



## DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parent/ carer,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful festive break and managed to enjoy some rest amongst all the Christmas business. As a staff, we would like to thank children and families for all the kind messages, cards and gifts received at the end of last term. They were very much appreciated and gratefully received.

We are really looking forward to our open afternoon on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom after school (between 3:30pm and 5:00pm) and look at your child's work. We know the children will love having the opportunity to share all their brilliant work with you – I am sure they will have lots they want to show you.

### Our House Point System

In 2018, our school council worked with the pupil body to introduce a new house point system throughout the school. They decided that, on entry to school, all pupils would be allocated to one of four houses: **Craven (Green)**, **Rowntree (Yellow)**, **Terry (Blue)** or **Tuke (Red)**. The houses were named after famous confectioners in the York area.

House points form a part of our whole school reward system at Dunnington CE Primary School. Events, such as sports day, bring children together to compete in their houses. The house system encourages a team ethos across the school and allows children of all ages to have a common goal.

Whilst we expect all children to be ready to learn, respectful and safe at all times, our house points are used to reward children for 'taking that extra step' for example;

- Helping and caring for others
- Demonstrating high levels of enthusiasm, courtesy, collaboration or cooperation
- Persevering with a challenge
- Striving to improve.

Congratulations to all in **Rowntree House** who had gained the most points when we broke up for Christmas. In assembly this week, they chose a breakfast with the headteacher as their reward. We will hold this breakfast on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January (in school time) – I have been told that chocolate croissants are a must!

Craven	289 House Points	Terry	277 House Points
Rowntree	302 House Points	Tuke	250 House Points

Let's see which house manages to gain the points in the next half-term. We keep a track of the cumulative total for the year so that the house cup can be awarded to the house with the most points.

## RESPECT



Well done to Rose, Chloe, Bear, Summer, Oscar, Jude and Amelia who particularly epitomised our values of RESPECT in the last week before the Christmas Holidays.

## Hassacarr Pond

We have been told that some school children have been spotted standing on the thin ice in the middle of Hassacarr Pond at the nature reserve. I spoke to the children about this in assembly this morning, but wanted to let you know so that you could talk to your own children about the dangers of ice and cold water.

## Census Day Menu

It is school census day next week, on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January. There will be a special Best of British menu available, where children can choose from a chicken pie, a cheese and bean pasty on a jacket potato.

So that the children do not have pie two days running, pasta meat balls will be available on Wednesday rather than the pie – these changes will all be reflected on Meal Manager.

As you may know, the school receives funding to allow any EYFS, year 1 or year 2 child to have free school meals. This funding is calculated from



the number of pupils who order a school lunch on the three census days throughout the year so it is really important for our budget that as many children choose a school dinner on these days as possible.

If your child is unsure about trying a school lunch, they are welcome to bring in a packed lunch as well that they can have if they do not enjoy the school lunch.

Thank you for your support.

### Keeping your family safe online

Parents from York Learning are running a “Keeping your family safe online” course via Zoom on the 11<sup>th</sup> February, from 6:30-8:30pm.

This is a great chance to build confidence and awareness about keeping children safe online. Topics covered include:

- learning about applying filters on your browser
- setting up children’s access accounts on streaming services including YouTube
- understanding the dangers of children using an adult’s mobile phone or tablets that have one click payment set up
- understanding the dangers of using games consoles to play online games and therefore having contact with unknown people.

If you would like to book a space, please follow this link:

[https://book.yorklearning.org.uk/Page/Prospectus\\_CourseOverview?uio\\_id=41486](https://book.yorklearning.org.uk/Page/Prospectus_CourseOverview?uio_id=41486)

### Dates for your Diary

#### New dates will be added in bold each week

<b>January 2025</b>	
Back to School	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Parent Open Evening – <i>an opportunity to come into school and see your child’s classroom and their work</i>	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025 3:30pm – 5pm
<b>February 2025</b>	
Maths Day	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Last day of half term for pupils	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Inset Day – School closed for pupils	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Back to school	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
<b>March 2025</b>	
World Book Day	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Parent Consultations	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March (until 7pm) Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March (until 6pm) Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March (until 6pm) <i>Teachers will be available on two out of the three nights.</i>
Down Syndrome Awareness Day	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025

Year 3 and 4 Production	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 (6pm) Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 (6pm)
<b>April 2025</b>	
<b>Year 5 Virtual Reality Space and Robotics Day</b>	<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025</b>
Autism Awareness Day	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025
School closes for Easter	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025

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

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

**Links/ Attachments: Parent Factsheet – Keeping your child safe on Roblox**

