

# Dring Digest w/e 03 February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers.

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

#GoingInNotMissingOut



#### > 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

#### Proposed redevelopment of the front of the school

We are planning on making the front of the school more beautiful and inviting. The ideas that we have so far are to include:

- A few benches
- A small pond with a solar powered water fountain
- Science equipment such as an outside thermometer and rain catcher
- A water butt to collect rain water
- Weather proof rugs
- A pebble patch this will be a place for each child to add a painted stone to.
- Hardy plants such as lavender and rosemary which can attract insects and smell lovely.
- Stepping stones
- A herb area for the kitchen to use.

If you are able to help us source any of the above, have ideas of how to help create this area or are able to donate any of your time to help build the area once we have the materials we would love to hear from you... Please let us know by popping in or email <a href="mailto:csmith@dringhouses.co.uk">csmith@dringhouses.co.uk</a> and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

#### > Special Mention

Please note that next week's special mention will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Parents of nominated children will be notified on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

#### > KS1 Dinosaur Workshop

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February KS1 children will have the opportunity to join an exciting Dinosaur Workshop in school. Payment for the workshop can be made on your child's parentpay account.

#### > 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.

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

#### YorOK and Shine

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

Our <u>Yor OK Shine</u> 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 <u>Holiday Activities and Food, HAF</u>

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!)



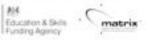
# Level 2 Support Work in Schools & Colleges FREE Online Course

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

Enrolments: online at wea.org.uk or phone: 0300 303 3464

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# Helping in Schools



# **Time out for Parents**

.....spaces still available

### Fancy a break? A bit of 'Time Out' for yourself?

The demands and routines of parenting children and young people mean that sometimes we need a bit of space to stop, think and catch our breath!

Join our parenting events and courses to make some space for yourself and to take time to invest in your family. Our courses and events aim to support, encourage and equip you to 'keep going' as a parent, even when things are tough.

Check out our parenting courses - starting soon - and sign up. We would love to see you. <a href="https://fmy.org.uk/york/">https://fmy.org.uk/york/</a>

For an overview of our upcoming Feb/March 2023 courses, click here

Is your child.....Anxious?

Stressed? Feeling down?

#### Lacking confidence?

Knowing how to support the emotional and mental wellbeing of our children and young people is one of the biggest challenges parents & carers face today. Join us for a single session parenting event to share, discuss and learn strategies to equip our children and to support them in building their emotional well being and resilience.

New FREE Event

'A Mind Of Their

Own' Sat 11th March

9.30am - 12 noon @ The Belfrey Hall, 52a Stonegate, YO1 8AS

For flyer click here

#### Tuesday evenings

**7.30 - 9.30pm** (5 weeks) starting **28th February** at St Andrew's Church, Huntington Rd, York January at St Lawrence's CE School, 99 Heslington Rd, York YO32 9PX

For flyer click here

#### Thursday mornings

**9.30 - 11.30am** (4 weeks) starting **2nd March** at Cornerstone, Millfield Lane, York YO10 3AP

For flyer click here

# Thursday evenings (online)

7.30 - 9.15pm via Zoom starting 2nd March

For flyer click here

Sign me up

## To book a place or for further information please contact:

Jen Wootten Tel: 07393 147259 Email:

Or you can find more information about our courses on our website <a href="https://fmy.org.uk/york/">https://fmy.org.uk/york/</a>

We also offer Reconnect, a 5 session couple to couple mentoring service, focusing on relationship skills to help you strengthen your couple relationship. For details contact Emma

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