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Dear parent/ carer,

What a busy and fun-filled term it has been here at Dunnington, with lots of learning, lots of enrichment opportunities and continued sporting success. As always, the children have approached every opportunity with enthusiasm, determination and a real sense of fun.

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us at church yesterday. The children in every year group did a wonderful job of telling the Easter story. Thank you to Mrs Bradley and the collective worship group for pulling it all together and thank you to year 6 for your beautiful and moving singing. Reverend Kath wants to employ you as her permanent choir!

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break, filled with sunshine, happiness and perhaps a little bit of chocolate.

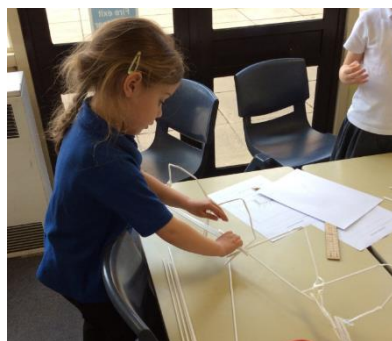
We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 22nd April**.

Reminder: Loom band bracelet sale today

This afternoon, in the KS2 playground after school, Eleanor and Hallie will be selling their handcrafted bracelets to raise money for Cancer Research.

Learning from around school:

Y1 have been designing and building bridges. They had great fun working in pairs to create bridges using art straws. They considered balance bridges, suspensions bridges and truss bridges before they made their own.





Year 5 enjoyed taking part in a space morning led by two astrophysicists from York University. During the session, the children were able to use VR to learn about the solar system and the properties of different planets. Following this, they headed back into the classroom to construct a 'rover' which was controlled by an APP on the iPad - it was so much fun!



Lots of interesting questions were asked by the children which enabled us to have a range of discussions about the solar system. Thank you to York University for their wonderful visit!



The children in EYFS have also enjoyed making some wonderful Easter gardens.

Lost property

The Y6s had a great time sorting through (and modelling) our mountains of lost property. Please come and check if any of it belongs to your child. We have lots of unnamed garments which makes returning them to their rightful owner almost impossible.



More sporting superstars

Congratulations to our year 4 dodgeball team who came 2nd in their tournament yesterday!

Thank you as always to everyone who helped out and supported.

PE Days after half term

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

Mrs Rowntree has arranged two sport active afternoons led by year 12 students from Huntington School.

KS1's afternoon will be on Wednesday 23rd April, so all of KS1 should wear PE kit on this day.
KS2's afternoon will be on Wednesday 30th April, so all of KS2 should wear PE kit on this day.

Shakespeare Day Reminder

On Wednesday 23rd April, pupils in KS2 will be taking part in a range of activities to celebrate the life and works of Shakespeare, all run by the wonderful Gemma Curry of Hoglets Theatre.

We would welcome a voluntary contribution of £2.16 from each pupil in KS2 via ParentPay.

Kind regards, Mrs Priest and the KS2 team

KS2 Choir

We sent out an email about our new choir this week. The first practice will be in the school hall on Wednesday 23rd April at 8am.

If you would like further information or if you would like to sign up, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/WqXTyPcqHu24LYdy5>

We are so proud of our Year 6 pupil Theo Rae, who is currently playing the role of 'Gavroche' in a production of 'Les Misérables' in Leeds Grand Theatre. What a star of the stage you are Theo! Here he is in his costume.



Photos of the amazing cast of What a Knight!



SNUS

The following information has been shared by Fulford's DSL. Whilst this might not be as relevant to primary school children, it is something I had never heard of, and is useful information for anyone with older children.

We would like to bring your attention to an important issue regarding the safety and well-being of young people. Recently, we have become aware of the rising concerns about "snus"—a type of smokeless tobacco that has been gaining popularity among young people.

While we are not currently aware of snus being a concern within our school, it is important to note that this is a national issue, and we must remain vigilant. As part of our commitment to student health and safety, we encourage parents and carers to be aware of the signs and take necessary steps if they suspect their child may be using snus or other similar products.

What is Snus?

Snus is a moist tobacco product that is usually placed under the upper lip. Unlike traditional cigarettes, snus is not smoked but contains nicotine, which can lead to addiction. It is often packaged in small pouches and is marketed in a way that may seem less harmful to young people compared to other tobacco products.

Dangers of Snus:

- **Addiction:** Snus contains nicotine, which is highly addictive. Even small amounts can lead to a dependency that is difficult to break.

- **Health Risks:** Long-term use of snus can cause a range of health problems, including gum disease, tooth loss, and an increased risk of mouth cancer. It can also harm developing brains in young people.
- **Mental and Physical Health Impact:** Beyond physical health risks, nicotine can affect concentration, mood, and behaviours in children and teenagers.

Physical Symptoms to Look Out For:

If a child has used snus, there are several physical symptoms you might notice, including:

- Pale skin or changes in skin colour
- Dizziness or light-headedness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Increased heart rate or palpitations,
- Headaches due to nicotine consumption or withdrawal
- Frequent spitting, drooling or excessive saliva
- Tremors or shaking hands
- Sweet or unusual breath: Snus may have a stronger tobacco scent but also comes in a variety of flavours i.e mint or fruit,
- Nicotine withdrawal symptoms: If a young person is using snus regularly and then suddenly stops, they might show signs of nicotine withdrawal, such as irritability, anxiety, or difficulty concentrating.

How You Can Help:

- Talk to your child about the dangers of tobacco and nicotine products, including snus. Encourage them to make healthy choices.
- Set clear expectations around tobacco use and reinforce the importance of staying tobacco-free.
- Monitor any suspicious behaviours that may suggest a child is using snus or other tobacco products. If you find any, please address it immediately and seek support from professionals.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our students healthy and safe.

Dates for your Diary

Term Dates Spring 2025

April 2025	
First day of Summer Term	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Swimming catch up session for year 5 and 6	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Shakespeare Day KS2	Wednesday 23rd April 2025
KS1 sports afternoon - wear PE Kits please	Wednesday 23rd April 2025
Swimming lessons year 4	Tuesdays until 24th June
KS1 Author Visit - Catherine Jacob	Wednesday 30th April
KS2 sports afternoon - wear PE Kits please	Wednesday 30th April 2025
May 2025	
Bikeability - year 5	Friday 2nd May 2025
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May 2025
SATS week	Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May 2025
Bikeability - year 5	Friday 16th May 2025
Class Photographs	Tuesday 20th May 2025
Science Day	Wednesday 21st May 2025

Brownlee Triathlon	Wednesday 21st May 2025
School closes for half term	Friday 23rd May 2025
June 2025	
Children back to school	Monday 2nd June 2025
Michael Morpurgo Live Lesson	Tuesday 3rd June 2025
Year 3 Creswell Craggs Trip	Wednesday 11th June 2025
Year 4 Creswell Craggs trip	Thursday 12th June 2025
Year 5 Residential	Monday 16th June - Wednesday 18th June
Spirituality Day	Thursday 19th June 2025
Year 6 Residential	Monday 23rd June - Thursday 26th June
July 2025	
Collapsed Curriculum Day in Houses	Tuesday 1st July 2025
Last Day of the Summer Term	Friday 18th July 2025
Disaggregated Inset Days - no children in school	Monday 21st July 2025 Tuesday 22nd July 2025

We will let you know these dates after discussion with staff in the first week back:

Sports Day

Year 6 Leavers' Service

Year 5 and 6 Performances

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Have a wonderful Easter.

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

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Links/ Attachments:

- **YIKS Newsletter**

INFLATABLE RUN



CHARITY CHALLENGE

FOR OSCAR'S PAEDIATRIC BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY

Inflatable 5k
Harwood House
nr. Leeds



TAKE ON BRAIN TUMOURS TOGETHER

Get family, friends and colleagues together for the Inflatable 5k and raise money for OSCAR's Paediatric Brain Tumour Charity. We hope you can raise £125 each to help such an important area

SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2025

in association with



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For more info contact phil@oscarspbt.org or scan the QR code

Registered Charity No: 1159063

[OSCARSPBTC.ORG/EVENTS/INFLATABLE-RUN-2025](https://oscarspbt.org/events/inflatable-run-2025)

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David Lloyd Membership over Easter

David Lloyd have come up with an offer to get pupils active over Easter.

The offer is a 2 week membership to use their facilities for £35!

The latest start date is 14th April and it runs for 14 days consecutively, which means it can be used over Easter.

Hopefully you can use the outdoor pool if the sun is shining!

link to sign up is here [Membership Trial](#)