

29TH
NOVEMBER
2024



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear families,

What a fantastic week it has been at Dringhouses Primary School! This week has been Assessment Week, and we are really proud of how hard the children have worked to showcase their progress over the Autumn term. We are excited to see the strides they've made already!

The Nativity rehearsals for our Early Years and Key Stage 1 students are well underway and the children are really enjoying putting the performances together – families are in for a real treat! The children are doing an amazing job, and we can't wait for you to see their performances.

As we look ahead, the festive spirit continues to grow. Next week, we'll be celebrating with our much-anticipated Christmas Dinner, followed by our Christmas Fair – it promises to be a week full of joy and excitement. We're looking forward to sharing these special moments with you all!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Swiers

DATES FOR THE HALF TERM

- 4 Dec – Christmas Dinner Day
- 5 Dec – EYFS Nativity Performance 9:30-10:30
- 5 Dec – EYFS Nativity Performance 2:15-3:15
- 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 8:35
- 13 Dec Rocksteady Concert 10:00-11:00
- 16 Dec FODS Secret Shopping
- 17 Dec Christmas Service @ St Edwards
- 18th December- 6pm- KS2 Christingle in the hall
- 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: 91% Year 1: 97% Year 2: 97% Year 3: 97% Year 4: 98% Year 5: 96% Year 6: 94%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Class 5. 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.



HOW TO START A CONVERSATION WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT USING A PHONE SAFELY:

As Christmas approaches, we know this is often a time where our older children may receive a phone as a gift for Christmas. We thought it may be useful to share some top tips from the UK Safer Internet Centre ahead of this. Here are some possible conversation starters:

Why do you want to get a phone?

Whilst deciding if it is time for your child to have their first phone can be a great opportunity to find out what your child expects to use their phone for. This could be for connecting with friends, playing games, for keeping in touch whilst out of the house or other reasons.

What would you do if something worrying or upsetting happened on your phone?

You can ask them about the places they can go to find the safety advice, find out what they know about privacy settings, and ask them how to report or block on the services they use and who they would talk to.

How can we do more online together?

Ask your child about activities or games that you could enjoy as a family, this can be a great time to establish a family agreement to manage your families time online.

Top tips



Talk with your child about responsible use of their phone

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their phone for. Talk about time limits and expectations of where the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the phone being charged outside their bedroom overnight.



Discuss what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens

Give them the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.



Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the phone itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.

LKS2 TOPIC

Our LKS2 children have been learning all about Stone Age houses and have had a go at building their own. The children used saws, glue guns, weaving and thatching to create them and we think they look pretty awesome!





Christmas Fair

6th December 3.30-5pm

Only one week to go! Do come and join in the fun with Santa's Grotto, tombola, jarbola, games, crafts, festive refreshments, name-the-teddy, bake sale and much more!

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 6th December and in exchange for this we would love donations for the ever-popular tombola, jarbola and bake sale. Please bring these in on Friday morning! (and reminder for bake donations that we are a nut free school).

Don't forget to bring cash to help speed up queues and where possible, please park up buggies and prams in the bike shed and covered space outside the main reception. Thank you!

Raffle

Marianne has organised a truly spectacular Christmas raffle this year! Tickets are just £1 and can be bought on Parent Pay, or on the day of the fair. A list of prizes on offer is in the poster below!

Nativity costume donations

FODS are hoping to build up a collection of nativity costumes for children at Dringhouses to use at future nativity performances. If you have a costume to donate, please send it our way to help create a more sustainable (and hopefully less stressful) solution to the annual create-a-costume scramble!





FODS Presents

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024

DRINGHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER
3:30 TO 5.00 PM

INCLUDES RAFFLE

LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON

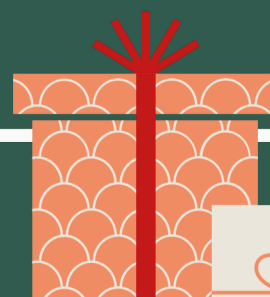
RAFFLE TICKETS £1

AVAILABLE VIA PARENT PAY





Delta Hotels Leisure Club Day Pass x 2
Circus Workshop Voucher (£150)
Dringhouses After School Club Holiday Session Pass
York Archaeology Attractions Family Pass For 5
Ged Bell Butchers - Christmas Pie
2 Course Meal For Two People At Ate O'Clock Restaurant
XMartial Arts School - 3 month Membership Voucher
Popolo Pottery Box
Pigletts 2 child tickets
Entry to Askham Bryan Wildlife Park for 2
York Sports Village 3 Month membership
1 x York Sport Village 1 month membership - 1
1 x York Sport Village 1 month membership - 2
1 x York Sports Village Family swim voucher - 1
1 x York Sports Village Family swim voucher - 2
1 x York Sports Village Family swim voucher - 3
1 x York Sports Village Family swim voucher - 4
1 x York Sports Village Family swim voucher - 5
1 x £20 Voucher Water Babies
Clip and Climb pass for 2
Family Pass York City sightseeing tours - 1
Family Pass York City sightseeing tours - 2
Family Pass York City sightseeing tours - 3
Family Pass York City sightseeing tours - 4
Family Pass York City sightseeing tours - 5
Social 8 Lounge - £30 Voucher
York Little Gym Camp voucher
Sarah Castello - PT session
M&K Butchers - £25 Voucher
The Old Liquor Store - £20 Voucher
Crafty Fox Kids Club - Craft Box
Ignite - Free Day at Christmas holiday club
Flip Out York 1 hour bounce for 2
Rhythm Time Class Voucher
Cafe Number 12 - £10 voucher
Bottle Of Wine - 1
Bottle Of Wine - 2
Box Of Chocolates
Manicure Voucher - 1 GiGi and Dove
Manicure Voucher - 2 GiGi and Dove
Bottle Of Prosecco



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GOODIE
BAG**



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TO
3PM**

**£14
PER
DAY**

Monday 23rd December 1 Day £14

Millthorpe Secondary School YO23 1WF - Indoor Sports Hall

Tuesday 24th December 1 Day £14

Millthorpe Secondary School YO23 1WF - Indoor Sports Hall

Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd January 2025 2 Days £28

Millthorpe Secondary School YO23 1WF - Indoor Sports Hall

**ONLINE BOOKING AVAILABLE FOR ALL COURSES AT
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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.



**YORK CITY FC FOUNDATION OFFERS FOOTBALL
HOLIDAY FUN COURSES EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY
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.