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Friday 13th September 2024

Dear parent/ carer,

It was wonderful to give the children their first Bee certificates, which have replaced rockets, this morning – congratulations to anyone who got a certificate for a wonderful start to the term.

We also celebrated children who have epitomised our school values of RESPECT.



A huge well done to Finley, from reception, who has demonstrated **responsibility**, Alice, from year 1, who has shown **enjoyment** in everything, Kalilah in year 2 who has made sure everyone feels **safe** and **secure**, Soso in year 3, who is

always impeccably **polite**, Alexander in year 4, who has shown a huge amount of **effort** – and showed us some amazing work – Olivia, in year 5, who is so **caring** towards everyone and Nellie and Theo, in year 6, who have both **tolerated** lots of late nights and early mornings this week as they rehearse for The School of Rock – break a leg for your performances this weekend!

We are so proud of all of the children who consistently demonstrate our values and we look forward to celebrating them with you in the newsletter each week.

Earrings in PE

Please remember that children with pierced ears must remove their earrings before participating in PE sessions. If they cannot remove their earrings independently, it is preferable that they are removed before school.

If earrings have to stay in because they are newly pierced, please inform your child's teacher that you consent for them to do PE with tape covering their ears. Children must either be able to apply this tape independently, or have it applied before school.

Thank you for your support with this – it really is important for your child's safety.

Reception's first PE session



Reception had a wonderful first PE lesson – lots of running, parachute play and fun!

We are so proud of how you have settled in reception! Well done!

Assembly about the National Youth Orchestra

We were lucky enough to have a visit from Ella, who plays violin in the National Youth Orchestra. She showed us some videos of the orchestra performing, she performed for us, she showed us all of the different ways a violin can be played and we thought about how music makes us feel. Ella went to Dunnington and started playing the violin when she was in year 1 – we were absolutely blown away by her talent – and I think we all left assembly feeling very inspired. Thank you, Ella.

Photo Day

Children will be having their individual photos taken on the 13th November. If this happens to be your child's PE day, please send them in in school uniform with their PE Kit in a bag. They can get changed once their photo has been taken.

Ordering school meals on Meal Manager

From Monday, we will be removing the dessert options from Meal Manager. We apologise if you have ordered dinners in advance and this means you have to re-order. Children are able to select their desserts on the day. If your child has an allergy that means they cannot have the dessert that day, please do not worry – an alternative is always specially provided. Yoghurt and fruit are also always available.



Year 5 and 6 Walking home:

Please remember to complete the form following the link below to let us know who is able to walk home on their own in year 5 and 6.

<https://forms.gle/WoQHodeAan37UJyU8>

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

York Dance Festival

Message for parents/ carers of children participating in Mrs Bradley's dance club - tickets are now on sale for the Everybody Dance Festival. Dunnington C of E Primary are on Tuesday 12th November. Tickets sell quickly, so please get yours by following the link below.

<https://www.yorktheatreroyal.co.uk/show/everybody-dance-festival/>

Message from Dunnington Parish Council:

I think everyone would agree what a wonderful facility the playpark is for the children in the village. Sadly, over the years the number of volunteers has decreased to 2. In order for the playpark to remain open, we need more volunteers to take an active part in looking after it. If we get enough volunteers stepping forward, then a rota could be put together. For more information, please email john.maggs@dunningtonparishcouncil.gov.uk. It would be such a shame if we have to close the playpark for lack of support.

Workshops for Parents/Carers of children and young people attending a York setting or school:

These live, 90-minute sessions are available exclusively online for parents/carers of children in a York setting or school. They are designed to help parents/carers understand and support their child's unique needs.

Autumn term 1

- [Understanding and supporting ADHD – Tuesday 10 September from 7.00pm](#)
- [Understanding diet and nutrition – Thursday 19 September from 1.00pm](#)
- [Understanding and supporting emotional self-regulation – Thursday 10 October from 10.00am](#)
- [Understanding your child's early development \(age 7 and under\) – Monday 14 October from 1.00pm](#) ** please note this is a change of date, the original date was 30 September.
- [Understanding and supporting sensory integration – Wednesday 23 October from 7.00pm](#)

Autumn term 2

- [Understanding and supporting ADHD – Tuesday 12 November from 10.00am](#)
- [Understanding and supporting sensory integration – Thursday 21 November from 10.00am](#)
- [Understanding diet and nutrition – Wednesday 27 November from 1.00pm](#)
- [Understanding and supporting emotional self-regulation – Wednesday 4 December from 1.00pm](#)
- [Understanding your child's early development \(age 7 and under\) – Wednesday 11 December from 1.00pm](#)

The dates and times above link to the specific booking pages and you can also access information here: <https://www.raiseyork.co.uk/news/article/19/york-neurodiversity-programme-2024-parent-and-carer-webinars>

Have a look at some of the wonderful displays that are already popping up around school:



Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

September 2024	
Year 5 and 6 Welcome Meeting for parents	Tuesday 10 th September 6pm
Year 1 and 2 Welcome Meeting for parents	Wednesday 11 th September 6pm
Year 6 Victorian Day	Tuesday 17 th September
Year 5 Trip to Murton Park	Tuesday 17 th September
Year 1 and 2 trip to Harlow Carr	Wednesday 18 th September
EYFS Welcome Meeting for parents	Wednesday 18 th September 6pm
Year 3 and 4 Welcome Meeting for parents	Thursday 19 th September 6pm
Whole School Lego Day	Wednesday 25 th September
October 2024	
Parent Consultations	Teachers will be available on 2 out of the 3 dates, to be confirmed nearer the time. Tuesday 22 nd October (until 7pm) Wednesday 23 rd October (until 6pm)

	Thursday 24 th October (until 6pm)
Last day of half-term	Friday 25 th October
November 2024	
School re-opens for pupils	Monday 4 th November
Individual Photos – Phototronics	Wednesday 13 th November 2024
December 2024	
Tree decorating assembly	Monday 2 nd December (re-arrange clergy?)
Flu immunisations	Tuesday 3 rd December
EYFS and KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 10 th December 2pm Wednesday 11 th December 2pm
Christmas Parties	Wednesday 18 th December
PTA Disco	Thursday 19 th December (Needs to be confirmed but if it does happen this is the likely date)
Christmas Services at St Nicholas' Church Parents Welcome	Friday 20 th December 10am EYFS and KS1 11am KS2
School closes for Christmas	Friday 20 th December 2024

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

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments:

- 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators – Supporting Children to Manage Conflict Responsibly
- Parent Carer Forum Newsletter
- Autumn 24 Autism Parent Offer Flyer