



## DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear parent/ carer,

As we come to the end of a long and busy term, I would like to say on behalf of everyone here at Dunnington Primary School that we hope you a wonderful Christmas and that you are able to enjoy a relaxing time with family and friends over the festive period.

It has been a fun a festive week in school, filled with activities and craft. Thank you to those who were able to join us in church yesterday – it was such a beautiful service – the year 6 song in particular sent a shiver down my spine. Thank you so much to Mrs Bradley for organising the service and for your beautiful piano playing. Thank you also to those of you who were able to make a donation - £226 was raised for Shine 21.

Shine 21 are School Council's chosen charity this year – they are a based in North Yorkshire and strive to empower parents and enrich the lives of children with Down Syndrome across the county. They have given us a lot of support as a school and we are thrilled to be able to raise money for them.



As excitement levels reach fever pitch today, we are looking forward to Kerry's delicious Christmas lunch, a celebration of the children's amazing musical talents this afternoon, the Christmas Discos this evening and then a – hopefully – calm and relaxing day tomorrow before the holidays begin. I am sure you are all very ready for them.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Year 3 and 4 football finals**

Girls and boys from years 3 and 4 represented Dunnington at the York football finals yesterday.

The girls placed second overall – they won three matches and lost one against the eventual winners. Well done girls! The boys also did us proud, competing against some very strong teams and showing great potential for the future.

Thank you to Mr Sellers for accompanying the teams and to all the families for your help with transport – we really do appreciate your support.

## Attendance

You will receive letters today which show your child's attendance this term. We are so lucky that the vast majority of children have excellent attendance here at Dunnington and understand the importance of attending school. Coming to school everyday helps children to have fun, learn, make new friends and experience new things. Even missing a few afternoons can make it much harder for your child to keep up with their learning and fully enjoy school.

We absolutely do not want you to send your child to school if they are unwell and really appreciate your support with this to try to prevent illnesses spreading around school. We understand that after a term, a nasty illness can have an effect on the percentage attendance your child has and we do always look at the reasons behind a child's absence when analysing attendance. On the whole, good attendance is considered to be above 96%, and we are particularly worried when attendance slips below 90%, when a child is classed as a persistent absentee.

If we are worried about your child's attendance, we will get in touch to see if there is anything we can do to support. Likewise, if you have any concerns or questions about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

## RESPECT

Thank you to last week's RESPECT superstars – Rowan, Rebecca, Josie, Daniel, James, Jessie and Ella - these children are always **responsible**, always put in a huge amount of **effort**, behave in a safe and **secure** manner, are endlessly **polite**, **enjoy** themselves, **care** about others and **tolerate** things when they are tricky: we are very proud of you!



The children in year 4 have been working hard to make these incredibly cute pigs in blankets!



## Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

December 2024	
PTA Disco	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
School closes for Christmas	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
January 2025	
Back to School	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Parent Open Evening – <i>an opportunity to come into school and see your child's classroom and their work</i>	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025 3:30pm – 5pm
Maths Day	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Last day of half term for pupils	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Inset Day – School closed for pupils	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Back to school	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
World Book Day	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Parent Consultations	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March (until 7pm) Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March (until 6pm) Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March (until 6pm) <i>Teachers will be available on two out of the three nights.</i>
Down Syndrome Awareness Day	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025
Year 3 and 4 Production	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 (6pm) Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 (6pm)
<b>Year 5 Virtual Reality and Robotics Experience</b>	<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025</b>
Autism Awareness Day	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025
School closes for Easter	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025

**A huge well done to all our Numbots and TTRS superstars – but a particular shout out to Oliver who was awarded a record number of certificates last week! You are working so hard Oliver.**

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a very, very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year!

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

**Links/ Attachments:**

**Safety Over the Festive Season**

**Information about Total Sports Football Sessions**



# Services at St Nicholas in December

**Dec 8th**

**10.30am St Nicholas Day Holy Communion**

**Dec 15th**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

**3.00pm Discover Christingle**

**Dec 20th**

**6.00pm Carols on the Green**

**Dec 22nd**

**7.00pm Carol Service**

**Dec 24th**

**5.00pm Crib Service**

**11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion**

**Dec 25th**

**10.30am Christmas Communion**

**Dec 29th**

**10.30am Benefice Communion Service**



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