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Wednesday 21st February 2024

Dear parent/ carer,

Message from Mrs Thompson

It was lovely to welcome the children back on Monday after half term. I hope they all had a wonderful break and are looking forward to the next few weeks of school.

We have another short half-term until Easter with lots of activities planned, including: bikeability for year 5, the year 3 and 4 show – I have been hearing some wonderful singing and acting coming from the rehearsals in the hall - World Book Day and a music celebration assembly. There is a lot to fit in!

South York Multi Academy Trust

As you are aware, we are a member of the South York Multi Academy Trust (SYMAT). Mrs Hancy has been working hard as SYMAT Primary School Improvement Lead to support all of the primary schools across the Trust.

As part of this work, all subject leaders are meeting over the coming week to discuss how subjects are planned at each school, to share expertise and to identify areas that can be developed. Each school is also having a behaviour review led by the MAT's CEO, Steve Lewis, to celebrate successes, identify areas for development and again identify and share best practice across schools.

In addition to this, each school has had or will have a peer review where members of staff visit from the other schools with various expertise to support an area of focus. Miss Dunn has been working with two of the schools to develop writing provision, which is a real area of strength for Dunnington. Ours will take place in May and will focus on developing our already excellent maths provision even further.

There is also lots of work being done to share training across the MAT to ensure every school can access more than they would normally be eligible for.

It has been really positive to work together across the Trust to continue to develop and improve as schools.

Parents' Consultations

Parents consultations are due to take place on the 12th, 13th and 14th March. These meetings will be held virtually via School Cloud. I will send more information about these and how to book your appointments next week.

Plea for Donations

We are trying to build a stock of equipment to enable us to give children access to sensory activities such as sensory circuits. These are sensory-based movement activities that help children to achieve the 'just right' level of alertness they need to prepare themselves for the day's learning.

If you have any unloved fitness items such as small hand weights, resistance bands or yoga balls, we would be really grateful of them at school. Thank you.

REMINDER - World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2024

This year, World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March 2024. We will be celebrating through sharing our favourite books in school and taking part in lots of fun reading activities.

As part of World Book Day, we would like the children to make their own top hat which links to their favourite book character or story. There will be a book token as a prize in each year group for the most creative design! Here is a link to help you create!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pd5OBVYH2zk>

Dressing up is optional, however, it should link to the top hat theme. Our kitchen manager has also arranged a special menu which is attached.

If you would like to find out more about World Book Day, please follow the link below:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Here, you will be able to find out about the books that the children will be able to receive free with their £1 book token and ways in which to celebrate World Book Day 2024!

Thank you for your support with this.

Rachel Dickenson

Prepare for Outdoor PE!

At this point in the year, when signs of Spring are starting to show, many of our PE sessions take place outside. Please ensure your child has outdoor PE kit with them in school. A showerproof jacket is also helpful as we do go out in most weathers!

Message from The Minsterbelles:

York City Ladies's Fixtures

Support your local Lionesses! The Minsterbelles are returning for 2 fixtures at the LNER Community stadium. We are excited to have launched ticket sales for our next two game's here at the LNER Community Stadium with the first game being on Wednesday the 13th of March against Doncaster Belles with a 7:45pm Kick off and the second game being on Sunday the 7th of April against Barnsley at 2:00pm.

All our games are aimed at the whole family with Under 11's FREE for general admission. We would love to see lots of you down at the LNER to cheer on the Minsterbelles at the LNER Community Stadium. A variety of ticket options are available; however, general admission prices are standard £5 / 11 and Under FREE. A £1.20 booking fee will apply for all tickets purchased

Tickets are on sale via:

<https://www.yorksmc.co.uk/buy-york-city-fc-ladies-tickets>

We can't wait to host everyone and hope to expand our fanbase and see as many fans down as possible to cheer on the MinsterBelles. Please spread the word, look at the various ticket options, and get along to join us on Wednesday the 13th and Sunday 7th.

Please get in touch if you have any issues or have any questions!

From all at York City Ladies, we hope to see you at the games!
#MinsterBelles



Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2024

February 2024

Catch up swimming	Every Tuesday afternoon (until 12 th March)
Bikeability for year 5	Thursday 22 nd February Thursday 29 th February Thursday 7 th March Thursday 14 th March

March 2024

Year 3 and 4 Dress Rehearsal	Monday 4 th 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
Special Lunch for World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March 2024
Music celebration assembly	Friday 8 th March 2024
Lego League Competition	Friday 8 th March 2024
Year 5 Farm trip	Monday 11 th March 2024
Yoyo assembly and workshops for year 2 and year 5	Tuesday 12th 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.
Butter and Ice Cream making workshops for the whole school	Thursday 14 th March 2024
Easter Services at St Nicolas Church	Wednesday 20 th March 2024 – 10am EYFS & KS1/ 11am KS2
Easter Lunch	Wednesday 20th March
School closes for Easter	Friday 22 nd March 2024
Back to school	Monday 8 th April 2024

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Links:

- Five Minute Read – How to set parental controls on devices:
https://assets.thekeysupport.com/company/demos/elearning-parental-controls-on-devices-20-21/index.html?_gl=1*qyeb7c*_ga_QDJQRHNR4G*MTcwODQ00TUzMS4xLjAuMTcwODQ00TUzMS4wLjAuMA..#/