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Talking Head

Another newsletter, another couple of weeks featuring ALL of the joy in the world at Dringhouses Primary!

We've had PGL adventures last week, where it was SO great to see the children getting involved, pushing themselves, and learning more about each other, and teamwork.

They kayaked, climbed, trailed, slept (a little), swam, ran, ate sweets, danced, parachuted (well....artistic licence). As ever, massive thanks to the staff for organising and supporting the trip - making sure it was safe, and a lot of fun!

The Easter break is looming upon us, and we're into the last stages of our learning projects: we've got viking galleries, and plays happening around the place...I've seen swords, which is always mildly concerning. But I'm assured they're all dramatic.

So read on - new apps, wellbeing, PTA updates...newsletter GO!

See you on the playground!

Ben Sutton | **Headteacher**

Wellbeing Watch

A few weeks ago we shared the programme 'The Zones of Regulation' with you. This is where each zone links to a feeling or emotion. I mentioned that we have been learning strategies in school to help us manage these emotions or, 'Get back to green...'

Here are just a few of the strategies we have learnt / already use in school..



We played Bingo to help us remember the different strategies we have learnt.

Are there any more your child can remember or any different ones you use at home?

NEW App!

We've 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>

Can you help us...paint?

We're trying to gather some willing volunteers who might be able to spare a day in the Easter holidays to help us with a bit of painting!

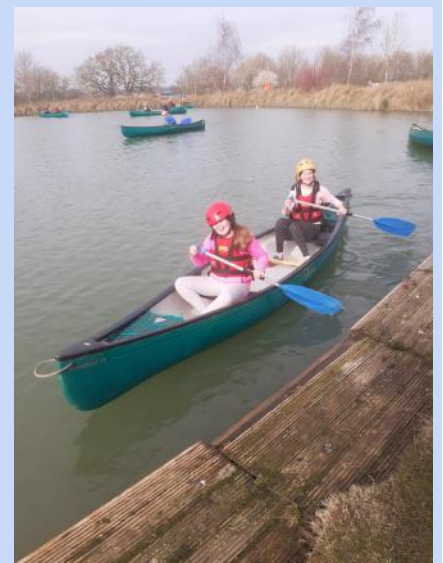
We're trying to get a corridor and one...two...three...four (we're ambitious/optimistic!) classrooms painted, and so are looking for a team who'd be able to donate/have their arm twisted into being able to give us **a day during the first week of the holiday**.

We know that some companies have 'community days/time' to offer, so please also let us know if that's an option, either for now or a later date!

If you can help over Easter, please let Claire in the office know!



Photos



MUSIC - KS2 Spring Concert

I am delighted to let you know that the KS2 Curriculum Concert will take place on Thursday 31st March at 2.00pm. This is an opportunity for you to see the kinds of activities the children do in their classroom music lessons, and gives the children the opportunity to rehearse and then perform their work to a live audience.

All the children will be involved in their classes. Highlights include our 'Class Choir' songs as well as our latest musical achievements on recorders, ukeleles and percussion as well as some of our current favourite assembly songs and short performances from the Choir, Orchestra and Recorder Club.

It promises to be a joyful, if noisy, afternoon and it would be fantastic to welcome as many of you as possible.

Thursday 2PM

Key Stage 2

All welcome - maximum 2 people per family

Due to the relatively high covid numbers, we'd request you to lateral flow test before you come in, just to maintain the community responsibility that we all have.



FODS!

It feels like we've just come back from the half term holidays...and the Easter holidays are already approaching!

The FODS committee and all the enthusiastic volunteers have really got things rolling in the last couple of months and we're so excited to see lots of FODS events starting to take shape.

So here are some of our upcoming events!

4th April - EGG DECORATING COMPETITION

You must have seen the beautiful Egg-stravaganza poster (lovingly created by our teacher representative Mrs Backhouse) that came home in the bags of your little ones in the past week. I personally think Mrs Backhouse deserves a prize for the number of egg-puns in that document! So, there will be two cat-egg-ories - individual entries and family entries (where parents help their children - you know who you are!) There will be prizes for the most egg-ceptional individual entries per school year and a prize for the most egg-cellent family entry.

Submissions are to be in school by 4th April. They will be displayed at school and winners will then be announced at assembly on 7th April.

At 50p per entry, it's time to boil those eggs and get d-egg-corating!

7th April - EASTER BAKE SALE

There's something special about being greeted by a selection of gorgeous, colourful cakes as you go pick your children up from school, especially if you manage to get your hands on the cakes made by Bake Sale organiser, FODS volunteer and master baker Carissa Davies!

This bake sale, FODS is joining forces with the Eco Warriors and all funds raised will go towards getting new recycling bins for the school playground. As these are heavy, footie-proof weather-proof bins, they cost quite a substantial sum...so bring your Tupperware boxes and your wallet and come buy some cakes!

3rd May - EASTER RAFFLE DRAW

After much hard work from our organisers (thank you Kate and Natasha!), our raffle tickets are being printed as you read this. Our children will be coming home with a booklet of raffle tickets to sell over the coming Easter holidays and the draw will happen on the 3rd May.

The prize list now stands at nearly 40 prizes, and winners stand to take home county stand tickets at the York racecourse, family tickets to York Theatre Royal, a bottle of whisky, a half spa day for two at Middlethorpe Hall, an Apple Series 3 watch, vouchers to eat at the Fox and Roman, the Cross Keys, the Quakerwood Pub, Love to Eat, and many more!

I don't know about you but I'm sending my kids to get extra tickets from the office! (Yes, you can do that!)

9th June - Key Stage 2 PARTY

The lower KS2 party will run from 3:30pm and the kids will get into their party clothes at school. The upper KS2 party will run from 4.45-6pm. Our volunteer organisers Rebecca and Amy are also organising a DJ and refreshments for the party. More information to come!

16th June - Key Stage 1 PARTY

The date for the KS1 party has been set and our volunteer organisers Dave and Rachel are set to book an entertainer for the event! More details to come!

16th July - SUMMER FAIR

We have a date for the summer fair!!! So feel free to shout it out from your rooftops! This year, in addition to the attendance of our wonderful families of Dringhouses Primary School, we would like to invite everyone from the Dringhouses neighbourhood and parents of children starting at Dringhouses in Sept 2022 to come and get a feel of what it means to be part of Dringhouses Primary. It'll be a great day out with yummy hot food, crazy games stalls, face-painting and that much-missed TOMBOLA! If you'd like to have a hand organising the summer fair, come be a part of Lauren's summer fair sub-committee!

Some time near Christmas - SECRET SHOPPING

I know it might seem like way too early to start talking about Christmas, but some of our enthusiastic parent volunteers (Thank you for heading this, Sally!) have suggested that we start putting a sub-committee together asap so that we can take advantage of the sales through the year as we shop for gifts that will go into our Secret Shopping selection come December.

What is Secret Shopping, you say? Well, it's one of our favourite FODS events where children get to pick out and wrap gifts for their family members. The smiles on their little faces as they do this makes volunteering totally worthwhile!

So if you enjoy shopping and looking for bargains, and would like to help out, do get in touch!

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 !

And if you want to simply join in the fun, that's welcome too!

Chia and the FODS committee

