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Dear parent/ carer,

What a chilly week it has been though I really do love this frosty, crisp, bright weather. Please do make sure your child has a warm coat, a hat and gloves with them and that these items are named.

As I said in the newsletter previously, we are trying to give the children the freedom to play adventurously outside. However, this does mean their feet sometimes get a little muddy. It would be 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 at playtimes, such as wellies or old trainers, this would also be fine.

### Headteacher

You will receive a letter today announcing that following a recruitment process I have been appointed as permanent Headteacher here at Dunnington. It is such a privilege to lead a school as wonderful as Dunnington and I promise that I will be the best head I can be for this community – the “why” – how does this benefit the children – will be at the forefront of every decision made. It is my overarching aim to foster a sense of belonging and respect whilst increasing aspirations and beliefs for every single child and member of staff. Whilst it is a challenging time in education, Dunnington is in a really exciting position where we can continue to be aspirational and ambitious to guarantee the best possible education for our pupils. I would like to thank you all for your support over the last year and I look forward to continuing to work alongside you.

**RESPECT** – congratulations to this week’s wonderful children – Nola, Jake, Eleanor, Hannah, Iliana, Max and Rosie - for epitomising our values every day!



## What we have been getting up to reception ....

The children in reception always look to be having such a wonderful time in school. I am lucky enough to be teaching them this afternoon and can't wait to experience Forest School with them – I love the leaf weaving they did a couple of weeks ago. They also had a wonderful trip to the library this week.



## Author Visit

Toby Glover is a children's author with over 20 books, his range of fun, rhyming stories are popular for all Primary children. His stories feature naughty dolphins, squirrels with nut allergies, ambitious dogs, pet dinosaurs, flying chickens, pirate zombies, green teddy bears and many more! His Mark Shark adventures are in talks to become a new animated series! Toby has been touring schools and will be visiting us on Tuesday 26th November to share his stories. His books are available as both paperbacks and ebooks on Amazon.

Also, parents will have the chance to purchase signed copies on the day from the KS1 playground with card or cash for £10.

[www.tobybooktour.com](http://www.tobybooktour.com)

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**DELIGHTFUL!**  
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**EXCELLENT!**  
*Avenue Prep, London*

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**FANTASTIC!**  
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*Guidepost Montessori, Paris*

**Toby Glover**  
Children's author & storyteller

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## Oliver Twist

Frankie, in year 4, is playing the role of Oliver in Pick Me Up Theatre's production of Oliver Twist this Christmas. He is currently working hard in rehearsals and he is having loads of fun acting and singing.

If anyone from school would like to support him, he will be performing on the following dates!

Tuesday 17th @ 7.30pm  
 Thursday 19th @ 7.30pm  
 Saturday 21st @ 2.30pm  
 Sunday 22nd @ 2.30pm  
 Friday 27th @ 7.30pm  
 Saturday 28th @ 7.30pm  
 Monday 30th @ 7.30pm

Break a leg, Frankie!

### Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

November 2024	
Author Visit – Tony Glover	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November
December 2024	
Tree decorating assembly	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
Flu immunisations	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Performance of the Enormous Christmas Pudding for EYFS and KS1	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</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
YoYo Assembly and year 1 and 4 workshops	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Services at St Nicholas' Church Parents Welcome	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 10am EYFS and KS1 11am KS2
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
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.

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Links/ Attachments:

York Mumbler: Winter for Kids in York <https://york.mumbler.co.uk/school-holidays/winter-in-york-for-kids/>

York Families Update: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKYC/bulletins/3c2fd0e>

10 Top Tips for Building Respect

## **CHRISTINGLE 2024**

*A **CHRISTINGLE** is a symbol of light and hope that is used to tell the story of God's love for the world at Christmas. You are invited to join us as we **DISCOVER CHRISTINGLE.***



**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
**St Nicholas Church**  
**Dunnington**

**3-4pm** There will be Christmas crafts, tabletop games and prayer stations.

**4-4.30pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** including building your own Christingle.

**4.30-5pm REFRESHMENTS**

*Our Christingle activities will be suitable for children and adults. Everyone is welcome to come along to all or part of the afternoon. Children must be accompanied by a grown up.*

*Donations will be collected for the Children's Society.*



# JORVIK

Viking Festival

# BLOODAXE BOOK CHALLENGE

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025



Read four books to collect all four stickers, earn a certificate and win a **FREE Child's Ticket to JORVIK Viking Centre**, PLUS a chance to meet our Book Challenge author Sophie Kirtley (bestselling author of *The Wild Way Home* and *The Way to Impossible Island*) at a special event!



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