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Dear parent/ carer,

Message from Mrs Thompson

Sally Askins, our wonderful School Business Manager, has taken the decision to take early retirement at the end of the Summer term. Sally joined us in June 2021. She very quickly slotted into Dunnington life and has been a truly committed and hard-working member of our team. She is incredibly caring- a friend to us all- and will be sorely missed. We are all incredibly sad to be saying goodbye to her, but we wish her every happiness as she embarks on this next exciting stage!

Spring Term Parent Consultations

We have scheduled parent consultations the 12th and 13th March. These consultations will provide you with the opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress and how you are able to support them at home.

Appointments will be held virtually using the School Cloud platform. We have found this to be the most time efficient way to conduct our consultations. We appreciate that some of you miss having the opportunity to come into the classroom which is why we held the open afternoon earlier in the term.

School Cloud provides an easy to use online appointment booking system which allows you to choose your own appointment time with teachers. The booking system will go 'live' on Monday 4th March at 6pm and will close on Sunday 10th March at 12 noon.

Once a slot is booked, it becomes unavailable to other parents and will be confirmed via email.

No app is required to be installed - you can just use a smart phone or laptop. All calls are encrypted. The video call finishes at the end of the appointment time (9 minute allocation).

In order to make video calls you need to have as a minimum:

- A device with a microphone and speaker/ headphones
- A compatible and up to date browser

We also recommend:

- Using your smartphone for video appointments. If you don't have a smartphone with a front-facing camera, use a laptop or computer with a webcam.
- Using a headset (or earphones with a microphone) to reduce echo.

Please visit <https://dunningtonprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. (A short guide on how to book appointments is included with this letter).

You will be taken to the following log in page. Complete the form to log in to the system and to secure your appointments.

The screenshot shows the login page for Dunnington CE Primary School's SchoolCloud system. The page has a red header with the school's name. Below the header, the 'SchoolCloud' logo is displayed, followed by a welcome message and a note about email confirmation. The 'Your Details' section contains input fields for Title, First Name, Surname, Email, and Confirm Email. The 'Student's Details' section contains input fields for First Name, Surname, and Date of Birth (with dropdown menus for day, month, and year). A green 'Log In' button is located at the bottom left of the form area.

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SchoolCloud

Welcome to the Dunnington CE Primary School booking system. Bookings can be amended via a link from the email confirmation - please ensure your email address is correct.

Your Details

Title First Name Surname

Email Confirm Email

Student's Details

First Name Surname Date of Birth

1 January 2010

Log In

Please do contact the school office if you are experiencing any difficulties so we can check we have the correct name and email address entered onto our system.

The following link explains how to attend the video call appointment:

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

Instruction on how to add a second parent/ carer to join the appointment can be found on the following link:

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/862-video-appointments-parents-how-to-invite-another-parent-guardian-to-join-your-appointments>

If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact the school office, who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf or set up a telephone appointment or a face to face meeting with your child's class teacher at a different time.

Message for parents of children with SEND - SEND Survey

The council are asking parents of children with Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) to take part in a survey to improve SEND provision.

The survey will inform our current Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Commissioning Strategy, and help us to understand what is working well and what changes can be made. We ask that you complete the survey honestly, and support us with practical examples of how you feel we can make positive changes to our system.

We would like to hear from people with a range of experiences and roles, so please share this link with all your school staff and parents of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities.

Please take part in the survey before it closes on 6 March.

The survey can be found using the following link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CYCStaffandParentSEnDsurvey>

Little Wandle reading books - thank you!

Thanks to generous PTA funding raised at school events, we have been lucky enough to purchase a huge selection of new Little Wandle reading books for use in school. We are looking forward to using these in class with the Reception and KS1 children and we also have a new selection of age appropriate 7+ books for any child using Little Wandle books in KS2.

As always, these books, which are matched to the child's proven phonics ability, will be available for parents to read with their children on our ECollins platform following in-class reading lessons. Every child in Reception & KS1 were sent login details at the start of this academic year, so do let us know if you are struggling with accessing this resource, as I know the children would love to 'show off' their reading to you!



Thanks once again to the PTA and parents who helped us to raise funds for these valuable resources.

Mrs Elliott

Message for year 3 and 4 parents ...

We are really excited to show you our Year 3/4 Production 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' next week on Wednesday and Thursday at 6pm.

If parents and family could please bring their programmes with them, then these will also act as tickets. Children should arrive back at school at 5:40pm, where they will head straight to their classroom and change into their costume for the evening show. We kindly request that children do not arrive any earlier, as we cannot guarantee there will be adults on hand to supervise them. Whilst we do not as yet have a final running time for the show, we estimate that children will need to be picked up from 7:40pm after the performance. A small reminder as well that costumes should please be in school by this Friday, in a named bag.

Thank you parents and carers for all of your help at home with the production...it's going to be great!

Miss Dunn

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.

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

PBuzz Band

Ian Chalk came into Collective Worship on Friday to give us a demonstration on his flugal horn and show the children how to play a pBuzz. He hopes to set up a pBuzz band in year 5 and 6. If your child is interested, please follow this link to register: <https://www.yorkmusicforum.com/register>



Special Menus

We have two special menus coming up – one for World Book Day on the 7th March and one for Easter on the 22nd March. Please see attached flier for World book day menu. Note this will be the only options available on that day.

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2024

February 2024

Catch up swimming	Every Tuesday afternoon (until 12 th March)
Bikeability for year 5	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 2024 – 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 12 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.
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 20 th March
PTA Disco	Wednesday 21st 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

Attachments:

Five minute read – Self-Regulation
Raise York Update – February 2024
World Book Day Menu