

13TH
DECEMBER
2024



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear families,

As we head further into the festive season, it's been another exciting and busy week at Dringhouses Primary School! This week, our KS1 children have dazzled us with their Strictly Come Dancing-inspired Nativity, Lights, Camel, Action! A wonderful blend of dance, drama, and festive cheer; it was a true highlight for all who attended.

Our choir has also been in full swing, taking part in numerous events over the past few weeks. From performances at local venues to community celebrations, their enthusiasm and dedication have shone through at every opportunity. The choir will be rounding off their busy schedule with a special performance alongside other primary schools at Millthorpe Secondary School this Saturday – we can't wait to see them shine on stage!

Looking ahead, we are excited to invite families into school for our upcoming landing events next week. These moments will give you a chance to see the fantastic work your children have been involved in and celebrate their progress. We are looking forward to welcoming you all to join in the festive spirit and share in the success of our wonderful children.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Swiers

DATES FOR THE HALF TERM

16th Dec FODS Secret Shopping

16th- Year 5 and 6 visiting Millthorpe for Matilda performance

17th Dec- Christmas Service @ St Edwards

17th Dec- Winning House Christmas Movie Afternoon

18th Dec- LKS2 Parent Session 8:45

18th December- 6pm- KS2 Christingle in the hall

20th Dec- KS1 Families event 9-10

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: 93% Year 1: 93% Year 2: 95% Year 3: 91% Year 4: 93.% Year 5: 92% Year 6: 92%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Class 6. Well done to them. 'Attendi Pengi', our giant (very cute!) penguin will be spending the 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.



CHOIR ON TOUR!

This week has been a busy and vibrant one for our choir, showcasing their incredible talent at three special events. On Tuesday, the Year 5/6 choir members performed for the York Rotary Club at Tesco, filling the space with their beautiful harmonies. On Wednesday, the Year 3 and 4 choristers brought joy to the residents of Abbeyfields Care Home with a heartwarming performance at the Sports and Social Club. To cap off the week, the entire choir will join other primary schools this weekend at Millthorpe, coming together to celebrate music and community. Each performance has been a testament to the choir's hard work, dedication, and the power of music to connect and uplift.



CIRCUS SKILLS CLUB

It was lovely to meet so many of you at the Christmas fair recently. Well, the circus spirit is still soaring high!

Want a roaring good time for your next bash? Be it a birthday bonanza, a corporate caper, or a private party fit for a king (or queen!), Circus Skills York is here to make it a spectacle!

Here's the deal that'll have you juggling with joy! Mention "Dringhouses Christmas Fair" when you book your circus event (email stuart@CircusSkillsYorkCIC.org, WhatsApp, or call 07871 545388) and 20% of the fee flies straight to the Dringhouses PTA! That's right, folks, you get top-notch circus fun AND support a fantastic school cause!

But the magic doesn't stop there! Calling all budding acrobats! The after-school circus club returns on Wednesday, January 8th, 2025! Newcomers are welcome to join the troupe, so unleash your inner tightrope artist and register your child at <https://www.clubenrolment.com/CSY/>. Sessions are a mere £6 each, with bookings by the half-term.

So, don't delay! Step right up and book your circus adventure or register your little daredevil for the club. We guarantee a show-stopping good time!

Yours in Circus Cheer,
Circus Stu, Ringmaster of Fun

Christmas Fair: What a wonderful event! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make it possible, and for everyone who came and joined in the fun so enthusiastically. A huge well done to Marianne for co-ordinating the fair, and a big shout out to the Grotto Team for creating a truly magical experience for the children to enjoy. We would like to say a particular thank you to the Y6s and the Face Painting Club for all their help – it was a real team effort.

What did you think? We would love your feedback about the Christmas Fair so that we can make next year's even better. Please take a couple of minutes to fill out the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/mm3VbQtNgu2aBhpX9>

Badges: If your child designed a badge or keyring in class and didn't get a chance to make it at the fair, there is still a chance to do that. Please make your payment through ParentPay by Tuesday 17th December and we will get it to you before the end of term. This applies to classes 3,4,5,6,7,8, 9 and 10.

Nativity Costumes: Do you have a nativity costume that you no longer need? FODS would be grateful for any donations, whether shop-bought or home-made. We would love to put together a collection we can lend out in future years. Please drop them with Vikki in the office. Thank you!

THE LOSS FOUNDATION– GRIEF SUPPORT

Please find details attached of support on Christmas day for those who are bereaved by Cancer.

[Online Christmas Day Get-Together for people bereaved by cancer – The Loss Foundation](#)

With thanks and kind regards



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FOR YOUR CHILD THIS CHRISTMAS

Clare's Kitchen after-school Cookery Club runs weekly after school for 2 hours during term time. Children plan, prepare and cook a fun recipe together. They learn a whole range of independent skills, as well as having fun and gaining confidence. There are fun 'Bake Offs' around celebrated holidays and special days such as Halloween, Christmas, St Valentine and Easter. See us in action on social media:

<http://www.facebook.com/clareshkitchenyork>

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| Tuesday 24th December | 1 Day | £14 |
| Millthorpe Secondary School YO23 1WF - Indoor Sports Hall | | |
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| Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd January 2025 | 2 Days | £28 |
| Millthorpe Secondary School YO23 1WF - Indoor Sports Hall | | |

**ONLINE BOOKING AVAILABLE FOR ALL COURSES AT
officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity**

Advance booking is required and is available online up to 48 hours prior to the course start date unless sold out. We regret we cannot offer a refund for illness or other reasons for non-attendance.



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AT VARIOUS VENUES ACROSS THE CITY**

Bookings for February Half Term & Easter 2025 will go live from Wednesday 8th January 2025 via officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity.

Check out our social media for the details in advance.



**FOR
AGES
5-11**



Christmas Holiday



FOOTBALL

FOUNDATION

York City Foundation's Holiday courses are designed for both boys and girls aged 5-11 years, who are enthusiastic about football. Ideal for beginners and young players looking to develop their skills, in a fun, engaging, safe and friendly environment.