



## DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear parent/ carer,

I am sure that all of the children feel very ready for a break after a bumper eight-week half term! The summer holidays certainly feel a long time ago.

It really has been such a super half-term, filled with lots of learning, but also trips, special days, sporting events and other opportunities for enrichment – all of which are so important to us here at Dunnington.

As always, the children have been absolutely superb, showing a love of learning, confidence, resilience, friendship and kindness. We conducted maths learning walks last week – not only was the level of work and challenge in every class impressive, but the behaviour for learning was superb. Likewise, when I led assembly on Wednesday, nearly every child wanted to contribute their own thoughts and ideas – they should be so proud of this eagerness to join in, to think about the big questions and to listen to one another.

I hope everyone has a lovely break and the opportunity to have some rest. We look forward to seeing the children ready and refreshed for Autumn 2 on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### RESPECT

Well done to Leo, Raif, Sam, Eliza, Charlotte, Ivy and Ralphie for demonstrating our RESPECT values this week. It was lovely to hear your teachers describe how wonderful you all are. Thank you for being you!



## Parent Governor Vacancy

### What do local governors do?

School Governors are responsible for strategic leadership and accountability within schools. In practise this means that governing bodies are responsible for such things as setting a range of school policies and ensuring they are adhered to; setting and monitoring the school budget; monitoring the progress that the school is making and setting targets for school improvement. Governors are not involved in the operational running of the school. The daily management of the school is the responsibility of the headteacher.

The Local Governing Body also comprises of:

- Foundation Local Governors (appointed by York Diocesan Board of Education [YDBE])
- Staff Local Governors (appointed by staff body)
- Co-opted Local Governors (appointed by the Local Governing Board, with approval of the Chair of the Board of Trustees)
- The Headteacher (ex officio)

There is currently 1 Parent Local Governor vacancy within our school.

Parent Local Governors will serve for four years, unless they resign during their term of office. They can continue in office even when their children have left the school in order to complete their term.

If you are interested, please get in touch via the school office.

## Book Fair

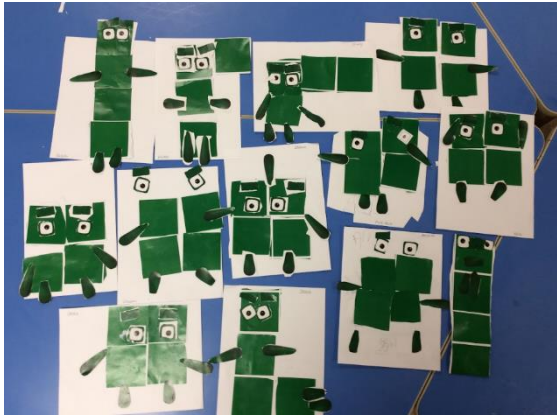
Thank you to everyone who came along to the book fair and purchased some lovely books to read at home. We raised a grand total of £704.46 which generated £281.78 of rewards for school. The plan is to order a selection of books for the new school library.



## What we have been up to in school ...

The children in reception have blown us away this half-term with how well they have settled in here at Dunnington. It is always such a joy to go into their classroom and see them enjoying playing and learning so much. Take a look at the gorgeous leaf people they made at Forest School.





They have also been working really hard in maths, developing their sense and understanding of number. Look at all the ways they discovered they could make 4. Well done reception.

Year 4 have been very creative over the last few weeks completing projects linked to the Stone Age. They have made model Stone Age caves, replica Stone Age necklaces and have been printing using natural materials and parts of their hands to create cave paintings. They are rightly very proud of what they have produced.



### Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

<b>November 2024</b>	
School re-opens for pupils	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 6 Trip to the Merchant Adventurers' Hall and Castle Museum	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November
Open Evening for New Starters	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November
Individual Photos – Phototronics	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Author Visit – Tony Glover</b>	<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>December 2024</b>	
Tree decorating assembly	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
Flu immunisations	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Christmas Fair	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
EYFS and KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm

	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm
<b>Christmas Services at St Nicholas' Church Parents Welcome</b>	<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>10am EYFS and KS1</b> <b>11am KS2</b>  <b>Sorry we have had to change the date from the 20<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Christmas Lunch</b>	<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Christmas Parties	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
PTA Disco	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
School closes for Christmas	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024

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

Have a wonderful half-term!

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

**Links/ Attachments:**

- Survey of Parents' Experiences of Mental Health Services in York
- York Families Update <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKYC/bulletins/3bdc7a0>
- What Parents/Carers need to know about horror films and age ratings

For children starting school in  
September 2025, we invite families to  
come and visit our welcoming school.

# OPEN EVENT



Growing and learning  
together and aiming to be  
the best that we can be, in  
an environment based on  
Christian values

This will be a drop in event where you will  
have the chance to see our EYFS area and to  
meet staff and ask questions.

DAY	TIME	
NOV 12	4-5PM	Dunnington CE Primary School

# DISCOVER

## THE KEYS OF ST PETER



**FRIDAY 1ST NOV 2024 10-12 AT  
ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH  
DUNNINGTON - FREE ACTIVITIES  
FOR FAMILIES**



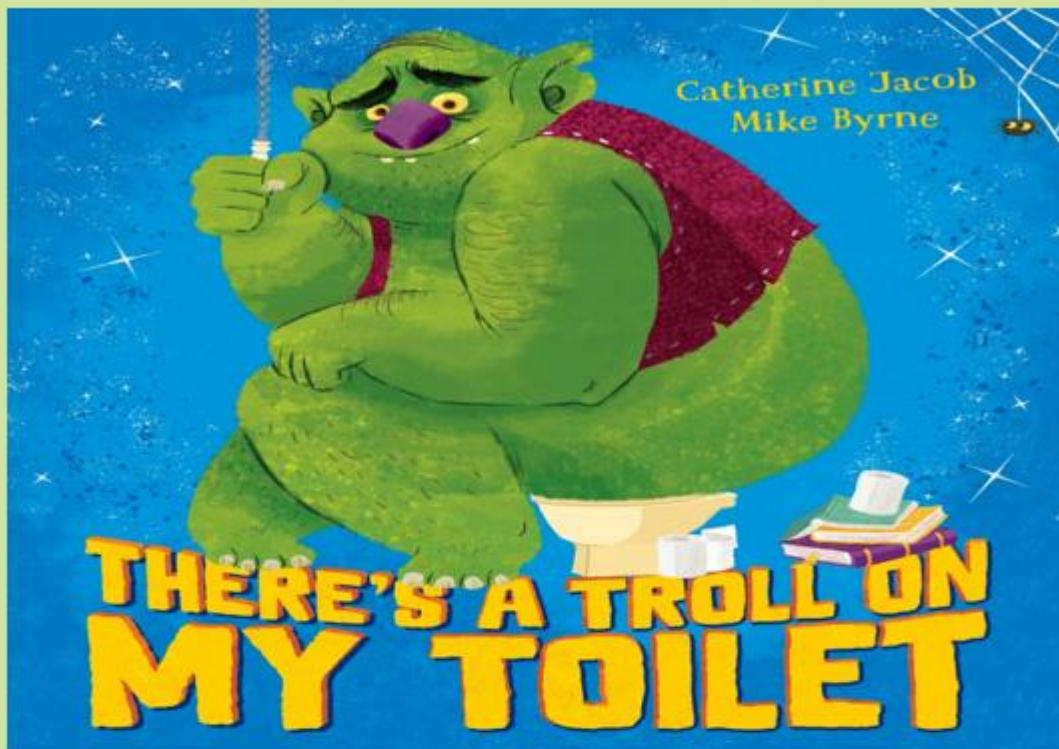
**CHILDREN OF ALL AGES WELCOME  
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**



**CRAFTS, GAMES, STORIES AND  
REFRESHMENTS.**



**THERE IS NO NEED TO BOOK A PLACE**



# Halloween Storytime

31<sup>st</sup> October

2-3pm | Dunnington Library

Join us for an interactive story time as children's author Catherine Jacob reads her laugh out loud, SPOOKTACULAR picture book and gets us to turn into characters in her story.  
Troll craft and colouring afterwards.

**Bookings: FREE, suitable for children aged 3-7 but places are limited.**

Please book via the library or Ticket Tailor.

Catherine will have copies of her children's books available to sign on the day.

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