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Dear parent/ carer,

Message from Mrs Thompson

Welcome back! I hope those of you who were lucky enough to have a break had a wonderful half-term filled with fun, treats and even a little bit of sunshine!

It has been great to be back at school this week and it feels like we are hurtling towards the summer holidays. I cannot believe there are only seven weeks to fit in an awful lot of learning, sport, school trips and enrichment opportunities and some emotional goodbyes.

It has felt strange and fairly quiet in school so far this week as year 6 have been on their residential to Boggle Hole with Miss Dickenson, Mrs Lockwood, Mr Thompson and Mrs Hancy. I know they have had a wonderful time and done the whole of Dunnington proud with their brilliant attitude and sense of fun; we look forward to telling you about in next week's newsletter.

Staffing plans for next year

Next year, children will be taught in single year groups, replicating the structure we have had in place this year.

We are thrilled that Mr Gargiulo will be returning from his secondment as Assistant Headteacher at Archbishop of York Junior school from September. He has worked tirelessly whilst on secondment, helping the school through both Ofsted and SIAMs inspections, making a really positive impact – we know he will be an asset to have him back on our team and we look forward to his return.

Sadly, this means that Miss Sugden will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. Miss Sugden is a phenomenal teacher who always puts so much effort and time into making learning fun and exciting for the children in her class. Every time I walk into year 5, I can see how engaged, enthused and confident the children are. Not only that, Miss Sugden is a great team player and friend to all of the staff here. Miss Sugden, we will miss you - we know you are set for greater things and will do amazingly well in your new school. Keep in touch!

We are currently in the process of recruiting for a teacher to teach year 1 two days a week, on a Thursday and Friday. We will let you know as soon as we have made this appointment.

The classes for next year will be as follows. We will confirm where support staff will be working in due course:

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Teacher	Mrs Elliott (Monday – Wednesday and Friday) Mrs Subritzky (Thursday)	Mrs Rowntree (Monday – Wednesday) <i>**We are currently recruiting for a teacher to teach on Thursday and Friday.</i>	Mrs Priest (Monday – Thursday) Mrs Subritzky (Friday)	Mr Gargiulo	Mrs Todd (Monday – Wednesday) Mrs Jones (Thursday – Friday)	Miss Dickenson	Mrs Bradley

PPA time will be covered by Mrs Lockwood and leadership time will be covered by me – I am really looking forward to spending some time in each of the classes.

Rock Star Day

The children in years 3, 4 and 5 looked phenomenal yesterday – who knew we had so many rock stars in our midst!



Thomas and Nina from year 4 told me “Rock Star day was fun! We played TTRS and altogether in the class we got over 6300 correct answers! We enjoyed making TTRS mosaics out of times tables which made the shape of the treble clef. Everyone looked amazing but the teachers are glad the guitars and microphones are not coming into school every day. We also enjoyed singing We love Rock and Roll – and our version We Love Sausage Rolls – on the way into a more raucous than usual assembly!”

The year 4s have been keeping me on my toes by testing my times tables knowledge as they prepared for today’s multiplication check. We know they have been working so hard to make sure they are fluent in their times tables, something that will stand them in good stead for the maths they will complete in years 5 and 6. Thank you to everyone at home who has been supporting them – they did brilliantly today! We are really proud of you year 4 – you certainly are all stars!

Whole School Trip to the Seaside – Friday 5th July

We are absolutely delighted and incredibly grateful that our wonderful PTA are funding a whole school trip to the seaside on the 5th July.

We will be visiting Bridlington's South Bay for the day. The trip will take place during school hours. Mrs Battle, one of the PTA chairs, has been working tirelessly to arrange this and has made sure the coastguard is aware that we will be visiting. We hope to play in the sand, have a little paddle, have a picnic and play some seaside games. Not only is the PTA funding the trip, so there is no charge to parents, but they will also provide each child with an ice cream, or a suitable alternative if they have allergies.

The children will need to wear sensible clothes and footwear and should ensure they have a sun hat and sun cream if it is sunny or waterproofs and wellies if it is raining- if the weather is anything like this week, they will need all the options! The children can also bring a small bucket and spade if they wish – please do not buy anything especially as we have spares at school. The children will also need to bring a pack up, a snack for the morning, and enough drink to the last the day – no fizzy drinks please.

Whilst there is no cost for the trip, we will need your permission and we will need to know whether your child requires a pack up if they are entitled to a free school meal. We will set this up on a Parent Pay - please log in and give permission as soon as you are able.

In order to make the trip as successful as possible, we will require parent volunteers. If you or a family member are able to join us for the day, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

Once again, I would like to thank the PTA for facilitating the seaside trip. In addition to this, they are keen to fund a year 6 treat for the end of the year and eager to invest in training, most probably Forest School Training, which will have a hugely positive impact on all of the children in school. In order to make this possible they have planned a number of fundraising events for the coming weeks which will allow them to continue to make such a positive impact on our school.

Please see the posters below for further details:



Coloured Hamper Raffle

The popular coloured hamper raffle is back and will be drawn at the Summer Fair on Friday 5th July 2024.

We would really appreciate it if your child could bring an item to school in the following colour:

- EYFS (Mrs Elliott) - Blue
- Y1/2 (Mrs Abbott/Mrs Rowntree) - Green
- Y1/2 (Mrs Priest) - Purple
- Y3/4 (Miss Dunn) - Yellow/gold
- Y3/4 (Mrs Todd/Mrs Jones) - White/silver
- Y5 (Miss Sugden) - Orange
- Y6 (Miss Dickenson) - Red

Friday 28th June - non-uniform day in return for bringing an item for your class hamper (wearing something that matches your class colour is encouraged, but not essential)

Communication

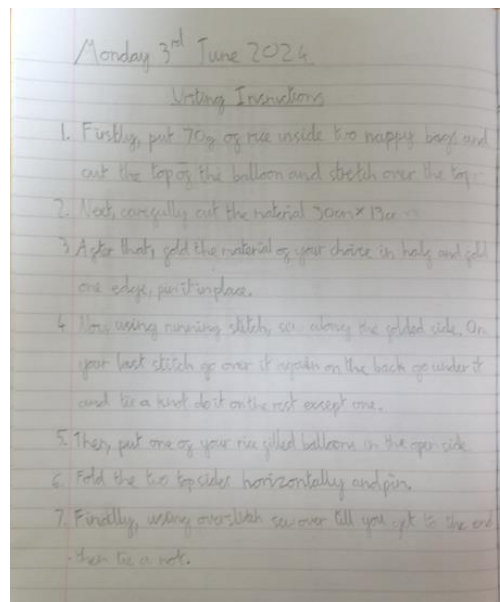
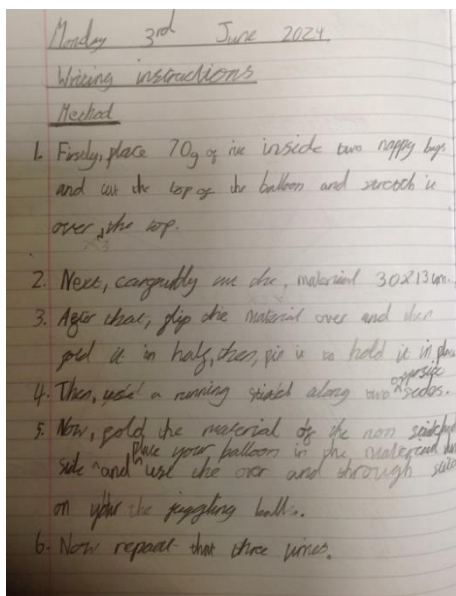
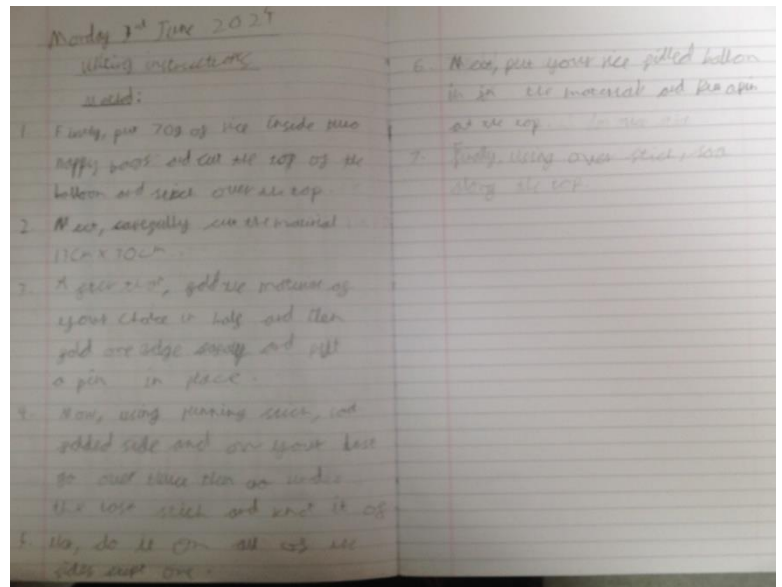
If you have not been able to so far, I would be very grateful if you could complete the survey about school communication by clicking on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/PNmNpfgJHew4u9WQ9>

Thank you to those of you who have fed back so far – it has been really useful and enlightening to read your views and it is nice to hear that so many of you are fans of the current newsletter format.

Spotlight on writing

This week, we are shining a spotlight on some of the brilliant writing in year 3. They have been writing instructions about how to make three juggling balls. They know that for instructions to be effective, they need time openers, imperative verbs, subheadings dividing the instructions up into sections and numbered steps. They also know the instructions need to be clear and concise.



Thank you to Jennifer, Alexander and Isaac R for sharing your amazing writing!

Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

June 2024

Year 4 Swimming	Thursdays AMs Up until the 27 th June
Frozen Fridays Ice lollies on sale for 50p in both playgrounds	Every Friday until the end of term
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (and year 2 re-takes)	Wednesday 12 th June
New Starter Parent's Evening	Wednesday 12 th June 6pm
Year 3 and 4 trip to Magna	Thursday 13 th June
Year 5 Residential to Newby Wiske	Monday 17 th June – Wednesday 19 th June
New starter afternoon for parents and children	Friday 21 st June 2pm-3pm
New starter afternoons	Monday 24 th June Tuesday 25 th June
Non uniform day in return for bringing an item for your class hamper – wearing something that matches your class colour is encouraged but not essential	Friday 28th June

July 2024

Provisional KS2 Sports Day	Tuesday 2 nd July (Back up Thursday 4 th July)
Year 6 Transition Day and transition afternoon for all other classes	Wednesday 3rd July
Whole school trip to the seaside	Friday 5th July
PTA Summer Fair (after school)	Friday 5th July until 3:30
Reports sent out to parents	Monday 8th July (delayed by a day due to whole school trip)
Provisional KS1 Sports Day	Tuesday 9 th July (Back up Thursday 11 th July)
Year 5 and 6 Production	Tuesday 9 th July and Thursday 11 th July (evening- exact time TBC).
Transition afternoon for all pupils	Friday 12th July
PTA Disco	Thursday 18 th July
Year 6 Leavers' Service	Friday 19 th July
Last day of term for pupils	Friday 19 th July
Disaggregated Inset Day – school closed for pupils	Monday 22 nd July

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

We hope you all have a fun and restful break.

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Five minute read: Childnet Online Pornography <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/online-pornography-parents/>