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Dear parent/ carer,

Please remember that school is closed for pupils tomorrow – all of the primary schools within the South York MAT will be coming together for a shared inset day at Escrick C of E Primary School with a focus on SEND in the morning and maths and English in the afternoon.

We hope all of the children are able to have a fun, relaxing and restful half term and we look forward to welcoming them back to school on **Monday 24th February.**

Maths Day

This week, the children had lots of fun celebrating maths day. It was so lovely to see all the children taking part in either NumBots or Times Tables Rock Star activities, both in school and at home. The KS2 children and teachers rocked their 'rock star' outfits and the younger children wore some amazing maths themed hats!



During the previous week, a 'Battle of the Bands' competition was held between the KS2 classes - they competed against each other on times table speed and accuracy. Year 5 were successful in winning the overall battle! Many children were recognised for their efforts in the challenge and received certificates in the assembly at the end of the day. TTRS is proving to be such a fun and

engaging way for children to become fluent with their times tables whilst also allowing the children to receive awards that they can spend on their avatar, in the virtual shop. The children in school are so quick at recalling their times tables now - it is fantastic! We are currently in second place in York in terms of speed in answering questions - how long will it be before we reach the top spot?

Miss Dickenson wrote this for the newsletter yesterday – we have news just in that we are now officially in 1st place. What an amazing achievement considering we were in 12th a few weeks ago. Our average speed for answering questions is an amazing 1.93 seconds. Well done everyone!



World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

To celebrate WBD, we would like all children to come into school dressed as an adjective so that we can celebrate the rich language and vocabulary which we get from books. Please do not go out and buy anything specific for this. Maybe you could come dressed as 'sporty' in sports clothes, 'fluorescent' in neon brights, or 'beautiful' in your party clothes - the choice is yours.

Please make sure you have your adjective written down/pinned to your outfit too so we can all see what you are. I wonder how many amazing adjectives you can come up with!!

If your child would also like to bring in a teddy for story time, then they are welcome to do so. During the day we will be celebrating all things books and sharing stories across the school. Photos of our fun reading day and amazing adjectives will be posted in the newsletter!

Message from the PTA:

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for the PTA with EasyFundraising? There are over 8,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, ASOS, Booking.com, TUI, Virgin, and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. There are no catches or hidden charges.

For some items - such as holidays, broadband, phone contracts and insurance - a single purchase could raise a whopping £20 - £70 donation! So even if you only use the app occasionally, you can make a really big difference - at no cost to you.

During February you can raise £2 for us just by signing up! That's £2 towards glue sticks, stationery, library resources, and many other things for just a few clicks!

All you need to do is:

1. Download the app here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=social&utm_content=pta-bonus-feb-wa1
2. Make sure you use the app to register (not the website)
3. Make sure you choose Dunnington Primary School PTA as your cause when registering!

Prayer Spaces with Yoyo

Children in years 2-5 will be going to church on the mornings of the 11th and 12th March to work on prayer spaces with Yoyo. Each class will spend an hour at the church. If you are available to help those mornings, particularly with supporting the classes to walk to and from the church, we would be very grateful – please let the school office know. Thank you!

Congratulations Theo!

Theo in year 6 has some amazing news to share with you all ...

He was chosen by US best-selling author Ella James to voice the character of Cassian Phoenix in the audio book version of her Firestone Fantasy series of books for young adults. Theo plays a twin-sibling with magical powers who helps his mother to slay dragons and fight evil.

Theo has also been cast as Gavroche in the UK amateur premiere of Les Miserables at Leeds Grand Theatre over Easter. The dates Theo is performing the role are 3rd, 5th, 9th and 11th April.

Congratulations Theo. What a star you are - Break a leg!

PE Days after half term

In order to ensure that a range of classes are taught by our amazing PE coach, Mr Sellers, we are having a swap around of PE days.

After half term, PE will be on:

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

Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

February 2025	
Inset Day – School closed for pupils	Friday 14 th February 2025
Back to school	Monday 24 th February 2025
March 2025	
World Book Day	Thursday 6 th March 2025 The children will be dressing up as adjectives. Please do not buy any costumes especially.
Prayer Space Visit for years 2, 3, 4 and 6	Tuesday 11th March Wednesday 12th March
Non uniform day for Easter Raffle – more information to follow	Friday 14th March
Parent Consultations	Tuesday 18 th March (until 7pm) Wednesday 19 th March (until 6pm) Thursday 20 th March (until 6pm) <i>Teachers will be available on two out of the three nights.</i>
Down Syndrome Awareness Day	Friday 21 st March 2025
Year 3 and 4 Production	Wednesday 26 th March 2025 (6pm) Thursday 27 th March 2025 (6pm)
April 2025	
Year 5 Virtual Reality Space and Robotics Day	Tuesday 1 st April 2025
Autism Awareness Day	Wednesday 2 nd April 2025
Easter Church Services	Thursday 3rd June 10 am KS1 11am KS2
Easter Disco	Thursday 3rd April 2025
School closes for Easter	Friday 4 th April 2025

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

We hope you have a wonderful half term.

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Links/ Attachments:

- Parent Carer Forum Newsletter
- What's on in Yok this half term <https://www.raiseyork.co.uk/directories/seasonal-events>