

## DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Pear Tree Lane Dunnington York YO19 5QG

Tel 01904 552910

dunningtonprimary.school@york.gov.uk www.dunningtonprimary.co.uk

Head of School: Clare Thompson

headofschool.dunningtonprimary@york.gov.uk

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear parent/ carer,

### **Message from Mrs Thompson**

Well done to all of the children and staff who have been working so hard during SATs week. You have shown such enthusiasm, determination and resilience and we have no doubt you have done yourself proud – you have definitely made us all incredibly proud. We are all really looking forward to completing the last test tomorrow and enjoying some time to celebrate on Friday – as well as having a special breakfast, the children in year 6 are allowed to bring game to play indoors e.g. monopoly, dobble or battleships.

I can't quite believe that next week is the final week before half-term. Please remember that school is closed to pupils on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May as it is a staff training day.

#### Parking outside school

We have had emails from concerned residents and have ourselves noticed a rise in dangerous parking around school. A number of people are leaving their cars opposite or very close to the school gates at drop off and pick up times, leading to traffic congestion, cars in blocked in and people needing to reverse to allow other vehicles to pass, which is obviously a safety concern.

Please can we ask you that you park safely and responsibly if you need to use a car to transport your child to school.

Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

### Year 4 Multiplication Check and Year 1 Phonics Screening

The windows for the year 4 multiplication check and the year 1 phonics screening open in June. We are intending to hold the year 4 check on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June and the year 1 check on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, allowing some contingency for any absences. These checks are nothing to worry about, but please do talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

### **Rockstars Day**



We are excited to let you know that on Tuesday 4th June Key Stage 2 will be holding a 'Times Table Rockstars' day! Children can come dressed as a 'rockstar' for the day, perhaps even as their TTRS avatar if they so wish, and will spend parts of the day playing on TTRS, and competing in Battle of the Bands competitions. Times table facts are a really important aspect of the maths curriculum, and we are looking forward to celebrating the hard work the children have done this year to secure their times table knowledge. Get ready to rock!

## Reception visit to church

Reception enjoyed a lovely afternoon last week at St. Nicholas Church with Reverend McBride learning about why the church is a special place for Christians and also about special places within the church. We even got to see a dolly baptism at the font and hear the clock chime in the tower. The children had a lovely afternoon and had some really thoughtful 'big' questions for Reverend McBride too!! Well done Reception.



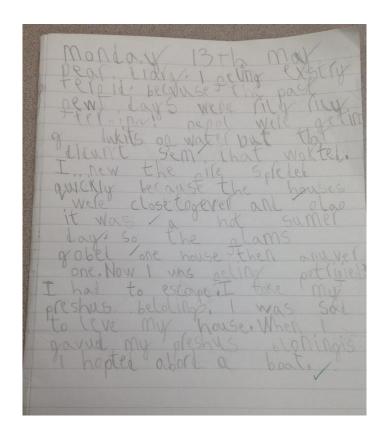


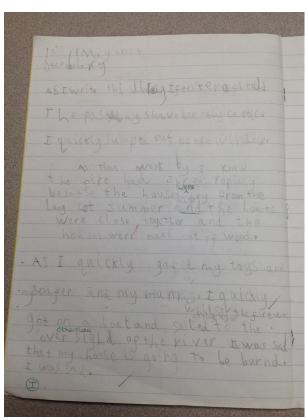


## Spotlight on writing

This week, we are shining a spotlight on some of the brilliant writing in year 1. I was lucky enough to have some year 1 writing shared with me this week and I was blown away by the amount of writing, the amazing use of vocabulary and the use of conjunctions such as 'because'.

Thank you to Theo, Chloe and Nefeli for sharing your amazing writing.

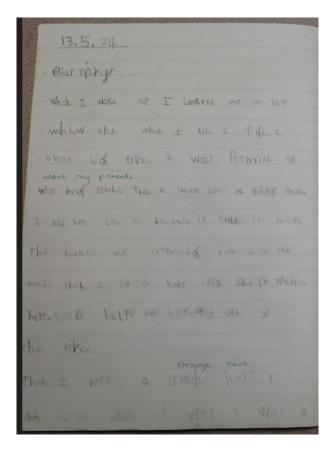






Year 1 have also produced this amazing art work.

It is clear to see how much learning about the Great Fire of London has excited and inspired them!



# **Census Day Lunch**

Don't forget we have a special menu tomorrow because it is census day. We get funding for school meals based on the number of meals taken up in early years and key stage 1 so if your child would like to give school dinners a go, tomorrow is a great day.

# Dates for your Diary New dates will be added in bold each week

#### May 2024

141ay 2024	
Y5 Squash	Friday PMs
	Up until the 10 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 4 Swimming	Thursdays AMs
	Up until the 20 <sup>th</sup> June
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May – School closed
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
Year 2 Parent Consultations	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May – 12:30pm-6:00pm
York Triathlon	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Cricket Festival for years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</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 4 Multiplication Check	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (and year 2 re-	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June
takes)	
New Starter Parent's Evening	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June
	6pm
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
New starter afternoon for parents and children	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
	2pm-3pm
New starter afternoons	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June

## July 2024

Provisional KS2 Sports Day	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July (Back up Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July)
Year 6 Transition Day	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Reports sent out to parents	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Provisional KS1 Sports Day	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July (Back up Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July)
Year 5 and 6 Production	Tuesday 9th July and Thursday 11th July
	(evening- exact time TBC).
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	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
pupils	

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

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

