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2025



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week it has been at Dringhouses Primary School! Our classrooms have been buzzing with fantastic learning opportunities.

In Key Stage 2, our pupils enjoyed a series of African Drumming sessions with Mrs. Clarke, immersing themselves in the rhythms and culture of this fascinating musical tradition. Meanwhile, Upper Key Stage 2 took a trip to the Jorvik Viking Centre, where they were able to bring their learning about the Vikings to life through hands-on experiences.

Our School Council members also continued their wonderful community work, visiting Abbeyfields Care Home for another heartwarming session of buddy reading with the residents. It's always a joy to see our students fostering such positive connections with the wider community.

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Swiers

DATES FOR THE HALF TERM

3rd February: Year 6 SATs information meeting (5pm)

3-6th February: Year 6 Mock Sats

4th February: EYFS Stay and Play (2.15pm)

7th February: EYFS Bird of Prey Centre visit to school

12th February: Year 1/2 Dinostar workshops

13th February: Neurodiverse and Wellbeing drop in (8.35am)

13th February: Class 1 and 2 outdoor school

13th February: EYFS and Year 1/2 disco (4.30-6.00pm)

14th February: Special Valentines Lunch Menu

14th Feb: FODs Valentines Bake Sale

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: 98% Year 1: 90% Year 2: 94% Year 3: 96% Year 4: 93% Year 5: 90% Year 6: 90%

The classes with the highest attendance this week were Class 6. Well done for an excellent 98.1% attendance. 'Attendi Pengi', our giant (very cute!) penguin will be spending the week with them.



UNIFORM REMINDER

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform to school. The full list can be found on our website (<https://dringhousesprimary.org/uniform/>) and branded uniform can be purchased from www.getbrandedworkwear.co.uk

Winter

Sweatshirt (not hooded) – red
Cardigan – red
Trousers – grey or black
Skirt/Pinafore – grey or black
Polo Shirt – red or white

Footwear

Trainers / shoes (no open toes)

PE/Games

T-Shirt – white
Shorts – black
Plimsolls or trainers (indoor and outdoor PE)
Tracksuit (for field activities) – Grey, black or red

Please ensure your child's name is in their clothing



PSHCE UPDATE

This week Mr Field led a deep dive review into our PSHCE programmes. Thank you to staff and students for welcoming him into your lessons. Mr Field said "I genuinely smiled so much in lessons and around school—it's clear to see all the hard work you're putting in." He was delighted to find that everyone was putting a lot of work into inclusivity, diversity, collaboration and peer support and students across the school are clearly engaged with the PSHCE programmes.

KS2 UPDATES

Year 5 and 6 had an amazing time at the Jorvik Viking Centre and Jorvik DIG! We travelled back in time on the ride, experienced the sights – and smells – of Viking York. WE even watched coins being made just like they were over 1000 years ago!

At DIG we got hands-on with history, uncovering artifacts and taking part in a battle tactics workshop – learning how Vikings fought to defend their land.

We had a fantastic day bring history to life!



FODS

13th February, 4.30–6pm EY (Reception) and KS1 disco

It's almost time for Early Years and KS1 to get their party hats on! If you can spare any time to help set up or at the disco itself then please let Vicki Adam know (an email will be coming out soon with further information). We would be very grateful for any extra pairs of hands!

14th February – Bake Sale

We'll be holding an end-of-half-term bake sale after school on 14th February. We would be very grateful for any donations of nut-free cakes and biscuits to sell. These can be home-made or shop-bought – we're not fussy! We'll make sure that children at choir have the chance to buy cakes too – please remember to send them with some money if they would like to join in.

EYFS & KS1 Party

FODS IS EXCITED TO WELCOME
CHILDREN IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND
YEAR 2 TO A PARTY!

ON: 13TH FEBRUARY
AT: 4:30PM TO 6PM

£4.50 INCLUDES A DRINK AND
PARTY TEA

WITH A MAGICIAN AND DISCO



YORK KIDS ART OPEN STUDIO

On the back of the introduction to the art exhibition Mtrs Aitchison mentioned in assembly on Friday please could you promote this with your children by sharing information about the York Kids Open Art Studio which will be held at SPARK with them. Please can you tell them that they also need to register online if they would like to submit any art work. It is hoped that close to 2000 children will enter and help raise money for charity. Thanks for your support with this.

Once students have completed their work they will need to register on our website and hand their work into one of the four main Explore York libraries at City Centre, Acomb, Clifton or Tang Hall.

For more information and for students to register to exhibit their art work they can find information on our website: <https://www.yorkaos.art/>



AUTISM AND NEURODIVERSITY WORKSHOP

Dear Parents/Carers

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.

Please indicate which of the workshops you would like to attend by following the link below to book your place.

<https://forms.gle/8FdH2HYBUnYtrdPi8>

Looking forward to seeing you, best Wishes
Mrs S Murray SENCo



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