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Dear parent/ carer,

### Message from Mrs Thompson

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed some rest, recuperation and plenty of chocolate over the Easter holidays. It has been great to have the children back this week and it feels like we are already fully into the swing of what will inevitably be a busy term. I just hope we begin to get a little bit more sunshine!

### School Uniform

A number of children have come to school wearing jackets/ tops that are not school uniform.

Please can we remind you that the uniform consists of:

- dark grey or black school trousers, skirts, pinafore skirts or shorts (not sports trousers)
- a school sweat top or cardigan in red or blue
- a white polo shirt or school shirt
- a red or blue polo shirt embroidered with the school logo
- sensible shoes (not trainers)
- a summer dress (optional) in red or blue check/stripes

Clothing for Physical Education:

- Plimsolls or trainers
- Black Shorts
- White T- Shirt

There is no obligation for the jumper/ polo shirt your child wears to have the school logo on, but all of the children should be wearing uniform in the correct colours. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

Please also make sure your child has a coat/ waterproof with them at school at all times to allow the children to get outside at playtime as often as possible. As we have seen over the last few days, the weather is very changeable and unpredictable at this time of year!

## Dance Workshops

This week, Mrs Rowntree used some of our sports premium budget to arrange a Dance Day, which was delivered by the amazing York Dance Space. York Dance Space currently run an incredibly popular after school club, which is already full for this half-term! Mrs Rowntree was keen to give all the children the opportunity to experience a dance workshop and give the teachers the chance to observe really effective dance teaching.

The pupils had great fun experimenting with different styles of dance, performing lifts and dancing to fabulous music whilst developing their rhythmical skills. The teachers deepened their understanding of curriculum dance and it has been wonderful to hear the children so excited about their workshops!



York Dance Space run adult and child classes so if you fancy getting involved or trying something new then please follow the link and get in touch with Drew or Hannah.

<https://yorkdancespace.com/>

## Other sporting news from Mrs Rowntree...

A huge well done to the netball teams that went to Joseph Rowntree School before the Easter break. The children representing Dunnington demonstrated some excellent skills against strong opposition from across the York schools. Miss Dickenson and I were very proud of them all finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place. Thanks to the parents for their support with transport and support!

We also had success with another Y3/4 Dodgeball competition last night and the team won all of their games so watch this space for more details! A great performance and thank you to Mr Sellers for accompanying the team.

Please can any Y4 parents who have not returned their slip and payment for swimming do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

### House points

Mrs Todd has been counting up the house point totals this week – she says she finds it rather therapeutic!

Our house points are used to reward children for ‘taking that extra step’ for example;

- Helping and caring for others
- Demonstrating high levels of enthusiasm, courtesy, collaboration or cooperation
- Persevering with a challenge
- Striving to improve.

The current totals for the year are as follows:

Craven	915 House Points	Terry	849 House Points
Rowntree	912 House Points	Tuke	986 House Points

Congratulations to **Tuke House**, last term’s winners, who collected a phenomenal 598 house points across the term. We will select a reward in Friday’s assembly for everyone in Tuke house.

Let’s see which house manages to gain the points in the next half-term! The cumulative total for the whole year will result in the children from that house being awarded the house cup!



### Science in KS1

Year 2 had a fabulous time creating volcanoes before the holidays – year 1 are looking forward to completing the experiment today!

### Church Collection

Thank you to everyone who came to our Easter services. The church collections raised £194, which will be shared between the Dog’s Trust and Cancer Research.

## Joseph and Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

We are all incredibly proud of Theo, who is performing in Joseph at The Grand Opera House. If anyone wants to go and support him, he will be in the following shows:



## Dates for your Diary

### Summer Term 2024

New dates will be added in bold each week

### April 2024

Y5 Squash	Friday PMs Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May
EYFS and KS1 Cricket	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
Midsummer Night's Dream Workshop Year 1 and 2	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 5 Residential (Newby Wiske) Parent's Meeting	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 4:30-5:30
Year 4 Swimming	Thursdays Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
Midsummer Night's Dream Workshop Year 5 and 6	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
Midsummer Night's Dream Workshop Year 3 and 4	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April
Parent Consultations for year 4 and 6	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April – After school

**May 2024**

French Day	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May <i>More information to be sent out next week but children will be allowed to wear red, white or blue.</i>
SATS week	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May
Class Photos	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May
Census day/ Special Lunch	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May
York Triathlon	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Last day of half term for children	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Inset Day – School closed to pupils	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May

**June 2024**

First day back at school	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Year 6 Residential to Boggle Hole	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (and year 2 re-takes)	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June (week after for anyone absent during this week)
Year 3 and 4 trip to Magna	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 5 Residential to Newby Wiske	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June

**July 2024**

Reports sent out to parents	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
PTA Disco	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 Leavers' Service	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
Last day of term for pupils	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
Disaggregated Inset Day – school closed for pupils	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July

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

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

**Attachments:**

Five minute read – Childnet: Livestreaming <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/livestreaming-parents/>