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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear families,

Despite the cold weather setting in this week, nothing has slowed us down here at Dringhouses Primary! It's been a busy and exciting week filled with hands-on learning, engaging events, and a wonderful sense of community.

The week started with a productive and uplifting FODS meeting where we discussed upcoming events and ways to continue supporting our school. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us and for all the contributions you make to our school community. A huge shout must go to Marianne, our Christmas Fair organiser, who is going above and beyond behind the scenes. with her team of volunteers We are so thankful for all of your efforts!

Our Year 5 and 6 students have been immersed in science as they dissected pig hearts in a fascinating and educational lesson—bringing their studies of the circulatory system to life. Meanwhile, our two parent evenings were a fantastic success, giving us the opportunity to connect with you and share all the amazing progress your children are making.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Swiers

DATES FOR THE HALF TERM

- 29 Nov - Flu Vaccination (Catch-Up Clinic)
- 4 Dec - Christmas Dinner Day
- 5 Dec - EYFS Nativity Performance 9:30-10:30
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- 6 Dec - FODS Christmas Fair 3:30-5:00
- 9th Dec- E Safety Meeting for Families 3.30
- 11 Dec KSI Nativity Performance (Class 3) 2:15-3:15
- 12 Dec KSI Nativity Performance (Class 4) 9:30-10:30
- 12 Dec KSI Nativity Performance (Class 5) 2:15-3:15
- 13 Dec Christmas Jumper Day
- 13 Dec Neurodiversity and Wellbeing Drop-In
- 17 Dec Christmas Service @ St Edwards
- 20 Dec Last Day of Autumn Term

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. Please see the attendance for this week below. Reception: 94.% Year 1: 93.% Year 2: 98.% Year 3: 92.% Year 4: 99.% Year 5: 97% Year 6: 94%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Class 10 (again!). Well done to them. 'Attendi Pengi', our giant (very cute!) penguin will be spending next week with them!



TREE OF HOPE

This advent Dringhouses Primary School are proud to be supporting Martins House Children's Hospice Christmas appeal. Martins House provide family-led hospice care free of charge for children and young people with life-limiting illnesses.

As a school, we will be creating a Reflection Tree, and invite you all to join the children in dressing our tree by adding your messages as decoration. We hope people of all ages will get involved and share their message, of hope, gratitude, remembrance, friendship and love. We are here to celebrate them all.

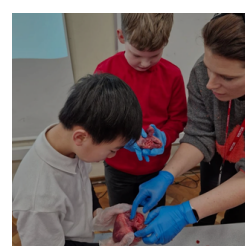
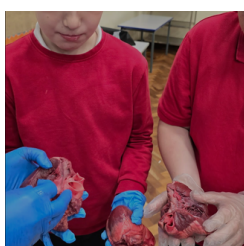
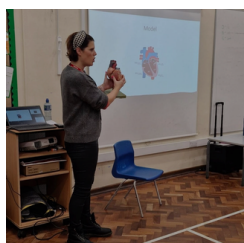
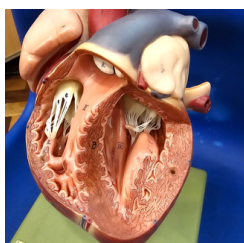
We hope to raise as much money as we can to support Martin's House, help children and their families make memories they'll cherish forever, and experience a special Christmas. Donations in support can be made via the just giving page https://www.justgiving.com/page/dringhouses-primary-1731966330159?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fdringhouses-primary-1731966330159&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share Please feel free to share this Just Giving page with family, friends, grandparents and work colleagues who may wish to get involved. We'll ensure their message is displayed on the School's Christmas tree. Tags are available from the school office.



YEAR 5/6 BECOME DOCTORS!

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This week, Year 5 and 6 took their learning about the circulatory system to the next level by carrying out pig heart dissections. The students explored the heart's structure in detail, gaining a deeper understanding of how blood circulates through the body. A huge thank you to Mrs. Aldridge, a parent at Dringhouses Primary, for leading these inspiring and hands-on sessions. Her expertise and passion for science brought the lesson to life! The dissections also tied perfectly with the children's current key text, Pig Heart Boy, which explores themes of medical science and the human heart, further enriching the students' learning experience. What a brilliant way to make science come alive!



OPAL BINGO!

Every lunchtime, it is lovely to see the children playing with a great range of toys and equipment. We have also been very excited to have our new climbing net installed over half term, which is proving very popular.

However, we don't want to stop there! We would like to increase the play equipment we have available for the pupils by playing class bingo! Class class has been given a bingo board with the same items on below. If they manage to collect all the items, they will win an extra playtime. If they get their class' star item, this playtime will double!

Please help if you can. Smaller items can be taken into the classroom. With the larger items, please put these along the side of the bike shed and let the member of staff on the gate know so this can be ticked off your class bingo board.

Play is such an important part of children's development. The more variety on offer, the greater opportunities we have to support this. Plus, it also means the children have happy lunchtimes and are ready to learn when they come back into school. Get collecting!

Opal

BINGO

CHALLENGE

To win this challenge... Working as a class you must collect all of the items on your bingo card. If you collect all of the items and shout 'BINGO' your class will be given 15mins extra play time.

If you collect the starred item your class will be given 30mins extra play time.

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Suitcase	Mixing Bowl	Outdoor Beanbag/ Cushion	Wheeled Vehicle
Binoculars	Dressing Up Clothes	Pan	Spade
Bucket	Skittles	Guttering	Tyre
Chalks	Hula Hoop	Cooking Utensils	Trowel
Small World Toys	Pallet	Pine Cones/ Conkers	Crate

Star Items:

- Class 1: guttering
- Class 2: skittles
- Class 3: binoculars
- Class 4: small world toys
- Class 5: tyres
- Class 6: dressing up clothes
- Class 7: hula hoop
- Class 8: pallet
- Class 9: outdoor cushion/beanbag
- Class 10: crate
- Class 11: wheeled vehicle/scooter

CLASS FUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS ORDERS

Did you miss the order deadline for christmas cards? The online shop for class fundraising is closing on Sunday 24th November at Noon.

If you have any queries, please direct them to dringchristmascards@gmail.com

Thank you to all who braved the cold on Monday night to attend the FODS meeting. Your support was very much appreciated! At the meeting we agreed to fund a class set of chopping boards and knives for children to use in cooking lessons, posters to support children's phonics learning, craft items and games for Lunch Club, and a subsidy to make a school trip more affordable. It was lovely to catch up with lots of people in the Fox and Roman afterwards. Next FODS meeting will be Tuesday 14th January - pop the date in your (new 2025) diary!

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching! Don't forget to get your raffle tickets in advance, and invite your friends and neighbours to come along to the fair on Friday 6th December. We would love donations of cakes, tombola prizes and jarbolas please. There will be a separate letter sent out with lots of important Christmas Fair information on it - please look out for it! We are also still in need of helpers on the day - please contact Rachel Stevens (07756 702071) if you can spare an hour or two on the day.

Nativity Costumes - if you have any nativity costumes that you no longer need and are happy to donate, please could you drop them off in the school office? FODS would love to build up a collection so that we can lend them out each year so people don't have the stress of having to make or buy one. Thank you!

Secret Shopping - Monday 16th December...it's not too late to buy your presents!

The deadline is fast approaching, but don't worry you still have time to submit your tags and return in an envelope by 29th November. Each present costs £5 and you can pay by cash or bank transfer using the details below - please include your child's name as a reference. Friends of Dringhouses Primary School
Sort code: 309999
Acc: 00372005

Haven't received the Secret Shopping letter or can't find it? Don't worry, there are plenty of additional copies available for you to pick up at the office.



YOUR PTA PRESENTS

Christmas Fair 2024

6TH DECEMBER (FRIDAY)
3.30PM TO 5:00PM

AT DRINGHOUSES PRIMARY SCHOOL

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

IF YOU CAN HELP, WHETHER WITH PRE-FAIR ORGANISATION OR ON-THE-DAY RUNNING OF THE STALLS, OR DONATING PRIZES TO OUR RAFFLE, PLEASE EMAIL US AT FRIENDS@DRINGHOUSES.CO.UK



DRINGHOUSES PRIMARY SCHOOL
YOUR PTA PRESENTS

Christmas Fair 2024

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF CHRISTMAS CHEER!
SANTA'S GROTTO, TOMBOLA, CRAFTS, FACE-PAINTS, GAMES & MORE!

6TH DECEMBER (FRIDAY)
3.30PM TO 5:00PM

AT DRINGHOUSES PRIMARY SCHOOL

CLARE'S KITCHEN - LITTLE CHEFS CLUB

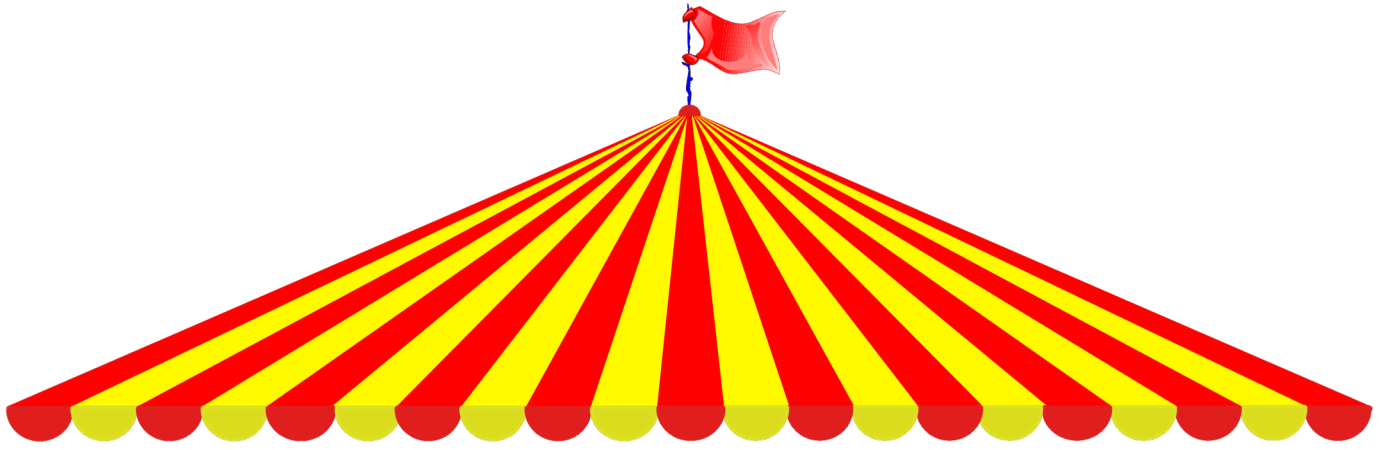
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DRINGHOUSES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Clare's Kitchen after-school Cookery & Baking Club starts at the end of the school day, **for 2 hours** on a **Thursday**. Children plan, prepare and cook their own nutritional meal, then dine together. They learn a whole range of independent skills, as well as having fun and gaining confidence. There are fun 'Bake O s' around celebrated holidays and special days such as Halloween, Christmas, St Valentine and Easter. Our weekly sessions are £12.50 each, which are payable upfront. A warm snack with bread is provided when we bake and little chefs may take home anything they do not eat. Do you have a little chef at home who would like to join us?

Email: clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk Contact: 07813182216



CIRCUSSKILLS CLUB

Come and learn circus skills such as juggling, diabolo, poi, plate spinning, flowersticks and slacklining!

Autumn Term (7 1st half & 6 2nd) Wednesday after-school for Reception to Year 6, £5/session + bursaries for low income families

Time: 15:30-16:30 main hall

Dates: 11th September - 23th October

6th November - 11th December

Bookings are per half term - please sign up at

<https://www.clubenrolment.com/CSY>

(Club location = "Dringhouses Primary School")

For any questions or offline booking please contact...

Stuart Priest, Circus Skills York CIC

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07871 545388

CRAFTY FOX KIDS CLUB

After-School Art & Craft Class



Our Tuesday class is exclusive for pupils of Dringhouses Primary School and takes place in school.

We believe in nurturing creativity and providing a fun and supportive environment for kids to explore their creative talents!



OUR CLASSES:

- Crafting
- Explore art techniques
- Children have fun & build creative confidence
- Take-home craft each session

1-HOUR WORKSHOP

DRINKS AND SNACKS PROVIDED

TUESDAY 3.30-4.30PM

£8 PER CLASS (BOOKINGS ARE PER HALF-TERM)

FOR MORE INFO AND TO BOOK VISIT:

WWW.CRAFTYFOXKIDSCLUB.COM