

6TH
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2024



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear families,

Welcome back! It has been so fantastic to welcome you all back after the summer break and begin another brilliant year at Dringhouses. This week has been wonderful. The training days allowed the staff to come together, reflect on the great things we do already and work together on how we can continue to build on our many successes. They also allowed us to prepare lots of exciting learning opportunities for our children which began with an inspiring launch day on Thursday. As you walked around school, you could see Roman marching, Stone Age excavations, 'This is Me' poetry and so much more. The school was alive with excitement and it was a great way to ignite the children's curiosity for our learning projects.

This week, we also welcomed Miss Stead to our team who is covering Mrs Howarth's maternity leave. Miss Stead has already made such a positive contribution to our team and we know Class 7 will be in safe hands with Miss Stead.

It is a pleasure to be leading the school, alongside Mr Laycock, and we look forward to sharing many memorable moments with you all this year.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Swiers

DATES FOR THE HALF TERM

- Monday 2nd September - Staff training day (school closed)
- Tuesday 3rd September - Staff training day (school closed)
- Wednesday 4th September - School opens for Autumn term
- Wednesday 25th September - LKS2 @ Food Festival
- Tuesday 1st October - 3:30pm - Bewerley Park Parent's Meeting
- Monday 14th October - Harvest Service at St Edward's Church
- Tuesday 15th October - Class 10 to Yorkshire Museum
- Wednesday 16th October - Class 11 to Yorkshire Museum
- Thursday 17th October - Class 9 to Yorkshire Museum
- Friday 18th October - 8:30 - Neurodiversity and Wellbeing Parent Drop In
- Tuesday/Wednesday 23rd/24th October - LKS2 visit to Yorkshire Museum
- Thursday 24th October - 8:45 - UKS2 Parents Drop in
- Friday 25th October - 8:45 - LKS2 Parent Drop in
- End of the day on Friday 25th October - School closes for October half term
- Monday 4th November - School reopens for Autumn Term 2
- W/C 4th November - Year 6 at Bewerley Park

LAUNCH DAY



SAFEGUARDING

As you know, safeguarding is incredibly important at Dringhouses. Please can we remind all families that if you are visiting school once the gates have been closed, and you are buzzed in through the pedestrian gate, to not hold the gate open for others so that we can then go through our safeguarding checks through the intercom. This ensures that we know exactly who is in school and why they are visiting so we can keep everyone in school safe.

ATTENDANCE

Last week, the education secretary stated that parents should not take their children on term-time holidays and have a responsibility to keep them in school. Her comments also explained the impact that missing just one week of school can have on a child's educational trajectory. Here at Dringhouses we have seen a large increase in the amount of term time holidays and we are seeing the impact of this on our children's academic success and their emotional well-being once they return to school. Below, please see our attendance figures for this week. Attendance really does matter.

Year 1- 96.21%

Year 2- 96.21%

Year 3- 95.56%

Year 4- 96.5%

Year 5- 95.83%

Year 6- 94.72

Attendance Matters



ISSUE WITH PARENTPAY- MEAL ORDERING

As you will probably be aware, we are still experiencing problems with pre-ordering children's meals on ParentPay. The issue was logged with ParentPay on Monday and we are yet to hear from them with a resolution.

Until the problem has been rectified, children will be able to order their lunches daily with their class teacher. A copy of the Autumn Menu is attached to this email so that you can discuss with your child what the options are for next week.