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Friday 6th June 2025

Dear parent/ carer,

OPAL – Resource Gathering

Thank you for anyone who was able to bring in resources this week. If you haven't managed to, but still have some of the items listed, we would be very happy to take them off your hands.

- **Dressing up clothes**
- **Fancy dress**
- **Old children's clothes such as blazers/smart jackets/dresses that would be great for role play**
- **Old vintage buckle style suitcases**
- **Old hats/ handbags for role play**

Next week we are collecting:

Small world items for imaginative play including:

- **Wooden trains and train track**
- **Plastic or wooden animals/dinosaurs/people**
- **Any matchbox/hot wheel style cars**
- **Old buttons**
- **Fabric bunting**
- **Wooden houses/buildings – small**
- **Small terracotta plant pots**
- **Small wooden or plastic trees/road signs/traffic lights**

Please can items be dropped off with Mrs Priest in the KS1 playground anytime during the allocated week. Thank you

If you have anything that isn't on the list but feel it would be along the lines of what we might be looking for, then please do get in touch.

Smarties Challenge

Thank you to everyone who returned your smarties tubes this week – we hope the chores at home were useful!

We were thrilled to achieve our target of 100 tubes returned – all children will have an extra playtime next week – time TBC – and we have a special treat lined up for the day of the end of term picnic on Wednesday 16th July, which all parents are invited to (see term dates below).

Shakespeare Workshops – Monday 9th June

Re-arranged date - On Monday 9th June, 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.

All pupils in Year 3 and 4 will experience an interactive workshop titled: Shakespeare is Awesome! Developed originally for the Bradford Literature Festival, this engaging session explores Shakespeare's life, language, and audience.

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 will experience a workshop and play titled: 'Spooky Shakespeare Suitcase Theatre.' Hags, hauntings, hobgoblins and more emerge from the spooky suitcase owned by Lady Macbeth (Dotty to her friends). These spectres form performances to retell their stories before they can find peace in the literary afterlife. But are they friends or will we need to be vanquished back into the suitcase?

We are excited to have Hoglets Theatre at Dunnington Primary School and know that pupils will enjoy the funny, energetic and unique children's theatre experience; a world of hand-made puppets, music and storytelling.

Sporting Success



A huge well done to our two cricketing teams who attended an intra-school tournament at Dunnington Cricket Club this week. Both teams played fantastically, with one team winning all their games – they are through to the North Yorkshire Finals which are taking place in Richmond on Tuesday.

We celebrated both teams in collective worship this morning, hearing wonderful stories about Molly's amazing batting and the catch of the century from Edward.

Thank you as always to all the parents who offered transport – we know it isn't easy – and to Mr Gargiulo and Mrs Lockwood for looking after the children during the day. We can't wait to see how you get on on Tuesday!

House Points

Congratulations to all in **Tuke House** who had gained the most points when we broke up for Easter. In assembly before half term, they chose a non-uniform day as their reward – I have provisionally scheduled this for **Friday 20th June**.

Craven	282 House Points	Terry	308 House Points
Rowntree	355 House Points	Tuke	391 House Points

Here are the cumulative totals so far – I wonder if Rowntree can be caught this term?

Craven	581 House Points	Terry	585 House Points
Rowntree	657 House Points	Tuke	541 House Points

Dance Workshops

This week, Mrs Rowntree used some of our sports premium budget to arrange two Dance Days, which were delivered by the amazing York Dance Space. Mrs Rowntree was keen to give all the children the opportunity to experience a dance workshop and give the teachers the chance to observe really effective dance teaching.

The pupils had great fun experimenting with different styles of dance, performing lifts and dancing to fabulous music whilst developing their rhythmical skills. The teachers deepened their understanding of curriculum dance and it has been wonderful to hear the children so excited about their workshops.

Y1 loved their dance workshop based around the theme of Lion King. They pretended to be different animals and had a lot of fun!

York Dance Space run adult and child classes so if you fancy getting involved or trying something new then please follow the link and get in touch with Drew or Hannah.

<https://yorkdancespace.com/>



Dates for your Diary

Term Dates Summer 2025

June 2025	
Year 4 Swimming Lessons	Tuesday mornings
PTA Extraordinary General Meeting Dunnington Sports Club	Sunday 8th June 7:45pm
Shakespeare Day (Rearranged Date)	Monday 9 th June 2025
New Starter Reception Evening	Tuesday 10th June 2025
Year 4 Multiplication Check	Wednesday 11 th June 2025
Year 3 Creswell Craggs Trip	Wednesday 11 th June 2025
Year 4 Creswell Craggs trip	Thursday 12th June 2025
Year 1 Phonics Screening check (And year 2 resits)	Thursday 12th June 2025
Year 5 Residential	Monday 16th June - Wednesday 18th June
Cricket Finals	Wednesday 18 th June 2025
New Starters and parents visit reception classroom	Wednesday 18th June 2pm – 3pm
Spirituality Day	Thursday 19th June 2025
Tuke House Reward – Non-Uniform Day	Friday 20 th June 2025
Year 6 Residential	Monday 23rd June - Thursday 26th June
New starters stay and play in reception	Tuesday 24th June or Wednesday 25th June 2pm – 3pm
Luke Charters (MP) visit year 5 and 6	Rescheduled for September
July 2025	
KS1 Sports Day	Tuesday 1st July 2025 Afternoon
Reports go out to parents	Friday 4th July 2025
PTA Summer Fair	Friday 4th July 2025 3:30pm – 5:00pm
KS2 Sports Day	Tuesday 8th July Afternoon
Choir Concert	Friday 11 th July 2025 4pm
Year 5 and 6 production: Dress Rehearsal Evening performances	Friday 11th July 2025 (PM) Monday 14th July 2025 – 6pm Tuesday 15th July 2025 – 6pm
Music celebration assembly	Tuesday 15th July 2025
Lunchtime picnic – all parents invited to join is for a lunch between 12noon and 1:00pm – school lunch will be a picnic option.	Wednesday 16th July 2025 12noon – 1:00pm
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and tea party for parents	Thursday 17th July – 1:30pm
PTA Summer Disco	Thursday 17th July 2025
Year 6 Leavers' Service	Friday 18th July 2025 (no parents – whole school attends)
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

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

Have a lovely weekend,

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments:

- **Clubs letter – please read for information about sporting clubs this half term.**
- **Parent Carer Forum Newsletter**
- **What Parents and Educators Need to Know About the Ofcom Media Report 2025/ Emojis**



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are the most useful resources.

**First Wednesday in every month,
online from 6:30.**

Email Mary on Connect@pcf YORK.co.uk to request a joining
link



Transitions Webinar

**Thursday 12th June
4pm - 5pm**

This workshop is for young people in year 6 and their parents and carers.

The webinar will focus on how to prepare going from year 6 into year 7.
We will cover:

- What transition is
- Explore the ways that this may affect us
- Things we can do to help with transition
- Share top tips and strategies

Joining Information

To join the webinar please scan the QR code on the right and follow the instructions to join using Microsoft Teams. You can also join using the following details:



Meeting ID: 379 122 143 805
Passcode: pw2xk6qb

If you have any issues logging on or any questions prior to the workshop please contact

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