



Dring Digest w/e 25 November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

- **School Attendance Matters**
Going to school every day is a great way for your child to make friends.

#GoingInNotMissingOut

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to make friends.

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



- **The Dring 50**

Over the past half term, we have been working hard on something very exciting! As you know, we want our children to experience as many meaningful, fun and beneficial opportunities during their time with us here at Dringhouses so we felt it was important to compile a list of 50 things we want every child to experience before they leave Dringhouses... so we have called it the Dring50! We consulted heavily with the children, who will be experiencing these things, and Miss Swiers shared the final list with them during Monday's assembly, to much excitement from the children. We hope you agree that they are beneficial, exciting and fun opportunities for our children and we can't wait to experience these things with them!

Please see letter at the end of this Digest for more details.

Get your application in by:
15 January 2023

Apply online

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, apply online now for a Reception place to start school in September 2023.

- Log onto <http://york.gov.uk/ParentPortal>
- More information york.gov.uk/PrimarySchoolAdmissions

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- **Reception Starter 2023**

If you require a school place for September 2023 please ensure that you have submitted your application by logging on to <https://york.gov.uk/ParentPortal> before 15th January 2023.

- **Christmas Dinner Day**

Christmas dinner will be served on **Wednesday 14th December**. The menu will be a traditional roast turkey dinner or vegetarian roast dinner followed by chocolate ice cream. Orders can be placed in the usual manner using your child's ParentPay account. Christmas lunch is always very popular and **MUST be pre-ordered no later than Thursday 8th December**. There will be no alternative menu options on this day.

➤ **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 and is situated 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.



DRINGHOUSES Primary School

Enjoying Excellent Education

DRING50

- 1. Be a buddy
- 2. Learn to swim 25m
- 3. Run around in the rain
- 4. Have a sleepover with friends as part of a residential activity
- 5. Play conkers
- 6. Have fun on a bike
- 7. Cross the road safely
- 8. Play in the snow
- 9. Visit the food festival
- 10. Visit a farm
- 11. Hunt for bugs
- 12. Climb with a harness
- 13. Toast a marshmallow around a campfire
- 14. Plant it, grow it and eat it
- 15. Check your pulse accurately
- 16. Take part in a debate
- 17. Visit an art gallery
- 18. Find your way with a compass and a map
- 19. Learn and perform a poem
- 20. Public speak in a formal event (church, assembly, presentation etc)
- 21. Build a mud pie
- 22. Start to learn another language
- 23. Learn all of my times tables
- 24. Go on a bear hunt
- 25. Build something together
- 26. Eat something new
- 27. Visit the beach
- 28. Compete in a staff vs children sports game
- 29. Enter a competition
- 30. Visit 3 different religious buildings
- 31. Represent the school in a sporting activity
- 32. Write and post a letter
- 33. Dress up



- 34. Raise money for charity
- 35. Create a film
- 36. Perform on stage
- 37. Publish a book
- 38. Have a responsibility in the school
- 39. Visit the theatre
- 40. Make a Christmas decoration
- 41. Go on a bus/train
- 42. Read a story to someone else
- 43. Visit a local library
- 44. Play a musical instrument
- 45. Go to a stadium
- 46. Use a camera
- 47. Learn to sew
- 48. Visit York
- 49. Foster a new friendship
- 50. Be part of a club



Friends of Dringhouses School Events (FODS)

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... |
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| 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/WP49pMJksEkQdGSy6>) 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



Friends of Dringhouses Library

**A Victorian Christmas Concert
At Dringhouses Library**

Join the Friends of Dringhouses Library for a very special Christmas concert. Celebrating the anniversary of a concert given on 16 December 1868 in what was then Dringhouses School. With Victorian music from local choir Cantar and readings from local figures, experience the building as it was 150 years ago, and bring in the festive season with Christmas spirit!



Thursday 8 December 7pm

£6 including refreshments.

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The Mini Athletics Superstar Holiday Camp

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| Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st December |
| Manor Church of England Academy |
| 8.30am -12.30pm |

Open to children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
£15 per child per day

FREE PLACES for children who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals through the Government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

Email rwilson@miniathletics.com to book your free place

All children will receive a healthy breakfast and packed lunch.
To book your place go to www.miniathletics.com/holiday-camps

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Happy Healthy Holidays

WHAT: Holiday Football Fun Course

FOR: Boys and Girls age 5-13

WHEN: Monday 19th - Thursday 22nd December

WHERE: **VENUE 1** Huntington Secondary School YO32 9WT **OR**

VENUE 2 Fulford Secondary School, Fulfordgate, Heslington Lane, YO10 4FY (Both venues indoor)

TIME: 10am to 3pm

REFRESHMENTS: Water, snacks and packed lunch will be provided

WHO: Families eligible for free school meals living in York



FOUNDATION



How to book: Enter the following code **XMAS22** at https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity/york-city-courses/multi_activity.html

This secures your space and means you are **COMMITTED** to attend all course dates. Spaces are **LIMITED** with bookings closing Friday 9th December 4pm. These **FREE** Holiday courses are designed to give young people the opportunity to get active this school holiday. Please note that if you booked onto a previous course and did not take up your space we reserve the right to withdraw bookings.

For any queries please contact inclusion@yorkcityfcfoundation.co.uk

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Christmas at Dringhouses Library

We've got loads on for children this festive season, all events free, some require pre-booking.




Monday 5 December: Viking Yule. 3.30-5pm. Join us to make some nature-themed Christmassy Viking crafts, including a winter sun catcher and a wooden ornament. Booking essential.

Thursday 8 December 11am: Special under 5s storytime with children's theatre company Hoglets. Sure to be a cosy treat for your little ones. Booking essential.

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Children's events at explore

Tuesday 20 December 2.30-5pm: Friends of the Library Festive Afternoon. Drop in all afternoon for festive fun, crafts, refreshments and a raffle. No need to book, just come along.

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