

## Dring Digest w/e 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

- **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 Workers 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/>

- **Attendance Matters**

**Not going** to school every day can make your child more worried about going in.

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



- **Child Flu Vaccinations – Catch Up Clinics**  
If your child missed the flu vaccination in school, you can now book an appointment to attend a catch up clinic. Please see the dates below for when the clinics will be held and how to book an appointment.  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of December 3-4pm  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of December 3-4pm  
The clinics are held at Regus House Clifton Moor YO30 4XL. An appointment can be made by calling 01904 237680. [School Vaccinations UK](#)
- **Christmas Dinner Day**  
Our traditional Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and orders can be placed now via ParentPay. Lunch is charged at the usual price of £2.75. Those children in receipt of free school meals will be offered a free meal but you **must** still place your order via ParentPay. [Deadline for Christmas lunch orders is Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.](#)  
Please note that no alternative to Christmas Lunch will be offered on this day.



What to expect on your Christmas Lunch:

Roast Turkey  
Stuffing  
Pigs in Blankets  
Roast Potato  
Carrots, Peas & Gravy  
followed by chocolate & vanilla ice cream  
*Vegetarian option also available*

- **Christmas Jumper Day**  
We will be holding our Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December to raise funds for Jack Craven who is currently receiving treatment for a brain tumor. Jack is the younger cousin of one of our pupils (Georgia Y6) and the family are currently trying to raise a further £5,000 to meet their £25,000 target towards Jacks ongoing care and treatment. Treatment which they hope will allow them more time as family to make those precious memories. To make a donation and read more about Jacks story please use the gofundme link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/jacks-dipg-battle>

## Dates for December...

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 Nativity 9:30am & 2pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 Nativity 2pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Parent Wellbeing/Neurodiverse Session 8:35am after drop off (see below for details)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Rock Steady Concert 9:30am

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – FODs Secret Shopping

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Service at St Edwards

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS2 Christingle 6pm-7pm

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Jumper Day** (see above for details)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Last Day of Term, school finishes at 3:15pm

## ➤ 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:-

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 8.35 am (after drop off)

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 8.35am (after drop off)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 Mr Field, Mrs Auckland, Mrs Smithers and Mrs Simmons all dedicated to wellbeing 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 14<sup>th</sup> December. Sarah Murray and The Dringhouses Wellbeing Team

## ➤ SEN News

Did you know The Flying Legends, in Clifton Moor offer SEN friendly sessions at the Wacky Warehouses.

Tuesdays 3 - 7 pm

Sundays 9 - 11am

contact 01904 693239

If you know of any places offering similar things please let us know and we will put these on the digest.

## ➤ Dringhouses Community Foodbank

Christmas is often a challenging time of year and many families are continuing to feel the financial pinch. If you can and would like to, please consider making a donation to our community foodbank. This is a much used facility at the school and really does make a difference to our community. At the moment we are in desperate need of the following items:

- Tinned items i.e. fruit, veg, beans, pasta, meats & fish
- Toiletries – shampoo & conditioner, shower gel, soap, toothbrushes, toilet rolls, baby wipes
- Cleaning materials, surface sprays, bleach, laundry detergent, washing up liquid
- UHT / Long Life milk
- Dried Pasta, Rice, Cereals

Please either bring your donations to the school office or drop them straight into the foodbank storage boxes between the playground main entrance gates and sensory garden. Thank you.

## ➤ Christmas Competition at the Fox & Roman Public House

We have in school some competition packs from the Fox & Roman on Tadcaster Road, where you can win a meal for 4 including a drink each.

All you need to do is decorate the bauble inside the pack and then take it to the Fox & Roman who will hang it on their tree. The best bauble will then be picked and the winner announced.

We have 80 competition packs in school and they will be issued on a first come, first served basis from the school office. Thanks and good luck











# NEWS LETTER

## Inclusive Carol Concert York Minster,

**Saturday 16th December 1:30 - 2:30**

Join York Inspirational Kids and a host of other organisations as they bring you lessons and carols from our inspirational children and young people (disabled and/or autistic), who are celebrating what is important to them this Christmas.

Tickets are free but please book on the link to support planning

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/yorkinspirationalkids/1078214>



## Festive Coffee Morning and Full Forum meeting

Monday 18th December at 10:00 am at Tang Hall Explore Library

First drink on us! (....and a mince pie!)  
A great opportunity to meet up with others who have similar experiences and can offer tips and signposting.  
We will also have an informal meeting to discuss what we have done over the last year and priorities for 2024.

## Parent carer forum membership

The Parent Carer Forum, York is the official body, commissioned to gather parent voice for education, health and social care. If you would like to become a member of this group, use your experience and voice to make things better and have access to our private social media pages please email Mary on [engagement@yiks.co.uk](mailto:engagement@yiks.co.uk)

Please note that you are not automatically a member of the Parent Carer Forum if you are a member of YIKS.

If you're not sure I can quickly check for you on receipt of your email address.

**Working together to make things better**

## EHCP session with Laura Brown ( CYC ) and managers in education

The session is online via teams, on Thursday 21st December 10-11:30am.

This event is an information session about EHCP's and the 20 week process with our Head of SEND, with a chance for a Q&A at the end (only about the process, not person cases).

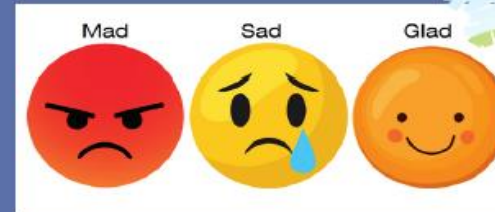
To book onto the session, please email [jointpartnership@york.gov.uk](mailto:jointpartnership@york.gov.uk)



## Parent Carer Forum...what's new?

At our most recent Annual General Meeting we looked at the work which has been done over the last twelve months. Membership has increased, we have had a successful campaign, launched a website and hosted coffee mornings and Listening Events. Most importantly, we have been involved in a growing number of work streams, ensuring your parent voice informs planning .

The New Year will see us use and develop new ways to gather parent / carer voice and experience. Watch out for our Mad, Sad, Glad check ins. These surveys offer parents a quick and easy way to give feedback by answering three open questions . This will allow us to identify areas we need to prioritise or look into further.



## Annual PCF Conference

Our Annual Conference will be held on Wednesday 7th February at the Principal Hotel.

Plans are in hand to offer a range of professionals from across services to give us updates on their offer followed by lunch and parent carer workshops in the afternoon.







**LET THE FESTIVE FUN BEGIN!**

# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS MULTI SPORT CLUB

**TUE 2ND JANUARY - FRI 5TH JANUARY**  
ACOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

**BOOK NOW**  
£28 PER DAY

**FREE HAF PLACES AVAILABLE**    **CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED**  
**10% OFF WHEN BOOKING ALL 4 DAYS**    **25% SIBLING DISCOUNT**

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# BOLSHEE YOUNG CREATIVES

A weekly space for creative young people to come together and make their voices heard.

**COMING SOON**

Call all young musicians, dancers, drawers, DJs, technicians, writers, talkers and explorers.

Kicking off in January 2024 at South Bank Social Club.

8-11's - Wednesdays 4.30pm - 6pm  
11-14's - Wednesdays 6.15pm - 7.45pm

Take up your space!

Book online at [bolshee.com/springterm](http://bolshee.com/springterm) or call us on **07518722942**



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# COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB!



We now have HAF spaces available for eligible families!



**Bookings are now open!**

**Children do not need to attend Dringhouses Primary to join.**

**Open Wednesday 3rd January - Monday 8th January**

**£30.50 per session.**

**Join us for our trip to Tropical World Thursday 4th January!  
(£10.00 supplement applies)**



Please contact us at [dringhouses@dringhousesoosc.co.uk](mailto:dringhouses@dringhousesoosc.co.uk) for more information or book via your Cheqdin account



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SPORTS COACHING

## MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY CLUBS!

**ACOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**8.30AM - 4.30PM**

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

**SCAN HERE TO BOOK**



**CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED!**

