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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 focussed on Black History Month, which has given the whole school the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture. Our librarians are busy preparing a display in the library to celebrate this important month so keep your eyes peeled for that!

This week has also given us the chance to celebrate the fantastic writing going on in school. Our KS1 children have been designing, creating and describing their own robots and the language the children has used has been really impressive. Our Year 3 and 4 children have been getting in role as a character from their story 'Stone Age Boy', writing diary entries which have been really emotive! And finally, our year 5 and 6 children have been writing information texts about ancient Rome. The children loved sharing with me all about the ancient Roman diet, which certainly sounded different! Ask your children which piece of writing they are most proud of so far this year.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Swiers

## DATES FOR THE HALF TERM

- 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

## DOGS ON THE PLAYGROUND

We have been made aware that there have been a number of dogs on our school playground this week. No dogs are permitted on our school playground, other than assistance dogs. This is to ensure that safety of our children, school playground and visitors.



## 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](mailto: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.

Reception: 98.34% Year 1: 96.88% Year 2: 97.4% Year 3: 95.3% Year 4: 97.91% Year 5: 97.78% Year 6: 95.84%



# YEAR 3/4 TRIP TO THE FOOD FESTIVAL

Last week, Year 3 and 4 had the opportunity to visit York Food Festival. They had a wonderful time identifying herbs, baking our own bread and making a chocolate lolly. A huge thank you to the York Food Festival for hosting us and to all of the family volunteers who helped this trip run smoothly.



# DRINGHOUSES OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

Over the summer, in conjunction with the council, we installed a door to class 8 to enable the use of this classroom as part of the out of school club. This is to increase the capacity of the club and reduce the waiting list. To make the use of this space possible, and increase the numbers, the out of school club are in desperate need of more staff. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in this role, please get in touch with the out of school club. We know the wrap around provision can cause families issues so we really do need your help with this!



# ORDERING SCHOOL LUNCHES

You are able to pre-order your child's school lunches on ParentPay up until October half term. There is now 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.

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