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Dear parent/ carer,

I led an assembly on Wednesday that celebrated neurodiversity. We spoke about different forms of neurodiversity and celebrated the strengths and talents of people who think and learn differently. We reminded the children about the hard work and determination needed to overcome challenges and the need to be kind towards and accepting of everyone – something that is a real strength of the children at Dunnington. It was wonderful that so many felt confident to share their own understanding and experiences.

These are some of the things we learned:

People with **dyslexia** are often great at talking and solving problems and being creative, but they may find reading, writing and memory tricky. Maggie Aderin-Pocock, a space scientist with dyslexia said: “My dyslexic thinking means I don’t just think outside the box ... I think outside the planet.”

People with **dyspraxia** are often great at having original ideas, solving problems and being determined but they may find coordination and movement tricky. Daniel Radcliffe, an actor with dyspraxia, said: Do not let it stop you. It has never held me back, and some of the smartest people I know have learning disabilities. The fact that some things are more of a struggle will only make you more determined, harder working and more imaginative in the solutions you have to find problems.”

People with **dyscalculia** are often great at solving problems and thinking big thoughts, but they may find maths tricky. Robbie Williams, a singer with dyscalculia, said: “You are astonishing, you just don’t know it yet. I’m surrounded by incredibly successful people and most of them are like you and I.”

People with **ADHD** are often great at talking, being creative, energetic and enthusiastic, but they may have a very busy mind and find it tricky to concentrate and sit still. David Piley, the author of Captain Underpants said: “I call it Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Delightfulness. I want kids to know that there’s nothing wrong with you. You just think differently, and that’s a good thing. This world needs people who think differently.”

Those with **autism** are often great at remembering things, solving problems, knowing lots and being honest. They may have a different way of communicating and understanding the world. They may also be sensitive to noise, bright lights and smells. Greta Thunberg, the climate activist said: “A lot of people with autism have a special interest they can sit and do for an eternity without getting

bored... It's a very useful thing sometimes ... it can be something you can use for good. And I think that I'm doing that now."

People with **Tourette's Syndrome** are often great at being empathetic, creative and achieving a lot. It can cause sudden, repeated movements and sounds called "tics". Billie Eilish, one of the most successful singer and songwriters in the world, has Tourette Syndrome.

We learned that whatever our differences and challenges, everyone also has their own talents. Many people who have ADHD, autism, dyslexia, dyspraxia or Tourette Syndrome and experienced challenges in school, are now very successful. Many say their success is because of their unique way of thinking.

We all need to remember that it is fantastic that people think in different ways – and that it makes life more interesting!

RESPECT



A huge "Well done!" to our amazing **RESPECT** epitomising children this week. Edward is always **responsible** – and we agreed he could be chosen for any of our values on any week, Jessica always puts a huge amount of **effort** into everything, always going above and beyond, Harriet is always **secure** and **safe**, looking after her friends and

keeping the classroom tidy, Alex is always **polite** – he never forgets to say please and thank you, Rachael is incredibly **caring**, looking after her friends and always being the first to comfort someone if they are sad and Molly is endlessly **tolerant** – Mr Gargiulo says she even tolerates him most of the time! As always, we are so proud of each and every one of you.

Amazing Year 2 Art



Year 2 have created wonderful abstract artwork depicting the autumnal seasonal changes. They have been inspired by the artist Sir Frank Bowling and also from the flora and fauna, vegetables and fruits found growing in the grounds at RHS Harlow Carr. They gathered a range of natural materials including apples and leaves from our school trees and then **used these to print the backgrounds** to their art work. Next, they used oil pastels to build up the foreground detail, adding in the colour, shapes and patterns. Their finished pieces show an abstract look of the beautiful landscapes at Harlow Carr. Well done Year 2!

Fun fact! Did you know that if you cut an apple in half across the middle, it shows a star? The number of points on the star represents each petal on the flower that produced the apple.

Why not try giving apple printing a go at home - Can you see the stars hidden within?

Headlice

We have had reports of head lice in school over the last week. Please see NHS guidance on head lice and nits. We would really appreciate if everyone could check their children's hair.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Message from the PTA:

Asda Cash Pot for Schools

Help us access quick and easy funding for school.

£1 just for downloading the ASDA rewards app +0.5% of your spend every time you shop until 30th November. All without impacting your personal ASDA cashpot.

Asda is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.



Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

It's as easy as 1,2,3

Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)

Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode

Dunnington Church of England Primary School, Pear Tree Lane, YO19 5QG

Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most. We are aiming to spend our donations on improving the library facilities in school.

Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news to family & friends and raising funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

For more details, visit asda.com/cashpotforschools

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

Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

October 2024	
Harvest Services	Tuesday 8 th October 2024 10am EYFS and KS1 11am KS2 <i>If anyone could help us walk to and from school we would be really appreciative.</i>
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
Year 6 Trip to the Merchant Adventurers' Hall and Castle Museum	Tuesday 5 th November
Open Evening for New Starters	Tuesday 12 th November
Individual Photos – Phototronics	Wednesday 13 th November
December 2024	
Tree decorating assembly	Monday 2 nd December
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

Links/ Attachments:

- **Creative Literacies Hub – The Hub for Parents, Carers and Families**
- **Keep your child safe on Whatsapp**

Job Opportunities:

Children and Families Worker for St Nicholas Church

Do you have a passion for helping young people and their families explore faith? We're looking for someone to share our vision of reaching out to younger generations, who will build relationships, develop activities, lead teams and contribute to our worship across the benefice. Resources, computer and office space is provided at the church, but partial homeworking, and flexibility of hours, are possible. £26.5k pro rata, 12 hours full time equivalent plus pension 5% employer contributions. We are seeking someone who is sympathetic to the Christian faith. For a full role description and other enquiries, please contact Rev Kath McBride revkmcbride@gmail.com 07740 291548 or 01904 489349

Deadline for applications is Friday 18th October 2024

Interviews to take place in the week beginning 21st October.

Communications Officer for St Nicholas Church

Do you have a passion for supporting our village church and community? Do you have good communication skills and experience with Microsoft Office, web editing and social media? We are seeking a communications officer to work 7-10 hours a week to edit and produce our benefice magazine 'The Grapevine', update our weekly newsletter and publicise our events in print and on social media. IT equipment and office space is provided at the church, but partial homeworking, and flexibility of hours, are possible. £13.79 per hour. We are seeking someone who is sympathetic to the Christian faith. For a full role description and other enquiries, please contact Rev Kath McBride revkmcbride@gmail.com 07740 291548 or 01904 489349

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York Kidical Mass Ride – Sunday 6th October



WHO CAN COME JOIN THE RIDE? Anyone interested in protesting for safer cycling in York. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. For riders of all ages, abilities and cycle types.

Children of all ages are welcome on bike seats/cargo bikes/trailers/tag-alongs.

This is a fun, family-friendly protest cycle ride that welcomes everyone to join us and campaign for safer riding around York. Cargo bikes, decorated bikes, placards (#Room to ride #Safe cycle routes to schools), flags, and speakers encouraged. **The ride will be suitable for all cycles.**

The route will be finalised nearer the time. **Meet at 10:15am for a 10:30am start at Hungate Library Bellerby Court, Hungate, YO1 7AF.** The ride will be around 3 miles, and finishes at The Cycling Cafe at Cycle Heaven, 31 Hospital Fields Rd, Fulford, York YO10 4SF. Please join us at the cafe for a social chat, refreshments will be available.

PLEASE NOTE: Children on their own cycles should be able to cycle around 3 miles (recommended minimum age 6 years)

Show your interest by registering at <https://yorkcyclecampaign.bike>

If you have any questions or can help marshal, please contact: yorkcyclecampaign@gmail.com

Dunnington Sports Club

KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 6-8PM



Disco & Kids Entertainer

Fancy Dress

Prizes for the best costumes

Party Bags for all children

Tickets £5 in advance

from the Sports Club

FOOD AVAILABLE

ON THE NIGHT

JUST
£56 FOR 4 DAYS
£28 FOR 2 DAYS
£42 FOR 3 DAYS

FOR AGES
5 - 13

10AM TO 3PM

OCTOBER HOLIDAY COURSES

2024

VISIT:

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity/>



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Holiday Course Will be LIMITED on Spaces. All Bookings MUST be made in advance and for ALL days of the course, bookings will close 4pm on the Thursday prior to the start date.

LNER COMMUNITY STADIUM
Tuesday 29th - 1st November

HUNTINGTON SECONDARY SCHOOL
Monday 28th - 30th October

MILTHORPE SCHOOL School Sports Hall (Indoor)
Thursday 31st - 1st November

JUST
£42 FOR 3 DAYS

FOR AGES
8 - 13

10AM TO 3PM

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY COURSES



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JUST
£28 FOR 2 DAYS

FOR AGES
7 - 11

10AM TO 3PM

OCTOBER HALF TERM INDOOR SPORTS HALL HOLIDAY COURSES



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**MILTHORPE SCHOOL SPORTS HALL
THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER - 1ST NOVEMBER**

To Book Simply Find All Our May Holiday Courses at

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity/york-city-courses/holiday.html>