



Dringhouses
Primary School | York

Dring Digest w/e 27 January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

#GoingInNotMissingOut



- **NSPCC Number Day**
We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 3rd February 2023.

Alongside our fun-filled day of maths games and activities, we would like the children to take part in 'Dress up for Digits'. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt etc.) Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £2 and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

We ask that you bring donations for NSPCC to your class teacher on the day and our fundraising will help to support services such as Childline.

Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents abuse tomorrow.

We're really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at Dringhouses will make an enormous difference to children across the UK.

- **Strike Day – Wednesday 1st February 2023**

The upcoming strike action is a dynamic and challenging situation to navigate, and I'd like to thank those of you who have shown understanding, patience, and often solidarity with those taking strike action.

Our initial estimates on staff who would be part of any strike action have now changed - and as a result, our response has had to. Staff will be supporting the strikes, however, also understand the need for families to plan for necessary childcare.

Based on the number of staff who we expect to strike and/or may strike without notice (a number which has changed substantially in the last week) and therefore the capacity for the school to operate safely, **I am in a position to be able to tell you that school will be closed on Wednesday 1st February to all children.**

We will be making phone calls to key individuals where a check in on that day is required, but will not be opening the school.

As you would expect, we are rescheduling the Y2 trip to the Mosque on that day, as staffing is affected to an extent that prevents us from going.

Please be aware of all the 4 dates below and prepare for the possibility of requiring emergency childcare. Keep in mind that if your child's class is closed (because their usual teacher that day is striking), they would be unable to attend school.

The full list of projected strike days affecting schools in York are as follows:

Wednesday 1 February 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales.

Tuesday 28 February 2023: all eligible members in the following English regions: Northern, North West, Yorkshire & The Humber.

Wednesday 15 March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales.

Thursday 16 March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales Thanks for your ongoing understanding at a time where the action of our staff is fully supported, but in a situation that we appreciate provides a significant challenge to families.

Free School Meals

If your child has an entitlement to free school meals due to your personal circumstances food vouchers will be issued via email. If you are entitled to free school meals please ensure that the school holds the correct email address for you. If you are unable to access this service via email please notify the school as soon as possible so alternative arrangements can be made.

Thank you for your support.

➤ **Parent Governor Election**

Following the recent successful election of Kara Byworth to our school governing board we have another exciting opportunity for you to get involved too. We are seeking another parent governor to join our board. If you think you might be interested or would like to know more information about the role please contact Mr Sutton.

➤ **Parent/Carer Audit**

We are currently collecting data in school regarding the professions of our parents and carers. To help us gather this data please use the following link to complete a very short form

<https://forms.gle/ohkeFV1aiye2zsFG8> We are collecting this data to form a knowledge database, which we hope to be able to use to call on parents knowledge, skills and contacts within their profession to help the school with any potential future projects. Many thanks.

➤ **Playtimes at Dring are changing...**

We are currently investing some time and money into the development of play at Dringhouses and this involves changing the culture around play and our play offer. To help us develop this project we are asking if you have any of the following resources at home which you might be able to donate to the school to help us get ready for the project launch later this month (look out for more information on this)

- Small world (cars, dolls, trains, playmobil, figurines etc)
- Puzzles/Games
- Dressing up costumes or hats
- Crates
- Off cuts of guttering/drain pipes
- Planks of wood or slices of wood
- Off cuts of artificial grass
- Large plastic drums/buckets or cable drums
- Pine cones and acorns (perhaps an afternoon in the spent in the woods seeing who can find the most might be lots of fun)
- Old pots and pans and other cooking utensils (no glass please)
- Chalks and crafting materials

Please bring your donations to the main school office. Thanks

➤ **YR6 SATS Parents Information Meeting**

Monday 30th January from 5pm until 6pm, Miss Swiers and the Y6 team will be hosting a meeting for parents of Yr6 pupils who will be sitting their SATs this year. The aim is to speak to you about the SATs process and answer any questions or concern you might have.

➤ **Key Stage 2 – Parents Maths Event**

Parents of key stage children are invited to come into school at from 9am 10am on Friday 3rd February, to share with the children some mathematical based puzzles, games, challenges and quizzes. We look forward to seeing you there!

➤ **Year 5 Parent PGL Meeting**

Thursday 2nd February from 3:30pm until 4pm, the Y5 team will be hosting a meeting for parents of Yr5 pupils who will be visiting PGL next month. The aim is to speak to you about this residential trip and answer any questions or concern you might have.

➤ **Early Years & Key Stage 1 Party**

FODS are delighted to announce the return of the Early Years/KS1 party! Thursday 23rd February, 4:30-6pm. Please pop the date in your diary - more details to follow soon.

➤ **Online Safety** <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides> #wakeupwednesday

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops ... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE'?

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

- 1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE**
The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.
- 2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS**
When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.
- 3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER**
A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, iPassword and Keeper are all excellent password managers.
- 4. BACK UP YOUR DATA**
Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version - by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.
- 5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)**
Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.
- 6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY**
Some services let you set 'recovery questions' - such as your birthplace or a pet's name - in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task far harder.
- 7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS**
Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.
- 8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH**
Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win: devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun - so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.
- 9. CHECK FOR BREACHES**
You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at www.haveibeenpwned.com (yes, that spelling is correct). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack - or simply as motivation to review your account security.
- 10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS**
Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure - criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.
- 11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED**
Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates - so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.
- 12. STAY SCEPTICAL**
Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true or emphasise urgency - even if they appear to come from someone you know.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

YorOK and Shine

<https://www.yor-ok.org.uk/young-people/shine-new.htm>

Our [Yor OK Shine](#) page has information on what is happening in York throughout the school holidays, for children of all ages, young people and families. This includes a page for [Holiday Activities and Food, HAF](#)

You can also search for activities and services for families by visiting our [online search](#)

York Family Information Service offers information to families on anything to do with family life in York, so no matter what your query, just ask!

I don't like cricket, I love it.....(admit it, you definately sang that line!)

COME & PLAY CRICKET @ COPMANTHORPE CRICKET CLUB

• ALL STARS • UNDER 9s/11s/13s • COLTS



We are very well resourced, having an artificial wicket, batting cages and a professional bowling machine. We're also well supported by a team of 6 ECB trained coaches



We have a wide range of ages and abilities – All Stars at 5 years old to pensioners. We have age-grade cricket, two Saturday teams and two Wednesday evening teams, one of which is aimed at colt development.



One of our Colts opened the batting regularly for the 1st team last season: he scored a club record of 139 not out! He is showing off our new electronic scoreboard quite nicely...



ALL STARS



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!



COLTS WIN AGAINST YAPHAM



UNDER 9s

We do indoor nets in winter and early spring (from Sunday 19th Feb) and start outside from May onwards. Colts and open-age nets are on Thursday evenings, Under 9s Friday evening from 6.30pm and Under 11s & 13s Saturday mornings from 10.00am.

ALL BASED AT COPMANTHORPE RECREATION CENTRE.

Get more information from Andy: cricket@copcc.co.uk or Richard: heppy23@hotmail.co.uk

Level 2 Support Work in Schools & Colleges FREE Online Course

Would you like to gain a level 2 qualification in Support Work in Schools and Colleges and gain experience of volunteering in a local school?

The course seeks to develop the knowledge and understanding that those working in a school or college setting will need. Content includes safeguarding, health/safety, children and young people's development, equality, professional communication and understanding the school and college context.

The course will enable students to develop an understanding of working in a support role in a school and will promote parental engagement with children and young people's learning.

It is a course requirement that all students attend an Initial Assessment session



Skills Check session

Date: Friday 10 Feb 2023

Time: 09.30 – 12.00

Online session on Zoom & Canvas
Course ID: C3681618 PIN: 64593

Level 2 Support Work in Schools Course

Dates: Fridays 24 Feb – 14 July 2023
(no sessions in school holidays)

Times: 9:30 am – 2:30 pm
(with a 1 hour lunch break)

Online course on Zoom & Canvas

Cost: FREE

Tutor: Katie Croft

Course ID: C3681116 PIN: 66497

*Course is for York, North Yorks, Hull, E Riding, N & NE Lincs residents only

Contact Diane Quinney for course information dquinney@wea.ac.uk

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