



Dringhouses
Primary School | York

Dring Digest w/e 11 November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

➤ **School Meals**

Polite reminder to all parents and carers if you could please ensure that you place your child's school meal orders no later than the Thursday before the following week. This helps us to keep our prices as low as possible and mitigate any issues around supply. Orders can be placed using your ParentPay account. Many thanks

➤ **Parents Evening Appointments**

Thank you to those parents who have already booked their appointments. These will be held in person in school on Wednesday 16th November and Thursday 17th November from 3:30pm. Links and reminders have been emailed to parents to make your appointments, however if you are still having any problems making a booking or have not had an emailed reminder containing the booking link please contact the school office asap.

➤ **Calling all KS2 families!**

If you, or a family member has a spare half an hour, we would really appreciate some support with listening to our children read. This support would be most useful at 8:35-9:00 (straight after drop off!) or 2:45-3:15 (just before pick up!). If this is something you could help us with, please contact the school office and let us know which days you or your family member are able to help.

➤ **Year 3 and 4 Reminders**

Monday 14th November is pedestrian training for the year 3 children. Please ensure they have a waterproof coat and suitable footwear.

Also homework- Don't forget, at the back of your child's reading record is a table to sign the homework task for each week and to write any comments in reference to this so we can support in school if needed.

➤ **Classes 6 & 7 Reminder**

If you child is in one of these classes and is a year 4 pupil please can you come to school wearing your PE kit on Monday 14th November and Monday 21st November. Year 4 will be doing PE whilst the Year 3 pupils from these classes are pedestrian training.

➤ **KS2 Reminders**

Thursday 17th November from 2:30-3:00pm we will be throwing open the classroom doors for parents and carers to come into school and visit classrooms to look at the wonderful learning and work that is taking place.

➤ **Children in Need – Non Uniform Day**

Friday 18th November is BBC Children in Need Day, and to raise funds for this vital charity we will be holding a non-uniform day. To make your donation do so via your child's ParentPay account or by clicking the link below. Suggested donation £1.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8645>

➤ **Gardening Club**

A huge thank you to Mrs Hudson who has volunteered her time to start up a new gardening club once a week during lunchtime. Both she and the children have been busy weeding and preparing the soil for planting in the Spring. There have already been many discussions about what to grow and why it's important to remove the roots of weeds as well as why worms are so good for the soil. We can't wait to see the garden flourish in the Spring and Summer terms. Watch that space!



➤ **Christmas Jumper Day**

This year's Christmas jumper day will be held on **Friday 9th December**. This is a chance for you to come to school wearing your festive jumper whilst also raising funds for Save The Children at the same time.

If you do not own a Christmas jumper, fear not as we will also be collecting preloved Christmas jumpers in school on **Friday 2nd December** to sell at our school fair on Saturday 3rd December.

So if you have a festive jumper or t-shirt which no longer fits or one that you have worn for the last 3 years and you just fancy a change and have treated yourself to a new one, please consider donating your old Christmas jumper to school. Thank you.

➤ **Community Pantry**

Our community pantry is now up and running. The beady eyed amongst you may have spotted it near the gates/sheds as you enter onto the main playground from the front of the school. If you would like to make use of this facility please do just help yourself, or alternatively please speak to the school office and we will happily gather some items for you which you could collect from the main office if you prefer.

Thank you to those parents who have already supported and continue to support this initiative. If you would like to make a contribution to the pantry please pop in it in the appropriate box or drop it into the school office. Thanks.

Friends of Dringhouses School Events (FODS)

FODS PTA Meeting



The next meeting of your PTA, the Friends of Dringhouses School, will take place on **Wednesday 23rd November** at the school, at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along to meet the FODS committee and other parents, share some drinks/snacks, and discuss projects to benefit our children. Please bring along your ideas for fundraising activities, and ideas for how we can spend the funds to help the school. We will be discussing, amongst other things:

- Plans for the Christmas fair on 3rd December, and the Secret Shopping event for children in the week of 5th December
- Update on work to improve the playground environment
- Looking ahead to spring term events including KS1/KS2 discos, a charity auction, and games night
- And much more

The minutes of the last meeting can be found on the Friends of Dringhouses page on the school website.

It's almost time for our Christmas Fair – the first since before the pandemic – and we're very excited about it!

We would love your help to make this fair the best one yet. Please see the information below about ways that you can help out.



Key dates for your diary (further details below!)

Date	Event	Please bring...
Mon 28 th Nov-Fri 2 nd Dec	Christmas fair collection	Jarbola Pre-loved Christmas jumpers Books Games Puzzles Unused craft/construction kits
Friday 2 nd Dec	Non-uniform day	Tombola prize
Saturday 3 rd Dec 2-5pm	CHRISTMAS FAIR	Yourself! And family, friends and neighbours.

Christmas Fair

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of Christmas fun! There will be a Santa's Grotto, games, crafts, festive BBQ and mulled wine and stalls with goodies galore. Please invite your friends and neighbours too.

The stalls and activities are all planned, and now we need as many people as possible to help run them on the day. If you would rather not volunteer for the whole afternoon, it is fine to help just for a bit. If your kids would like to help you run a stall (or if they are older and would like to run one with their friends), then that would be brilliant.

It would be really helpful if you could let us know when you are available to help by filling in the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/WP49pMJKEkQdGSy6>

Non-Uniform Day

As per tradition, there will be a **non-uniform day on Friday 2nd December** – the day before the Christmas Fair.

In exchange for being allowed to come in without uniform, please could your children bring along a prize (or prizes) for the Christmas Fair Tombola stall? This could be toys, books, games, bottles of drink or any unwanted gifts that you have lying around the house. We only ask that the items are unused.

Please bring in your tombola prize on 2nd December when you come in for the non-uniform day.

Christmas Fair Collection

Having a clear-out before Christmas? If you have any of the items below that are in a good condition that another family could enjoy, please would you consider donating them for us to sell at the fair?

We would love your:

- Christmas jumpers
- Books
- Games (board games, card games etc)
- Puzzles (please check that all pieces are there)
- Unused craft/construction kits

We are also going to be having the ever-popular Jarbola stall at the fair. We would love donations of jars full of items of any kind.

To make a jarbola:

1. Fill a jar with whatever you like, e.g. marshmallows, sweets, chocolates, hair bobbles, bouncy balls, pens and pencils, rubbers or any other stationery. You can even fill it with less-obvious items like sachets of ketchup, little toys etc.
2. You/your child might like to decorate the jar.

Please drop off your jarbolas and/or pre-loved items at the school office in the week starting 28th November.

All the donated items will be used to raise money for FODS (your PTA). This will go towards funding events, trips, equipment, and other resources for the children at school.

Thank you for your time and generosity, and for being part of our Dringhouses School community!

We look forward to a festive fun-filled Christmas Fair!

See you there!

Rachel Stevens (Chair of Christmas Fair 2022 Team)

Chia Suan Chong (FODS Chair)

And the Christmas Fair Planning Team