



## **DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear parent/ carer,

### **Lost Property**

We have a rather alarming amount of lost property accumulating in school, both in KS1 and KS2. On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, we will lay this out in the hall straight after school. Please do come and take a look if your child has lost something. Following this, we will donate any unclaimed items to charity.

Please label your children's clothes, shoes and other belongings. Whilst many children claim to have the unique gift of recognising clothing by smell, it is really hard to reunite a child with their missing item unless it is labelled.

### **Water Bottles**

Please remember to send your child into school with a clean, labelled water bottle which has been filled with fresh water. We have a number of children who are repeatedly borrowing school bottles and we do not have enough for everyone who needs one. If you would like to buy a water bottle from school, please do let us know. They are available for £1.35

### **PTA**

I had a wonderful meeting with Mrs Battle this week, who co-chairs our amazing PTA. The PTA do so much for our school – not only do they put on events that are loved by the children, but they manage to raise a lot of money which makes such a difference to school.

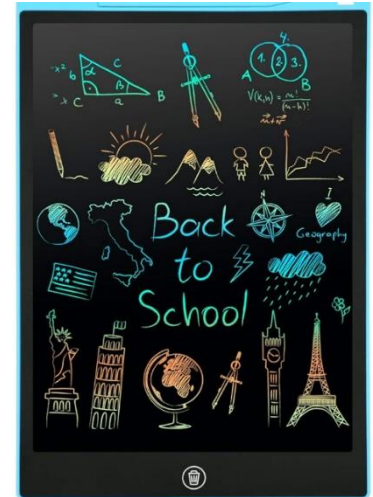
Each year, the PTA contributes to each class, which they doubled this year. Class teachers choose to spend this donation in whatever way they think will benefit the children in their class the most.



EYFS have chosen to spend some of their PTA budget on these caterpillars. These photos show how much they have grown in the last week. The children are loving watching and learning about them!

Year 1 and 2 spend some of their budget on these boards. Each child has one instead of the more traditional mini whiteboard and pen. Not only will they save the school money, as there will be less need for whiteboard pens, but they also have less impact on the environment long term. They have been a big hit with the children and teachers alike!

Year 1 also added to their marble run collection – indeed when I was talking to some year 1s this week they said the marble run was their favourite thing about school!



The PTA are keen to invest more of their funds this year. We discussed the possibility of them funding training a Forest School Leader, investing in resources to support outdoor learning, contributing to the significant cost of year 4 swimming and looking at supporting us to run events, such as whole school trips or rewards for year groups. All of these options are being costed up and looked into so watch out for some exciting announcements to follow!

The PTA are always open to new ideas, new fundraising opportunities and new members, so please do get involved if you are able. In a time when school budgets are increasingly stretched, we are so grateful for the difference they make. Thank you!

### **Tuke House Award**

Congratulations again to Tuke House, who accrued the most house points last term. They selected their award in assembly this week and will have an additional playtime at some point next week. I look forward to celebrating with you Tuke House.

### **Cricket**

Reception and KS1 were treated to workshops by All Stars Cricket.

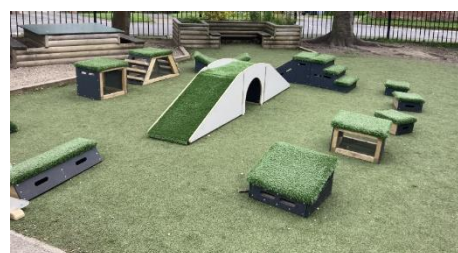
They loved it – especially the wrist bands they were given!



If you are interested in learning more about All Star Cricket in Dunnington, please follow this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vePG--e0qL4>

### Pentagon Play Equipment



You may have noticed the new play equipment in the KS1 playground, which we have used some of our sports premium to fund.

The children in KS1 are really enjoying it and the children in KS2 are jealous they didn't have it when they were in KS1

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### Message for year 4 parents

Year 4 are going to be busy sewing juggling balls this half term! To help this, please could children bring in an old (washed!!) sock for next **Tuesday**. They may also like to bring in an A4 sized piece of fabric of their choice, to help decorate, though fabric options are also available within school.

### The Bradley Wedding

The new Mr and Mrs Bradley would like to thank the staff, pupils and parents of Dunnington Primary School for all their love and support relating to their marriage. They had a wonderful wedding day, with surprise appearances from pupils, both past and present!



### 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 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
<b>Lost property laid out in the hall after school</b>	<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>
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</i>
<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – School closed</b>
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

**I have talked to Mrs Rowntree and we will get dates for sports day and the summer fair shared as soon as possible.**

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: Online grooming** <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/online-grooming/>