is amazing they managed to accumulate 406 house points over the term. It was closely contested, with only 9 house points between the top two houses.

We will select a treat for Craven house to enjoy in the new term.

Year 6 SATS information evening

On Thursday 11th January, at 6pm, we will be holding a year 6 parent information evening about SATs. We will be able to send information home if you are unable to attend.

Open afternoon

We are running an open afternoon on Wednesday 24th January, where you will have the opportunity to visit the classroom after school (between 3:30 and 5:00) and see your child's work. We know the children will love having the opportunity to share all their brilliant work with you.



York Minster Christmas Tree Festival 2023

I know a few people have told us that they cannot locate our bauble on the York Music Hub's tree in the Minster. We have been assured that the bauble was placed on the tree and have been told that they will look for it in the Minster. We will let you know if we can confirm that they bauble is on the tree.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2023

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 21st December 2023
Staff Training Day	Friday 22 nd December 2023

Spring Term 2024

January 2024

Back to School	Monday 8 th January 2024
Space Virtual Reality Workshop for year 1, 2 and 5	Wednesday 10 th January 2024
Auditions for year 3 and 4 production – for year 4 pupils	Wednesday 10 th January 2024 Thursday 11 th January 2024
Year 6 parent meeting – SATS	Thursday 11 th January 2024 – 6pm
Weekly catch up swimming begins	Tuesday 16 th January 2024
Open afternoon for parents – visit classrooms to see children’s work	Wednesday 24 th January 2024 3:30pm-5:00pm

February 2024

Schools closes for half term	Friday 9 th February 2024
Back to school	Monday 19 th February 2024

March 2024

Year 3 and 4 production	Wednesday 6 th March 2024 – 6pm Thursday 7 th March 2023 – 6pm
World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March 2024
Music celebration assembly	Friday 8 th March 2024
Parent consultations	Tuesday 12 th March (until 6pm) Wednesday 13 th March (until 7pm) Thursday 14 th March (until 6pm) Teachers will select 2-3 nights to complete their consultations which will be confirmed nearer the time.
Easter Services at St Nicolas Church	Wednesday 20 th March 2024 – 10am EYFS & KS1/ 11am KS2
School closes for Easter	Friday 22 nd March 2024
Back to school	Monday 8 th April 2024

Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments

- Five Minute Read – 12 top tips for children and young people to enjoy a tech-free Christmas
- Lunch Menu – Spring term (which is also published on the website)