

Dring Digest w/e 15th 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**

Going to school **every day** helps your child to get good qualifications, which will help them to get a job.

For more information on school absence in York visit:
www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance



➤ **Christmas Jumper Day**

We will be holding our Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 20th 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...

Tuesday 19th Dec – FODs Secret Shopping

Wednesday 20th Dec – Christmas Service at St Edwards

Wednesday 20th Dec – Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20th Dec – KS2 Christingle 6pm-7pm

Wednesday 20th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day (see above for details)

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

➤ **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



#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 nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparking stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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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

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



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.





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 for more information or book via your Cheqdin account



Ignite

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!





Dringhouses Out of School Club YO24 1HW

Playworker Vacancies

We currently have the opportunity for a Part Time (25 hours p/week) Playworker to work in our busy Out of School club.

The successful candidate will be required to work 7.30am – 9am and 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday. Additional hours may be offered during school holidays.

Successful candidates must have experience of or be able to demonstrate:

- A good understanding of the EYFS
- Involvement in the planning out of school club activities
- Lead and or support safe creative and appropriate play opportunities for a range of different age groups
- Willingness to undertake training opportunities
- Care for the everyday needs of children and help to ensure a safe and secure setting

Experience

- We are looking for a committed, self-motivated person who enjoys providing high quality childcare to children.
- You must be a highly motivated and enthusiastic person who can work on your own initiative as well as part of a team.
- A Level 3 Qualification in Playwork/childcare is desirable or a willingness to work towards a recognised qualification.

Staff Benefits

- 20 days per annum plus bank holidays prorated
- 3 Closure days over the Christmas & New Year period additional to annual leave
- 10 days paid sick leave over a 12-month rolling period
- Additional leave for length of service – 1 additional day after years 2/3/4 respectively
- Yearly Flu Jab Voucher
- Opt in pension scheme
- Free childcare for staff with children attending Dringhouses Primary School
- Support with training and qualification opportunities
- Enrollment to Sovereign Healthcare
- Free onsite parking

Salary

The current salary is based on the minimum wage increasing depending on qualifications.

To request an application pack, contact Lauren Ferrige 07704069078 or email dringhouses@dringhousesoosc.co.uk