



Spring Term - Date: 08.04.2022

Talking Head

Spring Term: Complete!

Were you at the curriculum concert? What a dream! The effort and time that the children and staff put in to make such a professional and impressive show is mind-blowing. Next term we're thinking of hiring out Leeds Arena.

And the recent Y3/4 Viking show was a similar triumph. I watched it and now - although I know none of the words - have the melody to the rowing song in my head CONSTANTLY.

Thanks to everyone who has supported events over the term - we raised money for the school at the Y3/4 performance, and I know that (see further down) the bake sale was a massive success for FODs (PTA).

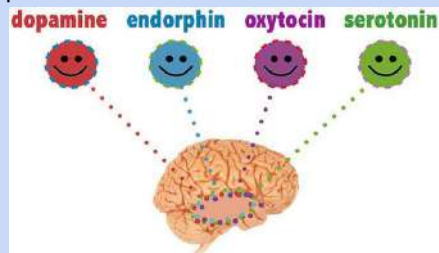
I hope that you have a restful/exciting break over the Easter period - keep safe, and we'll see you when we return for the final third of the academic year, and the summer weather!

See you on the playground!

Ben Sutton | **Headteacher**

Wellbeing Watch

Did you know... Kindness stimulates serotonin and endorphins which boost physical, mental and emotional health. Even witnessing kindness is good for us as it produces oxytocin in our brains which lowers blood pressure!



Here is just a snapshot of the kindness we see in school everyday...



Jatou offering a piece of pizza



Mrs Neal making staff a brew on parents evening.

NEW App!

We've **STILL** got a new Family Communication App called 'Scholar Pack'.

We're going to send all of our messages out using the app - head bump, first aid, trip information, newsletter, Timeout Letters.

We're replacing text (SMS) messages with this app, so please make sure you download the app and get logged in - the office will already have sent you an email with details about how to do this, but the app links are here too:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/scholarpack-parents/id1485548694>

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.scholarpack.parent&hl=en_GB&gl=US

And a video about how to use it...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTSAs3efUak>



Children inviting others to play a game

Isn't it great that being kind not only helps others and makes them feel good but it makes you feel good too...

look out for our 'Random Acts of Kindness week' which we will celebrate in school during Mental Health Week (9th - 15th May 2022)



Holiday Safety

Please be vigilant and make sure you know where and how your children are playing over the holidays.

Over the last few days we've heard about some difficult situations arising that involve some of our community, particularly around the Leaside Park area.

We want our children to enjoy their free time, and have fun out and about with their friends, but we'd encourage you to make sure that if your child is finding things tricky out in the community, or if others are making things difficult for them, that you support them in finding other places to play, and in reporting things to the police/PCSOs where there is a cause to do so.

We're working with our local PCSO to support our learners with their work on what it means to be community-minded, alongside our own initiatives on community responsibility and keeping ourselves and others safe.

We want our community and surrounding area to be safe and pleasant for everyone who lives here.

Photos



FODS!

After a very quiet couple of years for FODS (your Parent-Teacher Association), we were determined to get FODS events going again when the new committee was brought in November last year. After lots of planning and time and effort put in by many volunteers, it is truly wonderful to finally see several FODS events taking place again as we approach spring.

First up, the **EGG DECORATING COMPETITION** organised by the wonderful Mrs Backhouse.

There were some amazing entries in all categories (including FOUR Egg-Sheerens!! Mrs Backhouse, do you see what your eggs puns are doing to us??), showcasing the creativity and artistic talent of our students and our Dringhouses families! We hope you had as much fun creating these masterpieces as we had looking at them!

Here are the winners of each year category and the family category! Congratulations!!!



We also owe a huge thank you to Hayley Gorwood for going around to local businesses and sourcing prizes for this competition.

Our egg competition winners went home with huge Easter eggs and every family who submitted an entry also got a massive bag of Haribos to enjoy, all prizes compliments of Dringhouses Post Office and Mace (Tadcaster Road), Londis (Applegreen, Tadcaster Road), The Co-op (Foxwood), Sainsburys (Blossom Street) and Morrisons (Acomb).



Next up, the **SPRING RAFFLE** organised by the ever-so-resourceful Natasha Limbert and Kate Newman.

Your children came home this week with raffle tickets in a white envelope. As you probably can tell from previous newsletter, we are absolutely amazed by the long list of different prizes that Natasha and Kate were able to source for this raffle!

We have given out ten raffle tickets per family so as not to overwhelm families with multiple children at school with too many to buy/sell, but if you are as excited about the prizes (and the prospect of raising funds for the school) as I am, there are spare tickets you can get at the office, so do feel free to ask for more!

And remember to bring your ticket stubs and money, or any unsold tickets, back to the school by 27th April (after the Easter holidays)!

We don't want you to miss out on those wonderful prizes!!!



Good things always come in threes, and so we figured that this Spring, we can't just have two events....

The EASTER BAKE SALE organised by ex-FODS chair and master baker Carissa Davies took place on the last day of this term.

Not only did Carissa organise and run the bake sale, but she also made these delectable too-gorgeous-to-even-contemplate-eating works of art that were quickly snapped up by the early-birds at the sale! They were so beautiful that I just had to include photos of it here!



Non-bakers like me, however, bought some cakes from the local petrol station...but any contribution goes towards helping us raise funds for the school, right? (I tell myself!)

A big thank you also goes to all the volunteers at the bake sale who helped run the stall, to all of you out there who brought baked goods (homemade or store-bought!), and to those who donated cash in exchange for the delicious cakes!

Thank you so much for making this event happen and for contributing to the funds the Eco-Warriors need to purchase the outdoor bins for the school yard!

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Remember that funds raised from FODS events like the egg-decorating competition and the raffle all goes towards funding school activities and events e.g. the upcoming Year 6 trip, school furniture and equipment, and more.

Of course, FODS events are not just about fund-raising.

It's about creating memories for our children, our families and our Dringhouses community.

So if you want to get involved in any of our events, in whatever capacity you choose, do get in touch and email us at friends@dringhouses.co.uk !

Last but not least, we have a date for our **next FODS meeting!**

Date: 5th May 2022 (Thursday)

Time: 7.30pm

Place: School Hall

Do come along to find out more, to contribute your feedback, ideas and suggestions to past and future FODS events, and to chat and get to know fellow parents and teachers at the school!

As usual, we'll be heading to the pub for a bit more socialising after the meeting and we'll be thrilled if you could join us!

Have a great Easter holiday and we'll see you when we get back to school!

Chia and the FODS committee

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS: HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY

4 Tuesday sessions

Starting 3rd May

9:30-11:30

St Edwards Church

Tadcaster Road

YO24 1QG



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This course, led by trained facilitators, will help you to better understand, recognise and manage anger in your family and give you the chance to share your own thoughts and ideas. You will quickly see you're not alone!

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