



## Dring Digest w/e 6 January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Welcome back and happy New Year to you all

➤ **School Attendance Matters**

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#GoingInNotMissingOut

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For more information on school absence in York visit:  
[www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance](http://www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance)



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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

➤ **Parking and Dropping Off**

Please be mindful of where you are parking and considerate to our neighbours when dropping off and picking up your children from school. Please do not park on the grass verges near the front of school. It is dangerous to manoeuvre your vehicle down this narrow street when so many children and other pedestrians are in this area. Also please be careful not to block the driveways or access of neighbouring properties. We have an arrangement with the Cross Keys pub at the top of the street that the car parking facilities can be used during term time for picking up and dropping off children.

We have had a number of reports of parents stopping their vehicle at the zebra crossing or on the bridge outside of school and letting children get out. This is extremely dangerous and in the interests of safety for all of our families and other road users please can we ask that you do not allow or encourage your children to do this. Thank you.

➤ **Years 3 & 4 – Art Project**

Lower Key Stage 2 need cereal boxes for our art project - if you finish up any boxes please can you send them in. Thanks

➤ **Year 3 Pizza and Film Night- Tuesday 17th January 4pm-6pm**

In line with our residential offer, Year 3 will be having an evening of fun in the hall with their peers. This is the second time we have done this, and has worked well to prepare the children for their first night away in Year 4! This will take place on Tuesday 17th January- 4pm-6pm

The evening will consist of the children arriving at school at 4pm in PJs with a blanket and teddy if they would like to bring one. We are then going to eat some delicious pizza and watch a film in our very own 'Dring Cinema'. Please sign and return the consent slip on the letter so we have a rough idea of numbers. To pay for the pizzas, we ask for a contribution of £2.50 per child, payable on Parent Pay. Many thanks for your ongoing support. We can't wait to make lasting memories with them!

➤ **After School Clubs**

A number of letters have been sent home regarding opportunities for your children to join an afterschool club. Copies of the letters can be found on the school website. If you would like to be considered for a place please complete and return the slip at the bottom of the appropriate letter. Some clubs are now full but some still have places available.

➤ **Worrying about money?**

The rise in cost of living is on everyone's mind. There are three key steps to make sure you are in the best place to meet the extra costs this winter. Make sure you are getting all the financial support available

Use one of the free benefit checkers at [www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators](http://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators)

Check the council's website for local support schemes at [www.york.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.york.gov.uk/benefits)

Including the Household Support Fund (HSF) at [www.york.gov.uk/householdsupportfund](http://www.york.gov.uk/householdsupportfund)

If you have received a letter inviting you to apply for HSF please complete your application by Thursday 5 January.

A range of holiday activity schemes will be available for children and young people during the Christmas, Easter and Summer school holidays. Details of events and activities can be found on the Holiday Activities and Food Yor-OK webpage.

Reduce your outgoings, don't spend more than you have to on your bills, such as mobile phones, broadband, insurance.

- See how you can save on your energy bills
- Use approved comparison websites
- Talk to your existing suppliers about discounts and social tariffs

Find out more at [www.LiveWellYork.co.uk/talkmoney](http://www.LiveWellYork.co.uk/talkmoney) Don't struggle alone. If you are unsure or need assistance with the things above, there is help across the city from council services and other local organisations

Find out how to contact an advice service at [www.york.gov.uk/benefitsadvice](http://www.york.gov.uk/benefitsadvice) where there are community drop-ins across the city at [www.livewellyork.co.uk](http://www.livewellyork.co.uk) events calendar or pick up a leaflet or ask at your local library, community centre or find information on community noticeboards



For more information visit:  
[livewellyork.co.uk/talkmoney](http://livewellyork.co.uk/talkmoney)

## Community Notices

Dear York primary school/parents and carers,

We are delighted to be able to share with you the launch of our Christmas foil competition and invite you to get involved!

We are rolling out the competition to primary schools across the city, aiming to engage the children involved with the importance of recycling, and celebrate recent changes to kerbside collection within the city. The Christmas foil competition is open to all primary schools in York.

Participating students are being challenged to design an A4 poster representing Christmas, the only requirement is that aluminium foil (used and washed) is used in the design.

A poster with more information about the competition and

you can find out more online at

<https://www.york.gov.uk/FoilCompetition>.

The competition is sponsored by foil recycling not-for-profit, Alupro, and will offer £50 in prizes to the winning child and £500 in vouchers for their school, to be used on sustainable supplies and activities. The entrants in second and third place will also receive prizes, along with their schools.

Schools wishing to enter their student's posters should do so before Tuesday 31 January, after which we will be closed to applicants. Once the deadline has passed a panel of judges from Alupro and the council will select the winning entries.

Entries should either be scanned and sent by the primary school to City of York Council direct, with the necessary permissions to store details relating to the identity of the child and their school, along with permission to share images of the winning artwork online.

If you would be interested in getting involved in the competition, finding out more or being involved in future opportunities then visit our website at [www.york.gov.uk/FoilCompetition](http://www.york.gov.uk/FoilCompetition). This includes the terms and conditions and our privacy notice.

Many thanks all and good luck!

CYC waste team

# Are you in control of your finances?

## Introducing Financial Capability Assistance

Do you need help to budget? Are you struggling to make ends meet?

The Financial Capability Team can help look at how to increase your income, find ways to reduce your regular payments and check you are receiving everything you're entitled to. We can also help find emergency support where required.

**Contact us via the website - [citizensadviceyork.org.uk](https://citizensadviceyork.org.uk) request a call back or on 01904 623648 to ask for a referral.**

