

17TH
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2025



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear families,

It has been another great week at Dringhouses with the children busy enjoying their learning. Our children have had the opportunity to continue with their leadership responsibilities as each half term, all children receive a new class 'job'. This can be anything from book monitors to timetable monitors and beyond! The children do a fantastic job and this really instils in them a sense of responsibility and pride for their classroom. The year 5 and 6 children also had the chance to train as play leaders. We can't wait to see them leading games on the playground and the joy this will bring!

I would also like to share some personal news with you all. Myself and my partner Steve are expecting a baby! I am due at the start of July and we are so excited to be starting a family together. Another Dring baby to join the team!

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Swiers

DATES FOR THE HALF TERM

- 23rd January: Class 1 and 2 outdoor school
- 29th January: Year 5/6 Yorvik visit
- 3rd February: Year 6 SATs information meeting (5pm)
- 4th February: EYFS Stay and Play (2.15pm)
- 12th February: Year 1/2 Dinostar workshops
- 13th February: Neurodiverse and Wellbeing drop in (8.30am)
- 13th February: Class 1 and 2 outdoor school
- 13th February: EYFS and Year 1/2 disco (4pm)
- 14th February: Special Valentines Lunch Menu

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: 96% Year 1: 97% Year 2: 97% Year 3: 96% Year 4: 99% Year 5: 97% Year 6: 94%

The classes with the highest attendance this week were Class 7 and Class 10. Well done to both classes for an incredible 100% attendance. 'Attendi Pengi', our giant (very cute!) penguin will be splitting the week with them!



P.E. UPDATES



This week, our new Sports Leaders have been chosen and they have had their first training session with Mr Johns from Ignite Sport. Each week the children will be taught a new game/activity which they will then go on to play with children from across the school. It has been fantastic to see so many children wanting to be involved and the punctuality and enthusiasm of our Sports Leaders for their first session was fantastic!

MUSIC UPDATES

Choir begins today (Friday 17th January). If your child already comes to Choir, no need to do anything. If your child would like to join Choir (or is leaving) please email Mrs Clarke to let her know. Choir takes place every Friday in the Hall and finishes at 4.00pm. It is open to everybody and is free.

Orchestra: Orchestra will run on Tuesdays this term, beginning on Tuesday 21st January. It is open to anyone who learns an instrument with one of our visiting teachers that involves reading music (piano, acoustic guitar, violin, viola, flute, cello, clarinet, cornet, trumpet, sax,) who has been learning for at least two terms. It is also open to anyone in Y4/5/6 who would like to play their recorder. Orchestra takes place after school in the music room and finishes at 4.15pm. It is free.

If your child would like to be in the orchestra this year, or if you would like more info, please email Mrs Clarke, letting her know what instrument they play, if they have taken any grades (don't worry if they haven't!) and how they will be getting home.

EARLY YEARS UPDATES

This week EYFS have continued to explore the question "What's up in the sky?"

We have read the children's book *The Darkest Dark*, written by a real life astronaut Chris Hadfield.

We explored all things space related including designing and making rockets that NASA would be proud of.

We've donned our astronaut suits and practised launching and landing rockets from our very own space station.

In maths we have been learning about the 'staircase' pattern adjacent numbers make and we worked co-operatively to play our own 'staircase' number game.



AUTISM AND NEURODIVERSITY WORKSHOP

I am delighted to be able to offer four free in person workshops from Daisy Chain Autism and Neurodiversity - www.daisychainproject.co.uk/
The workshops will run from 9.30 - 11.30 in the school hall and will give advice and support on the following topics -

Friday 28th February - Understanding Autism

Wednesday 5th March - Understanding Sensory differences

Friday 21st March - Understanding Autistic Overwhelm, Meltdown and Shutdown

Friday 28th March - Executive Functioning

The workshop can run with uptake from 10 - 30 people and no diagnosis is needed to access them.

I will shortly send out a booking form.

The workshops are free of charge and feel free to bring a friend with you.

Sarah Murray
SENCo



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Got ideas but can't come to the meeting? We'd still love your input - please email friends@dringhouses.co.uk or see Rachel Corry or Rachel Stevens on the playground before/after school.

Christmas Fair: 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://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfr7JLix8lxmO4XVY-gHMMXXNz9vz6jx8twh3dO3WWOHOObawQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail_form_link

Nativity costumes: Please drop any unwanted nativity costumes at the school office. Thank you!

YORK RESIDENTS' FESTIVAL RETURNS!

York Residents' Festival returns on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 January 2025, offering York residents free entry to the city's top attractions, exclusive offers and unique experiences across the city.

Organised by Make It York, this much-loved event is a celebration of everything York has to offer, giving residents the chance to explore the city's attractions, enjoy fantastic food and support local businesses.

New this year, you can pre-book tickets online for a variety of attractions, allowing you to secure your spots ahead of the festival weekend. This includes complimentary tours of the Abbey Church at Ampleforth Abbey, where free guided tours led by a monk will reveal the fascinating architecture of this Sir Giles Gilbert Scott-designed church, and York Theatre Royal offering free behind-the-scenes tours to this unique venue. For thrill-seekers, the York Dungeon is offering 150 free tickets across the weekend at selected times, giving residents the chance to experience its exciting and spine-chilling tour.

Pre-booking opens at 12pm on Friday 10 January. So, mark your calendar, start planning your weekend and be ready to book early for venues with limited spaces!

