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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear families,

It's been another great week at Dringhouses with plenty of excellent learning going on everywhere you look! Our assemblies have taken two focuses this week: Black History Month and World Mental Health Day. As we celebrate Black History Month, I want to highlight the wonderful work Mrs Walker has done in our library. She has curated a fantastic section filled with stories by Black authors, featuring Black characters and about significant individuals. These are incredible resources that enrich our children's understanding and appreciation of Black history and culture. Mr Field led a superb assembly, sharing the story of Hidden Figures, which focuses on the inspiring Black women behind the calculations of the space race. The children were thoroughly engaged and it was heartwarming to see their interest in these remarkable stories.

On Thursday, Mr Laycock led an assembly about World Mental Health Day. World Mental Health Day is a vital reminder of the importance of mental well-being for everyone. This year's theme focuses on promoting awareness and understanding of mental health issues, encouraging open conversations and reducing stigma. As we celebrate this day, let's remember to support one another, seek help when needed, and prioritise our mental health. Engaging in activities like mindfulness, exercise, or simply talking to friends can make a significant difference. Together, we can create a supportive and compassionate school community!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Swiers

DATES FOR THE HALF TERM

Monday 14th October - Harvest Festival 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

Friday 18th October - 9:00 - EYs Families Phonics session

Wednesday 23rd October - 2:30 - KS1 Families Drop in

Wednesday 23rd October - Book Fair in school

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 Beverley Park

BOOK FAIR

Derek and the Book Fair will be visiting us at Dringhouses on Wednesday October 23rd. He will be in school all day as well as after school. Children will be given an envelope the week before and can bring in money to spend at the fair. The best part is that, as well as getting exciting new books, the school gets a percentage back to spend on brand new books for our wonderful library!

CAN YOU HELP?

Could you or a family member spare some time to become a regular reading volunteer at Dringhouses? We are looking for volunteers who are able to commit to regular slots to read with children across school. As a volunteer, you will play a key role in supporting children in becoming confident, independent readers. The role will involve listening to children read and discussing the book with them.

If you would like to become a reading volunteer, please express your interest by emailing hello@dringhouses.co.uk.



ATTENDANCE AT DRINGHOUSES

Please see below our attendance for each year group this week. Please remember that each missed session has an impact on your child's educational journey. Check our year 2 with our first 100% attendance of the year!

Reception: 99.14 % Year 1: 99.43% Year 2: 100% Year 3: 91.94% Year 4: 98.3% Year 5: 98.86% Year 6: 96.04%



YEAR 5 AND 6 FOOTBALL

On Thursday, our boys and girls football teams faced a number of schools in an exhilarating fixture at York High School. Both teams displayed fantastic teamwork and determination, showcasing the skills they've developed during their training. It was a proud moment for Dringhouses Primary School, and we commend all the players for their hard work and sportsmanship. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our teams and to Mr Field and Mr Hardcastle for managing the teams!



EYS TRIP TO ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

This week, our reception children had the wonderful opportunity to visit St. Edward's Church, where they engaged with Reverend Carew and asked a multitude of insightful questions. Their curiosity and enthusiasm were truly impressive as they explored the church and learned about its history and significance. It was a fantastic experience that deepened their understanding of the community and people who can help us. A big thank you to Reverend Carew for welcoming us and inspiring our young learners!

ORDERING SCHOOL LUNCHES

Families- you are able to pre-order your child's school lunches on ParentPay up until October half term. There is a cut-off point for pre-orders on the Thursday, prior to the following week.

Please could we ask that you place your orders for school meals as, if it comes to the day and your child doesn't have a choice pre-ordered, they will be given a Jacket Potato or the School Office will call and ask you to bring in a packed lunch. The pre-ordering system allows the kitchen to order the correct amount of food and reduce any wastage, which in turn allows us to keep our costs down as much as possible.

We appreciate your support with this matter.

If you have any problems with ParentPay or how to order, please do get in touch with the School Office.



HALLOWEEN MENU

MAGGOTY DUSTBIN PASTA

MAGARONI STYLE PASTA FAVOURED WITH A BLACK BEAN SAUCE
AND MIXED WITH PULLED HAM, PEAS, SWEETCORN & MIXED PEPPERS

OR

PUMPKIN PASTA WITH GARLIC BREAD FINGERS

HOMEMADE ROASTED PUMPKIN SAUCE MIXED THROUGH PASTA TWISTS

FOLLOWED BY

EYEBALL JELLY

ORANGE JELLY WITH FRESH LYCEES AND BLUEBERRIES

£2.95

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2024

BONFIRE

Night Menu

Beef Chilli Con Carni (mild)
served on a Jacket Potato
or

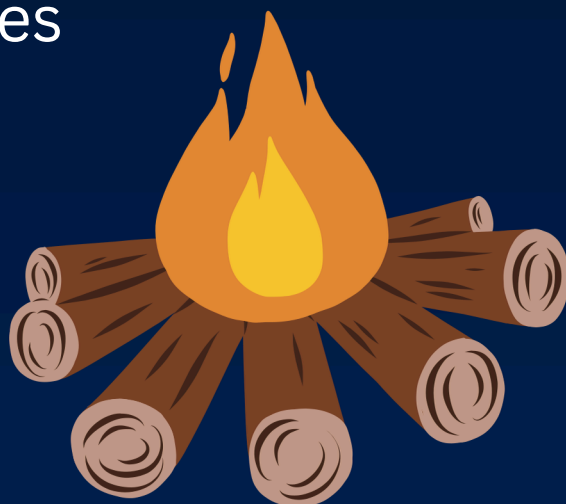
Sweet Chilli Veggie Noodles

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followed by

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Christmas Cards - Hopefully you will have seen the stunning Christmas card design that your child has made in class (the sample cards have been sent home - it might be worth checking school bags if you have not had one yet!). Please order your packs of cards by next Wednesday (16th October) using the details on the sample card. School will receive 25% commission on all orders, which will go directly to FODS funds which benefit your children at school.

FODS PTA news:

At the AGM we elected a new committee.

Sally Evans and Jen Goforth have agreed to continue their sterling work as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Chia Suan Chong will continue on committee, but now will be keeping you up-to-date with FODS news as Communications Secretary.

We're welcoming new members Megan Burrows and Marianne Breen as 'Ordinary' Members.

Mrs Clarke and Mrs Murray are our teacher representatives, and Miss Swiers is our non-elected patron.

The two Rachels (Rachel Corry and Rachel Stevens) are heading things up as co-chairs of the committee.

A HUGE thank you goes to Kate Newman and Laura Cunningham for all their hard work on committee over previous years. We're sad to see you step down, but so grateful for all you have done.

While committee members keep things running smoothly, we are supported by a vast team of parents, grandparents, teachers and friends who generously use their time, energy and talents to support the work of FODS. Thank you all! If you are able to be involved, even just for half an hour every now and then, please join the FODS WhatsApp group for occasional info/requests for help. Please follow this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DTghsWtrmwMXGYMPAdwlfSj>

The Friends of Dringhouses School are inviting you to participate in our Halloween trail.

We are producing a trail map which will give your family a route of local houses which have decorated for Halloween. On Thursday 31st October after 4pm lots of houses will be lit up with all kinds of Halloween decorations.

We need your help!

In order for the trail to be a success we need as many houses as possible on the map. If your family want to be involved, please can you email friends@dringhouses.co.uk by Friday 18th October and include your address so that your house can be added to the trail map. No names will be included on the map.

How you decorate the front of your house is up to you, the only limit is your imagination!

A trail map will be available to buy at the spooky bake sale on Friday 25th October costing £2. All funds raised will go towards FODS initiatives to support the school, recently this has included a clamber net extension to the playground climbing equipment.

Many thanks,
Friends of Dringhouses Primary School

