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Dear parent/ carer,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week – we hope you all managed to have some rest during the half-term – we know this can be really tricky if you are juggling childcare and work. We have really enjoyed hearing about all of the Halloween and bonfire night adventures the children have had during the holidays.

It looks set to be a busy half-term. I have already heard the sound of Christmas songs being sung by EYFS and KS1 as they begin to prepare for their Nativity and it is clear to see that the children in all of the classes are fully engaged and enthused by their learning.

RESPECT

Unfortunately one of our RESPECT children is unwell today. They have kept hold of their letters and we will take the photo once they are all back in school – we will share it on the newsletter next week!

Numbots and Times Table Rock Stars

There has been a buzz of excitement around Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars this week. During our last two Friday celebration assemblies, Mr Gargiulo and Miss Dickenson have presented the children with a range of certificates – these have included certificates for a range of achievements, including children who have played the most minutes, reached a new level or set the fastest times!

Before half-term, we were placed 18th across schools in York for the speed at which we could answer questions. We have jumped up to 12th this week. Fingers crossed we can make the top ten by next Friday!

Well done to all of the children who got certificates. We have shared a photo of Jack and James because they both received an amazing 6 certificates each. Wow - it is amazing to see the progress you are making!



Year 6 Trip

On Tuesday, year 6 went on a trip to the Merchant Adventurers' Hall and York Castle Museum. When we arrived at The Merchant Adventurers' Hall, they sat us down and spoke to us about the history of the hall, which we now know was founded six hundred years ago. We were excited to see portraits of the famous York chocolatiers that our school houses are named after. We spread out into our three groups to do different activities in the Hall. Then we worked in smaller groups to come up with different business ideas for the Victorian Times.

After this, we walked to York Castle Museum, where we ate our lunch. We had a tour around the museum and played in the Victorian Street. Finally, we went to the fashion gallery where we got to design new labels. We really enjoyed it! Thank you to Mrs Bradley for organising the trip and to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped us on the day!

Written by Izzy and Max



Dance Festival

We were treated to a performance from the dancers who are performing at York's dance festival next week. It was amazing! Well done to the dancers and Mrs Bradley – we wish you the best of luck in your performance next week.

Parking outside school

You will have noticed we had some traffic wardens outside school this week. They told me that they rotate around the villages and schools in York to ensure that people are parking safely around schools. Thank you to all of the people who do park safely. Please do refrain from parking on the yellow zig zags or opposite these – it can make it really tricky to drive down the street and is far less safe for the children arriving at school if cars are parked there.

Please also refrain from using the disabled space outside Over the Rainbow unless you are entitled to use it. We have been told by some parents/ carers that those who need it have not been able to use it as other vehicles have been parked there.

Thank you for your continued support to make the roads around school as safe as possible.

Mobile phones

Please remember that pupils are not permitted to have mobile devices or other electronic devices in school or on any school related trips or visits.

Should a pupil need to bring a mobile phone to school for travelling to school purposes, this should be brought to my attention by their parent/guardian and the mobile phone will be kept safely in the school office during school hours.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We shared that we had a parent governor vacancy in the last newsletter. Please do get in touch if you are interested.

Outside play

The leaves have been incredibly popular this week – by children and adults alike! We have seen the children make some amazing creations! Sorry for any leaf debris that has made its way home.

We are trying to give the children the freedom to play adventurously outside. However, this does mean their feet sometimes gets a little muddy. It would great if the children could have some indoor shoes to change into if their feet get muddy or wet! These can be any shoes for now, but would ideally be plimsolls from after Christmas.



Alternatively, if you would rather send some additional outside shoes for the children to change into for playtimes, such as wellies or old trainers, this would also be fine!

Please remember, it is useful for the children to have some spare clothes that stay in school – these do not need to be uniform – so that they can change into them if they get wet.

Thank you for your support with this.

School Photographs

Please remember that individual school photos will be taken on Wednesday next week. If your child has PE that day, please send them in in their school uniform and they can get changed into their PE Kit once the photo has been taken. As well as individual photos, sibling photos for those children in school will also be taken.

PTA announcements

The ever-popular coloured hamper raffle is back and will be drawn at the school Christmas Fair on Friday 6th December!

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

Reception: blue

Year 1: green

Year 2: purple

Year 3: yellow/gold

Year 4: white/silver

Year 5: orange

Year 6: red

Friday 15th November will be a non- uniform day in return for bringing in an item for your class hamper. If your item isn't the correct colour please don't worry - we can wrap it for you.

Ahead of the Christmas fair on Friday 6 December the PTA are collecting the following 2nd hand items:

- Good condition books & stationery
- School uniform
- Xmas jumpers/tees
- Teddies (from KS2 pupils only, to avoid any tears on the day!)

If you have any items you can donate, please send these into school with your child by 20 November and they will be passed on to the PTA.

Thank you!



Changes in PE days

There have been a couple of changes in PE days, so more classes have the opportunity to be taught by Mr Sellers.

PE will be on the following days from next week:

Reception:	Wednesday
Year 1:	Wednesday and Friday
Year 2:	Wednesday and Friday
Year 3:	Monday and Thursday
Year 4:	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5:	Tuesday and Friday
Year 6:	Monday and Tuesday

Reception trip to the library – plea for volunteers

Reception will be going to the library on Tuesday 18th November. If you are able to volunteer to accompany the children on the visit, please let Mrs Elliott know. They will be leaving at around 1:45pm and will be back at school for 3pm.

Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

November 2024	
Open Evening for New Starters	Tuesday 12 th November
Individual Photos – Phototronics	Wednesday 13 th November
Non uniform day – Coloured Hampers	Friday 15th November <i>(sorry - I had intended to add this to the list of dates earlier)</i>
Reception trip to the library	Tuesday 19th November
Author Visit – Tony Glover	Tuesday 26 th November
December 2024	
Tree decorating assembly	Monday 2 nd December
Flu immunisations	Tuesday 3 rd December
Performance of the Enormous Christmas Pudding for EYFS and KS1	Wednesday 4th December
Christmas Fair	Friday 6 th December
EYFS and KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 10 th December 2pm Wednesday 11 th December 2pm
YoYo Assembly and year 1 and 4 workshops	Friday 13th December
Christmas Services at St Nicholas' Church Parents Welcome	Wednesday 18 th December 10am EYFS and KS1 11am KS2
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 18th December
Christmas Parties	Wednesday 18 th December
PTA Disco	Thursday 19 th December
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:

York Families Update <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKYC/bulletins/3c02408>

10 Top Tips for Building Emotional Resilience

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

YORK CHOCOLATE THEATRE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY AND CHRISTMAS FAIR



Saturday 16th November
10am to 2pm

Joseph Rowntree Theatre, Haxby Road



Join us for tea, coffee and cake to celebrate the
89th anniversary of our theatre's opening night

Also featuring:

- Father Christmas to meet
- Side show games
- Children's trail around the theatre
- Christmas gifts and decorations
- Photobooth - have fun photos taken



A fundraising event for the Joseph Rowntree Theatre, Registered Charity No 1098329