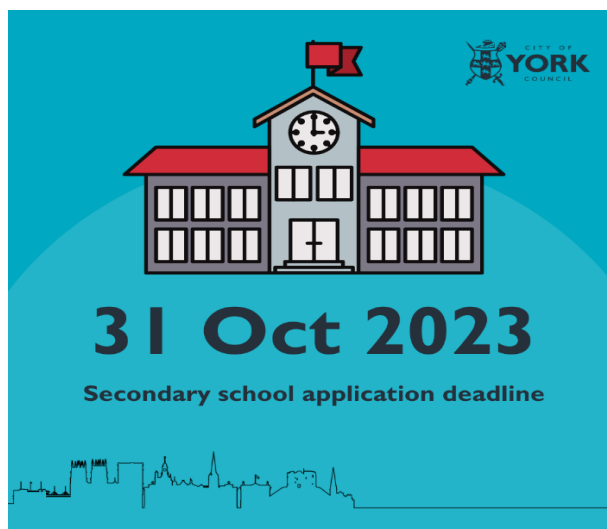


Dring Digest w/e 20th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

➤ **Secondary School Application Deadline**



➤ **Would you like to join our team? (or do you know someone that would?)**

Would you love the opportunity to work in school? Do you enjoy working with children? Then we would love to hear from you. We are currently recruiting for Play Leaders to join our dedicated lunchtime team. Working pattern is term time only, Monday – Friday, 11:55am -13:10pm, £10.63-£10.75ph (pay award pending). Immediate starts are available subject to suitable pre-employment checks, no former experience necessary, full on the job training will be provided.

For more details on how to apply and to read a copy of the job description please visit our school website. <https://dringhousesprimary.org/2023/10/10/play-leaders/>

➤ **Sensory Garden – Get Involved**

Many thanks to those parents and pupils who stayed behind after school last Friday to meet the Mayor, Mayoress and Sheriff of York and watch them officially open our new sensory garden. What a memorable occasion for all involved.



The garden is already a beautiful and welcoming space but you may have noticed that the painted rocks which are forming a decorative edge are yet to be finished and we would love to give you the opportunity to get involved.

We have in school a number of rocks which you can take home and decorate in a design of your choice and then add them to the edge of the garden for everyone to see and enjoy. Rocks can be collected from the school office for a suggested donation of £1 each. Any money raised through donations will be used to fund other school projects and resource

#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 games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonline.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tend to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and for older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites: it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Get your ultimate team

Meet Our Expert

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➤ **Parents of LKS2**

On Thursday 26th October, 9-9:30, the parents of LKS2 children are invited to come into school to share the children's learning from this half term. We would love to see you all there to enjoy the amazing progress and exciting learning that we have shared together. Thank you!

➤ **Book Fair**

On Tuesday 24th October, Derek and the book fair will be visiting school! Children will have the opportunity to visit the book fair during the day with their class, however the book fair will also be open after school in the music room.

➤ **Halloween in the Library**

On Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday next week there will be Halloween themed activities in our fantastic school library from 3:15pm. We look forward to welcoming families into the library and please ensure that children are supervised.

➤ **NY Police – Property Marking Event**

On Saturday the 21st of October 2023 we are holding a property marking event between 10.00hrs and 12 noon at Acomb Police Station.

Please bring your cycles or tools to be marked. It is also an opportunity to come and speak to local officers about crime prevention advice or any issues you are having. We look forward to seeing you.

➤ **Halloween Trail**

Last year's Halloween Trail was a big success, raising funds for Dringhouses School and bringing fun and enjoyment to families and the local community. We're now looking for volunteers to be included on the 2023 Halloween Trail. All you need to do is email your house address to dringhouseshalloween@gmail.com to be included on the trail map, and then decorate your house or front window on the 31st October. Decorations don't have to be extravagant or complicated, simply whatever you have the time and energy to prepare.

Trail maps will be available to buy for £1 during the final week of term, including at the bake sale.

The deadline for registering is Tuesday 24th October.

➤ **Neurodiverse/Wellbeing Parent Sessions**

Following on from our successful termly neurodiverse/wellbeing parent sessions we would like to offer these half termly. These sessions are for anyone who is interested in neurodiversity and wellbeing. The dates for the sessions are as follows:-

Wednesday 25th October 2pm
Thursday 14th December 8.35 am (after drop off)
Wednesday 7th February 8.35am (after drop off)
Thursday 28th March 2pm
Wednesday 22nd May 2pm
Thursday 4th July 8.35am (after drop off)

The sessions are a great chance to catch up with TAs, teachers and the SENCo, discuss neurodiversity and wellbeing and have a cup of tea with other parents and friends. We are hoping to invite visiting speakers and discuss different topics each session. The first session on the 25th October will be a catch up and a chance to plan the sessions throughout the year. We would like these sessions to be your sessions and driven by what you like to know and learn about.

The wellbeing team at school is led by myself, Miss McFarland and Mrs Banks but also consists of



BE PART OF THE DRINGHOUSES SCHOOL HALLOWEEN TRAIL

31 OCTOBER

Decorate your house and put it on a map to raise funds for the school.



If you would like to be included on the trail map email your address to:
dringhouseshalloween@gmail.com by
24th October

Mr Field, Mrs Auckland, Mrs Smithers and Mrs Simmons all dedicated to well being in staff and pupils. We also have a fantastic parent representative Lindsay Baker who has taken on an invaluable role in supporting parents.

We look forward to seeing you on the 25th October. Sarah Murray and The Dringhouses Wellbeing Team

➤ **Non-Uniform Day – 17th November 2023**

We will be holding a spotty dress up day to celebrate Children in Need and Anti-Bullying Week. This will be in return for a pound donation. Thank you.

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB!



30th October – 3rd November

Also Open for school training day 27th October!

7:30am until 6PM £30.50 per day.

Morning and afternoon snack is provided, children will need to bring a packed lunch to each session.

Join us for some Halloween fun! We will be doing spooky arts and crafts, mask making, baking and lots more!

Join us on Thursday 2nd November in your best Halloween outfits for a day of games, party food and dancing!



Please contact us at dringhouses@dringhousesoosc.co.uk for more information or book via your Cheqdin account

**FRIENDS OF DRINGHOUSES SCHOOL
PRESENTS...**

SPOOKY BAKE SALE

**Thursday 26th October
after school**

Home-made or store bought baked goods
to school office on morning of 26th

CASH OR CARD PAYMENTS

MIXED-IN-MATHS!

Join one of our FREE, fun, activities to gain some new skills, have some fun and learn how maths plays a role in our everyday lives!

Photography

Mon 23rd Oct, 10:00-12:30 - SELBY, Community House, YO8 4QQ
 Fri 27th Oct, 14:00-16:30 - YORK, Centre for Voluntary Services, YO1 6ET



Bushcraft (Campfire tea included!)

Mon 23rd Oct, 17:30-20:00
 BRAYTON, Brayton Community Centre, YO8 9TP



Allotment gardening

Tue 24th Oct, 10:00-13:00 and 13:30-16:30
 SELBY, Recreation Road Allotments, YO8 5AL



Budgeting Bootcamp

Wed 25th Oct, 09:30-12:00,
 Wed 8th Nov, 09:30-12:00
 Wed 6th Dec, 09:30-12:00
 ONLINE



Nature Walk

Fri 27th Oct, 11:00-13:30
 YORK, Centre for Voluntary Services, YO1 6ET



To find out more or sign up to a session please email

nick@upforyorkshire.org.uk or text/whatsapp 07432144876

More dates may become available so follow us on Facebook and Instagram @upforyorkshire to keep up to date with what is available in the community.

Available to anyone aged 19+ and without a Maths GCSE A-C grade or equivalent. These sessions are provided by Up For Yorkshire as part of the Multiply provision across York and North Yorkshire.





Memories and Memorials

October Half Term at
Holy Trinity Goodramgate



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Mick Seale

Storytelling with Carmel Page

Tickets £3
One adult free
with every child

Thursday 2nd November
16:15 - 16:45
and
17:00 - 17:30



Arts and Crafts!

Friday 27th October
and
Thursday 2nd November
11am - 4pm

Candlelit Mouse Hunt

17:30 - 19:30

Monday 30th
October
and
Thursday 2nd
November



AUTUMN HALF-TERM MULTI-SPORT CLUB

ACOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL

8.30AM - 4.30PM

FRI 27TH OCTOBER

FRI 3RD NOVEMBER

AGES 5 -12 (YR 1 - YR 7) WELCOME



PLUS A FOOTBALL SPECIAL
ON FRI 3RD NOVEMBER!



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5 OR MORE DAYS**

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VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED!**



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MULTIPLY Family Fun Days!

Join us during the October Half Term for fun filled FREE family sessions!

FOR THE KIDS:

Animal handling

Crafts

Games

And lots more!

FOR THE ADULTS:

Money saving tips and tricks

Budgeting games
(more fun than they sound!)

And other activities to
improve your maths and help
you save money this winter!

Plus games and activities for you to do together!

Sessions run **Tuesday 31st October to Friday 3rd November**,
10am-1pm and again 2pm-5pm

Tuesday: Brayton Community Centre, Foxhill Lane, Selby, YO8 9TP

Wednesday to Friday: Door 84, 84 Lowther Street, York, YO31 7LX

Please note that our sessions at Door 84 are not wheelchair accessible, we apologise for any inconvenience and we hope to run future family fun sessions in York that are fully accessible

Children aged 5+ welcome and must be supervised by at least one eligible parent or guardian. To be eligible, you must be 19+ and NOT have a GCSE A-C grade in Maths. Some basic data collection will be required at the session. Open to anyone living in North Yorkshire or York.

To attend
please register
your interest by emailing
nick@upforyorkshire.org.uk

These family days are provided as part of Up For Yorkshire's Multiply Provision to help people's maths and wellbeing



October half term Activities



Book here

Challenge
yourself in the
Marble Run and
Microbit Speed
Gate Workshops!

Hoglets Spooky Shakespeare

Join Hoglets Theatre for a funny, energetic and unique children's theatre experience; a world of hand-made puppets, music and storytelling.

From £2.50 ticket, ages 5+



The Firework Maker's Daughter

Come join our magical storyteller as she travels to the Firework Festival, just in time for bonfire night!
£3.50 ticket, ages 4+



Stop Motion Animation

Unleash your imagination!
Bring your clay creature to life using stop motion animation.

£3.50 ticket, ages 10+



Be entertained by
Sir Trumpsalot
from
the Knights of
the Wobbly Table!

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