



Dring Digest w/e 18 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

➤ **Rescheduled Parents Evening Appointments**

Once again please accept our apologies if your parents evening appointment was cancelled due to the Ofsted inspection or staff absence. New links will be sent out via email very soon for you to make another booking.

➤ **School Attendance Matters**

Going to school every day helps your child to get good qualifications, which will help reach their full potential.

#GoingInNotMissingOut

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them to get a job.

For more information on school absence in York visit
www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance



➤ **She's A Poet and She Didn't Know It!**

We are absolutely delighted to announce that Emily and Ellabeth in Year 6 have been shortlisted for the Lost Words Poetry Competition final judging. Their poems will be read and judged by Robert MacFarlane, who is the author of The Lost Words book. What a superb achievement! We are so very proud of them and wish them both lots of luck in the final.

Mushroom

By Ellabeth Fletcher

Mycelium tangles and twists beneath the earth
Umbrella hats covered in speckles of white
Stumps of wood lay rotted and covered with plates of fungus
Home to many mythical creatures from fairies to gnomes
Rare to common kind's sprout from the shrubbery
Over and amongst the foliage waiting to be found
Once it has been discovered do not touch nor eat
Mushrooms should only be seen no other senses must be keen

Oak Tree

By Emily Weston

On the lush, grassy field,
An Oak stands proudly. The other trees are
Keeling over in the wind but Oak can resist.
Talk about Oak, but you won't ever know the secrets of this ancient tree.
Read about Oak, but not all the secrets will be unfolded.
Every acorn has a purpose, that
Every Oak knows; one it never reveals.

➤ **KS1 Toys Show & Tell Reminder**

As shared in the KS1 Phase Newsletter sent before half term on Monday 21st November parents and grandparents are invited into school to show and tell the children all about toys that they used to play with when they were little. This will take place from 1-3pm. If you are able to be a part of this please complete the form below so that the staff know the number of visitors to expect. Please complete the form even if you have already spoken to your child's class teacher.

<https://forms.gle/kxudw3hF1mzuGFTj6>

➤ **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.

➤ **Classes 6 & 7 Reminder**

If your 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 21st November. Year 4 will be doing PE whilst the Year 3 pupils from these classes are pedestrian training.

➤ **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 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 - help needed!

We have lots of fab things planned for the Christmas Fair this year. Now we just need some volunteers to help us to make them happen!

Could you spare some time on 3rd December to man a stall? This basically involves being friendly and giving people the right change! The slots we need covering are 2:00-3:30pm and 3:30 to 5:00pm. If you have children who would enjoy helping out that would be great too. You don't have to sign up for the whole fair - you could sign up for one of the slots and then enjoy the fair with your kids for the rest of the time.

We'll be setting up the fair between 10am and 2pm, so if you are free for a bit between those times then we would be very grateful of helpers then too.

Please use the Google form (<https://forms.gle/WP49pMJKEkQdGSy6>) or drop me a text (Rachel on 07756 702071) to let me know that you can help. Thank you!

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

Community Notices

Dringhouses and Woodthorpe Ward Committee Meeting

Wednesday 23 November 2022


Woodthorpe Primary School, YO24 2RU





Drop in from 18:30

- Talk to your local councillors, groups and organisations
- Give us your views on what is important to you in your community

Main meeting 19:00-20:30

- Introductions
- Selection of the Dringhouses and Woodthorpe Ward Planning Panel
- Update on Tadcaster Road improvements scheme
- Support available locally for residents during this rising cost of living crisis
- Mini-presentations from ward grant recipients
- Have your say






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