

20TH
SEPTEMBER
2024



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear families,

This week has been another super one at Dringhouses. Our year 6 children are really embracing their roles as buddies to the reception children and it was heartwarming to see their first reading session together on Friday. This is such a special relationship and we are really looking forward to seeing this blossom over the coming weeks.

On Thursday, a group of teaching students from Norway visited us to see the practices and approaches that we use in the UK. After visiting us, they described our school as an 'Oasis of Calm' and we so impressed by how kind and respectful the children were.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Swiers

DATES FOR THE HALF TERM

Wednesday 25th September- LKS2 @Food Festival

Wednesday 25th September- Bag2School Collection

Tuesday 1st October- 3:30pm- Bewerley Park Parent's Meeting

Tuesday 8th October- Individual and Sibling Photographs

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

Wednesday 23rd October -2:30- KS1 Families 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

STAFFING UPDATE

This week, our new caretaker, Wayne Allen started with us at Dringhouses. We are so excited to have him as part of the team and know that he will be a great addition.

ATTENDANCE AT DRINGHOUSES

As a school we are raising the profile of the importance of good school attendance in line with the DFE's expectations. Did you know that any child with an attendance percentage below 90% is classified as a persistent absentee by the DFE. This equates to 20 days or 1/2 a day every school week of missed learning across the school year.

To help our families track your child's school attendance, from next week we will be sending home a weekly text message letting you know what your child's attendance is.

You can also track your child's attendance through our ScholarPack School App. If you would like access to the app please speak to a member of the school office who will be able to help you with this.

For more information about school attendance and how this is managed in school please see our school website.

What percentage attendance means to your child in terms of lost learning					
175 non-school days a year			175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments		
190 school days in each academic year	6 days absence	8 days absence	19 days absence	21 days absence	47 days absence over half a term missed!
	184 days of education	182 days of education	171 days of education	169 days of education	143 days of education
100%----->97%		96%----->94%		89%----->75%	
(Expected)		(Monitoring)		(School Action)	
GOOD - no learning opportunity is lost Best Chance of success Gives your child a flying start		School to monitor... Negative impact on attainment Progress weakened due to gaps in learning		Serious Concern - Persistent Absence... Serious impact on attainment Fixed Penalty Notice or Court Action	
80% attendance over 5 years = 1 whole year of education lost.					
Research suggests that pupils who have an average of 20 days absent per school year see negative effects throughout their educational journey - resulting in a whole GCSE grade deficit by the time they leave secondary education.					
Article 28 of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: The right to learn and go to school					

LUNCH ORDERING

Now that the issue with ParentPay has been resolved, if you haven't done so already, please could we ask that you pre-order your child/ren's meals. You are able to do this up until October half term. From next week, if your child is having a school lunch and this hasn't been pre-ordered, they will be put down as a Jacket Potato as a default.

If you have any problems ordering meals on ParentPay or need any help, please contact the school office.

CASH POT FOR SCHOOLS

Exciting news! At Dringhouses we have signed up for Asda's Cashpot for Schools. Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs – have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose Dringhouses Primary School and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our PTA. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. *Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to Dringhouses Primary School to spend on the things they need the most, such as books, play equipment and more.*



INTRODUCING CASHPoT for sCHools

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards
and we will donate ££s to schools.

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Here's How:

- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 2 Choose your primary school
- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4 Shopping online?
Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5 We'll do the rest!
We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.



Selected stores. Minimum spend £2+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK18+. App & Opt in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools, must register with Parentkind charity 1072833. Full T&C's at asda.com/cashpotforschools. Rewards T&C's at asda.com/rewards/terms. Ends 30.11.24



BAG 2 SCHOOL



Our next Bag2School collection
has been arranged for

Wednesday 25th September 2024

Any questions – please ask your school
collection organiser _____



BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION



Clothes



Paired shoes



Handbags



Hats



Bags



Scarves and ties



Bras



Jewellery



Socks



Belts

A list of things that **we don't collect**, sorry! If in doubt, please call us on 01609 780 222.



Duvets and blankets



Pillows and cushions



Carpets, rugs and mats



Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing



School uniforms with and without logo



Corporate clothing and workwear



Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material



Furniture and large items



Batteries

**Please bring your donations along to school on Wednesday 25th september.
There will be a space for them inside/outside the bike shed depending on the weather.
WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**