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Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Dear parent/ carer,

### Message from Mrs Thompson

I can't quite believe we are coming to the end of such a short but incredibly busy term. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us at church yesterday to see our Easter services. I look forward to seeing lots of you later at the PTA disco.

I hope the children all have a wonderful Easter break, filled with lots of chocolate and adventures, and that you are also able to get some rest.

### Break the rules day

School Council have been drumming up ideas around the classes for areas of school they want to develop and how they will fundraise for this. It has been brilliant to see the school councillors in each class so confidently gather the opinions of their peers and represent them in school council meetings.

It has been decided that they would like to fundraise for more plants around school to improve the learning environment for all pupils and staff. They have chosen to organise a Break the Rules day to fundraise for this, which you will have received a flyer about earlier in the week and this morning.

If you are sending in any snacks, please ensure they are **nut free** as we have a number of children with serious nut allergies in school.

### Year 5 school trip and butter-making workshops

Last week, we were all treated to butter making workshops led by Farmer Sam as a result of year 5's competition win. It was fascinating to see what life was like on Farmer Sam's farm and, as a huge butter fan, I was amazed to see how easily it could be made. Farmer Sam commented on how wonderful the children across the school were.

Chloe, Darcey and Kalilah in year 1 said: *Farmer Sam was brilliant! He told us all about farming. He showed us videos of lambs and cows which he was in!! He taught us how to make butter out of*

*cream. We had to shake it really hard. We took it in turns and it made butter. We ate it on crackers. It was delicious! We were a bit sad it wasn't ice cream though!*

Nellie and Isobel in year 5 told me all about the trip they went on last week.

*We were split into two separate groups. One of the groups went with Sam and the other went with Tango, who owned the farm. The group that was with Tango made wholemeal and white flour using machines to grind the wheat. The group that was with Sam learned all about worms and collected them. We wiggled the shovel in the ground to encourage the worms up to the surface. We learned about how worms help soil and how they are needed for making compost. We then filled our pots with mud and water, left it for 20 minutes and then saw how it separated into different layers in the mud. The best part of the day was seeing the puppies and stroking the pony. It was great day!!*



Year 5 are now using this knowledge to plant seed potatoes and are intending to bury underpants to see how the worms eat them and help them to decompose!



## Tree planting

School Council and I spent Monday afternoon planting two of the fruit trees that we have received from the Tree Council. It was very muddy and hard work as the soil was incredibly wet and heavy. We got our two plum trees planted. Thanks again to Glenn from Tip Top Landscapes for saving the day and planting the remaining three apple trees for us today.

## Hockey Tournament



A huge well done to both of our hockey teams, who made it through the finals, which will take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Good luck to our netball teams, who are competing tonight.

Thank you again to the staff for all the brilliant coaching and to everyone who transported the children to the competition.



## Mr Sellers' Holiday Football Camp

DS20 Easter Holiday Football Camp  
Come and join us on our fun Holiday football camp organised and led by UEFA B qualified coaches and qualified teachers with over 20 years experience in Football and Primary School PE  
Monday 25th March-Wednesday 27th March  
Huntington Hopgrove Playing Fields  
10am - 3pm  
Girls & Boys From 5 Years Old  
£15 for the day or £40 for 3 days.  
To book a place use the link:  
<https://ds20.class4kids.co.uk/>  
Limited places available





## Congratulations Miss Dunn

Finally, a huge congratulations to Miss Dunn, who will be marrying Ollie on Saturday.



Miss Dunn had a message for the year 4 parents:

*I want to say a sincere thank you to the Year 4 parents for their kind words and gifts to help celebrate my upcoming marriage! It is so generous of you all. My wedding is at 2pm on Saturday 23rd March at St Olave's church, and the children are very welcome to come along.*

*Many thanks and best wishes,*

*Miss Dunn (soon to be Mrs Bradley)*

We can't wait to welcome Mrs Bradley into school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

## Dates for your Diary

### Spring Term 2024

|                          |                                    |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| PTA Disco                | Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March    |
| Break the Rules Day      | Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024 |
| School closes for Easter | Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024 |
| Back to school           | Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024  |

A full list of dates for next term will be sent out during the first week back after the holidays.

Join us for all-age worship on  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
Friday 29th March at 10am



We'll start with some **SINGING** then visit the  
**INTERACTIVE PRAYER STATIONS**  
They're suitable for all ages, and will help us to  
pray and reflect on the events of Holy Week.

We'll aim to be finished by 11am  
*St Nicholas' Church Dunnington*

### Holy Week & Easter Services

#### Palm Sunday—24th March

8.00am BCP Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Dunnington  
10.30am All Age Holy Communion, St Mary, Warthill:  
*Procession to our All-Age service: meet outside Holtby Village  
Hall at 9.45 to walk together to Warthill St Mary's*  
10.30am Traditional Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Dunnington  
4.30pm Evensong, St Nicholas, Dunnington led by the Stamford Bridge Singers

#### Holy Week

Mon 25th March 7.30pm Compline @ Holy Trinity, Stockton  
Tues 26th March 7.30pm Compline @ St Mary, Warthill  
Weds 27th March 7.30pm Taizé worship @ Holy Trinity, Holtby

#### Maundy Thursday—28th March

7.30pm Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Dunnington

#### Good Friday - 29th March

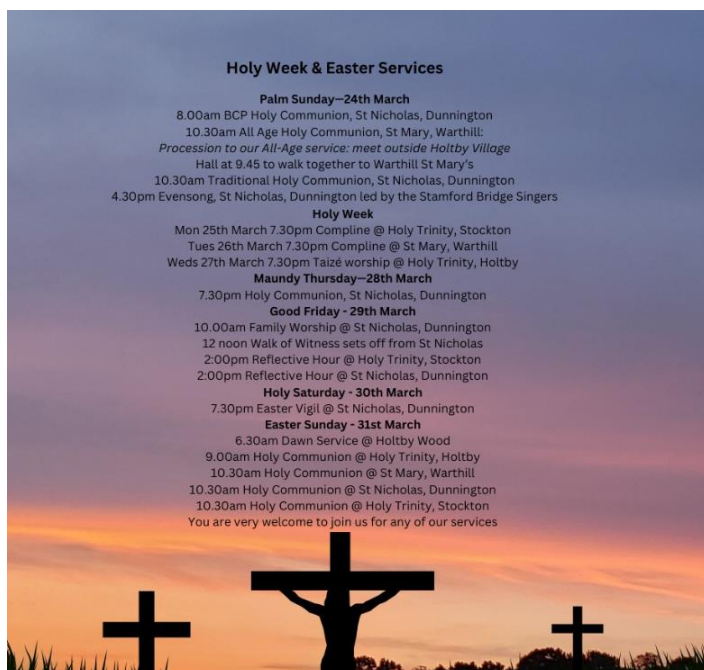
10.00am Family Worship @ St Nicholas, Dunnington  
12 noon Walk of Witness sets off from St Nicholas  
2.00pm Reflective Hour @ Holy Trinity, Stockton  
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#### Holy Saturday - 30th March

7.30pm Easter Vigil @ St Nicholas, Dunnington

#### Easter Sunday - 31st March

6.30am Dawn Service @ Holtby Wood  
9.00am Holy Communion @ Holy Trinity, Holtby  
10.30am Holy Communion @ St Mary, Warthill  
10.30am Holy Communion @ St Nicholas, Dunnington  
10.30am Holy Communion @ Holy Trinity, Stockton  
You are very welcome to join us for any of our services



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

Have a wonderful Easter and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

**Attachments:**

**Five minute read – Healthy Sleeping Habits**