



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



RECAP

Flamingo Land | Camping | Discos!

What a two weeks - I haven't been here and I feel like I've rather missed out on all of the amazing stuff going on across the school - check out the photos on the following pages to see the absolute JOY created at Y6s theme park extravaganza (Even better than PGL, said one child); the PTA -led discos, jubilee celebrations and games night (volunteers still VERY welcome for the Summer Fair); the camping night on the sports field (1.30AM conversations about how it might be time to go to sleep now...); sporting achievements for many of our teams, and a set of careers-fair events that were kindly supported by family members volunteering their time to come in and talk to our children about the possibilities ahead of them in the world of work!

I can't thank all of the community members who have made these things possible enough - parents, family members, friends, children, PTA, and of course the children. We had some visitors to the school yesterday working on the new website, who spend a lot of time in many schools, and they emailed me today to say 'You really do have a wonderful school...your school is amazing and everyone (both adults and children) were so welcoming and helpful - it made the photography shoot a pleasure.'

Enjoy the weekend, and the weather - see you on the playground.
Ben | **Headteacher**

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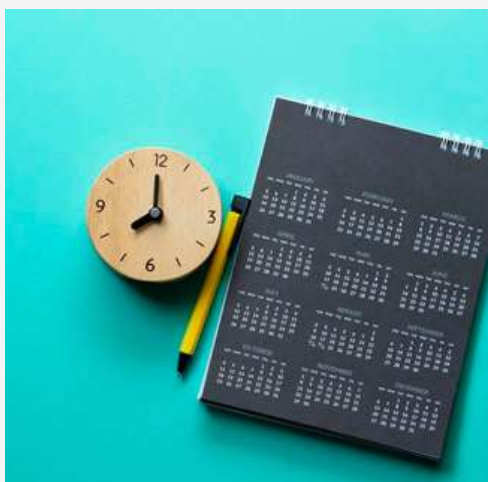


UPCOMING EVENTS

Transition Morning/Day: Wed 6th June

The Y6s spend the day at their new schools, and here we'll be spending the morning in our new classes!

This year we've taken the children's input on who they'd like to be in a class with - they've given us three names and we're aiming to guarantee they're in a class with at least one - alongside the considerations of need (SEN, social, academic). All staff in the phases have then worked together to create the final class lists.



Public speaking competition: Tues 28th June, 6pm

Year 3 Cinema night: Thurs 30th June, 5PM

FODS (PTA) Meeting: Thurs 30th June, 7PM

Transition Day (Y6) / Morning (all others): Wed 6th July

Class 9 Howsham Mill Trip: Mon 11th July

Class 10 Howsham Mill Trip: Mon 12th July

Summer Concert (invite only): Thurs 14th July, 6PM - 8PM

Summer Fair: Sat 16th July, 2PM - 4PM

Class 11 Howsham Mill Trip: Mon 18th July

Y6 Performances: Wed 20th July, 6PM / Thurs 21st July, 6PM

Y6 Leavers Assembly(09.15) & Annual Reports to Families: Fri 22nd July

Final day of school - DringDay of Joy!: Mon 25th July

About that final date - we messed up, and we're sorry. We didn't realise that the local authority had already allocated the additional (free choice) bank holiday for the Jubilee on the Tues 26th July, so thought that the final term date was Mon 25th, and we could use the free bank holiday to therefore finish on the Friday. Not the case, as we have only just found out.

So apologies for any distress and inconvenience - we absolutely don't expect anyone to change any plans they'd already made.



JOY.

Sports Events (all 9.15-10.30):
Tues 12th July - Y3 and 4
Wed 13th - Y1 and 2
Thurs 14th - EYFS
Fri 15th Y5 and 6



FODS YOUR PTA

What's been going on?

The last few weeks saw a series of FODS (your PTA!) events, made successful with the help of many parent volunteers and staff volunteers.

Let's have a recap!

KS2 DISCOS



On the 9th June, we had two discos with DJ Ollie, organised by the wonderfully patient Amy Stones, Rebecca Van der Arend and Will Hayler, and assisted by many parent volunteers and the KS2 teaching staff.

First up was the Lower Key Stage 2 disco where the Year 3s and 4s were dancing like there was no tomorrow!

Straight after, we had the Upper Key Stage 2 disco where the Year 5s and 6s wowed everyone with their coordinated dance moves!

EY AND KS1 PARTY



Then on the 16th June, we had the Early Years & Key Stage 1 party with Magic Mike, made possible by the super-organised Rachel Stevens, with the help of Dave Bonfield.

There was magic, there was food, there was dancing, and there was definitely a lot of heckling of Magic Mike! Judging by the big smiles and loud laughter of the children, I'd say this party was also a huge success!

A huge thank you to all the parents and staff (Ms Burgess, Mr Field – thank you!) for staying to help out – with all that food and drink to manage, we really needed every bit of help we could get! A super special mention needs to go to Mrs Scott-South and Mrs Murray for staying right till the end and helping us put the tables and leftover food away!

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GAMES NIGHT



On the 21st June, we had a more chilled-out tabletop gaming event, organised by my fellow enthusiastic tabletop gamer Allyson Lister. Our very own Mr James Field turned out to be quite the Pokemon expert and he very generously spent the evening with us, bringing in his Pokemon decks of cards and showing the children how to play the game, and not just collect the cards. Mr Field's Pokemon table was packed with enthusiastic children for the whole two-hours, and he was without doubt the star of Games Night!

Aside from Pokemon, it was also great to see groups of parents and children playing games and teaching each other new games at the different tables. Some parents also got to play a few games with the teachers, and there was a real sense of community in the school hall.

The games raffle, sponsored by Big Potato Games and Kienda.co.uk, brought some extra excitement to the event, and some excited children went home with some brand new games to try out!

MEET THE (NEW) PARENTS

On the 15th June, the school had a meeting with the parents of the new Reception starters of Sept 2022, and in and amongst talking to the parents about all things Dringhouses Primary, Mrs Scott-South also gave me the chance to tell everyone all about FODS, what we do, and the reasons why we raise funds for the school. We even had a parent (Thank you, Suzanne!) volunteer to help out with the summer fair sub-committee, prior to her child starting school!

UPCOMING EVENTS

30 June 7.30pm: FODS meeting and AGM

We'll be getting updates on the funds raised for past events and the status of upcoming events, discussing the requests for funding for several school projects, and taking on suggestions for future events.

The AGM also means that we'll be voting in our new committee before the new school year starts, so we really need your attendance to make those votes count.

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As usual, there'll be drinks, snacks and our regular post-meeting catchup at the Fox and Roman!

So if you haven't done so already, put the 30th June in your calendar!
It's a night out for the grownups!

16 July 2-4pm: Summer Fair

You might have seen the colour-it-in Summer Fair flyer that came home with your little ones and you might have got wind of the excitement about the Great Dringy Bake-Off or the Maypole dancing or the bouncy castle...but if you missed it, here's a quick overview:

- Friday 15th June will be a non-uniform day. In exchange for not having to wear uniforms, please send your children in with a prize for the TOMBOLA. This can be a prize for grownups or for children.
- Entries for the Great Dringy Bake-Off should be brought into school either at pickup on Friday 15 June OR at 2pm Saturday 16 July. The judging will take place at the summer fair and results will be announced at 2.30pm that day. There'll be some amazing prizes for the winners to take home!
- If you or your child are not keen on taking part in the Bake-Off, we would still appreciate donations of baked goods (homemade or store-bought) to sell at the refreshments stand. Just bring your cakes or biscuits directly to the refreshments stand at 2pm on the day of the Summer Fair.
- We're also bringing back the JarBola, so if you want to grab a spare jar and fill it and decorate it with anything (and I mean ANYTHING – sweets, stationery, sachets of ketchup, hair bobbles, marshmallows,...), we can make everyone a winner! Jars for JarBola are to be brought into the office in the week starting 11th June.
- There'll be a pre-loved uniform stall and a pre-loved book stall. So if you have school uniforms and books that you no longer need, bring them to the office in the week starting 11th June.
- We still need volunteers to help to man some of the stalls on the day. Volunteers will man the stalls in shifts so that everyone gets a chance to enjoy the fair as well. If you can help, please do drop us an email at friends@dringhouses.co.uk.

We'll be sending our reminders about the above in the weeks to come...but we know some of us like to know in advance so that we can psych ourselves into doing a bit of a summer clearout! I'm sure many of us have unwanted gifts, bottles of alcohol, pre-loved uniforms and books, that we might like to put towards a good cause!

And of course, all the funds we raise go back to supporting the education and wellbeing of our children – whether it's to create a garden space, provide courses in First Aid training, purchase decorations and crowns for Jubilee parties, or acquire furniture and equipment for the school.

So thank you all for the support you all give – whether it's your time, your effort, or your donations!
And thank you for being part of our Dringhouses School community!

Best regards,
Chia and the FODS committee

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Raffle Winners!



RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you Big Potato Games and Kienda.co.uk!



GALLERY OF JOY!



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VACANCY: PLAYWORKER

Dringhouses Out of School Club

We currently have the opportunity for a Part Time (25 hours p/week) Playworker to join our team on an initial 1 year fixed-term basis to work in our busy Out of School club.

The successful candidate will be required to work 7.30am – 9am and 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday. Additional hours may be offered during school holidays, but this post can be operated on a term time only basis.



Successful candidates must have experience of or be able to demonstrate:

- A good understanding of the EYFS
- Involvement in the planning out of school club activities
- Lead and or support safe creative and appropriate play opportunities for a range of different age groups
- Willingness to undertake training opportunities
- Care for the everyday needs of children and help to ensure a safe and secure setting

Experience

- We are looking for a committed, self-motivated person who enjoys providing high quality childcare to children.
- You must be a highly motivated and enthusiastic person who can work on your own initiative as well as part of a team.
- A Level 3 Qualification in Playwork/childcare is desirable or a willingness to work towards a recognised qualification.

Staff Benefits

- 20 days per annum plus bank holidays prorated
- 3 Closure days over the Christmas & New Year period additional to annual leave
- 10 days paid sick leave over a 12-month rolling period
- Additional leave for length of service – 1 additional day after years 2/3/4 respectively
- Yearly Flu Jab Voucher
- Opt in pension scheme
- Free childcare for staff with children attending Dringhouses Primary School
- Support with training and qualification opportunities

Salary

The current salary is based on the minimum wage and starts at £6.83 – £9.50 increasing to £9.80 depending on qualifications.

This post is initially being offered on a 1- year fixed term basis. Further contracts may be available depending on the numbers of children and staffing levels at the club.

To request an application pack, contact Mark Griffin 07704069078 or email dringhouses@yorkchildcare.co.uk

The deadline for receiving completed applications is 31 July 2022.

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VACANCY: MANAGER

"In every job that must be done there is an element of fun" – Mary Poppins

We are looking for a manager who can bring fun, awe, and wonder, and make magic at our brilliant children's breakfast, after school club and holiday club.

If you are looking to join a unique, forward thinking setting with plenty of scope for personal development this could be the setting for you.

We currently have the opportunity for an enthusiastic, positive, and well organised Manager to join the team to support and deliver quality childcare at Dringhouses Out of School Club. The role will involve maintaining organised records for the day to day running of the breakfast and out of school club. Taking a lead role in the development of high-quality play and learning, maintaining a safe and secure environment. You will be employed by the Trustees of Dringhouses Out of School Club.

The successful applicant will be required to:

- Provide professional leadership, management, and motivation.
- Demonstrate an understanding of planning and facilitating an outstanding play environment based upon Playwork Principles for children aged from 4 to 11 years alongside sound knowledge of the EYFS.
- Maintain exceptional levels of play-led childcare.
- Ensure staff feel supported and valued in their roles.
- Achieve compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Be a highly motivated, enthusiastic, and organised person who can work on your own initiative as well as part of a team.
- Build upon strong parent/carer and school relationships.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- To ensure all policies and procedures are followed by the staff team at all times.
- To ensure staff are aware and follow all risk assessments.
- Support and encourage the staff team to put their ideas forward.
- Provide a fully inclusive, stimulating, safe and caring environment.
- To carry out regular supervisions for all staff.
- To support the staff team to positively promote and manage children's behaviour.
- To complete Staff Rotas.
- To organise and attend monthly staff meetings.
- To attend monthly meetings with the OOSC Support Service Manager.
- To attend training sessions provided by the OOSC Support Service.
- Take and maintain childcare bookings and registers.
- To liaise with the school regarding family issues, safeguarding and incidents when appropriate.
- To report any incidents or complaints to the Trustees
- To liaise with the OOSC Finance Administrator with regards to invoices and accounts.
- To liaise with other outside agencies.

Experience

- At least 2 year's managerial experience is desirable.
- Must have knowledge of Early Years Foundation Stage and a minimum of Level 3 Qualification in childcare / education / learning in the early years. Support will be given for opportunities to gain qualifications in leadership and management.

Staff Benefits

- 20 days annual leave plus bank holidays
- 3 Closure days over the Christmas & New Year period additional to annual leave.
- 10 days paid sick leave over a 12-month rolling period.
- Additional leave for length of service – 1 additional day after years 2/3/4 respectively.
- Free Childcare for staff who have children attending Dringhouses Primary School.
- Yearly Flu Jab Voucher
- Support with training and qualification opportunities.
- Free onsite parking.

This post is available on a full time (37.5 hours per week) or job share (22.5 hours per week) basis. A job share will be dependent on two suitable applicants coming forward.

The Full Time Salary is currently £23,419.50 gross per annum and will be reviewed after the probationary period.

The part time job share salary is currently £14,052.70 gross per annum and will be reviewed after the probationary period.

For an application pack or an informal chat please contact Mark Griffin 07704069078 or email dringhouses@yorkchildcare.co.uk

Closing date 31st July 2022.