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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear families,

What a fabulous start to spring we had yesterday with the hottest day of the year so far and our Spring Concert! It is always so inspiring to have such talented performers showcase their talent – this is something we are very proud of at Dringhouses Primary School. Thank you to Mrs Clarke for organising the concert and giving all the pupils great opportunities to perform as well as developing their confidence through the music curriculum.

We now look forward to our Easter service next Wednesday morning! Our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils are also preparing for their performance in the final week of the term with rehearsals for their show. We are very much looking forward to this too!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Laycock and Miss Swiers

DATES FOR THE HALF TERM

- 26th March: Easter Service at St Edwards Church (9:30am)
- 27th March: Class 1 & Class 2 Outdoor Learning (am)
- 27th March: Mothers' Day Tea & Biscuits Parent Event (2:40pm-3:10pm)
- 28th March: Neurodiversity and Wellbeing Parent Drop In (8:35am)
- 28th March: KS1 Parent Event (2.30pm – 3pm)
- 28th March: Bake sale after school
- 31st March: Easter egg competition
- 1st April: Parents evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
- 2nd April: Easter service at st Edward's Church
- 3rd April: LKS2 Spring Play (9am)
- 3rd April: Parents evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
- 4th April: Rocksteady Concert (10am)
- 4th April: End of 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: 97% Year 1: 97.5% Year 2: 99% Year 3: 99% Year 4: 98% Year 5: 93% Year 6: 96%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Class 5. Well done for an excellent 99.5% attendance. 'Attendi Pengi', our giant (very cute!) penguin will be spending the week with them.



RED NOSE DAY

This Friday had a non-uniform day as we joined thousands of schools up and down the country and do something funny for money for Red Nose Day.

This year Comic Relief hits the big 4-0 and they're asking the nation to join the party and go big, give big and feel good! Because when we all do a little something funny for money, big beautiful change happens. A donation to Comic Relief this Red Nose Day will support projects that help children be happier, families stronger, women safer, communities prouder and millions of lives fairer.

We know there's a lot going on right now and for many people things are really tough. But if you can donate, every penny will add up to a life changing difference. Because people matter. Everyone. Everywhere. Always.

You can donate via ParentPay, using this link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18045>

Thank you for your continued support - you are BRILLIANT!



SEN MEETINGS

Thank you to everyone who attended the Autism and Neurodiversity parent workshops recently. There have been some great topics and we have had lots of positive feedback so we hope everyone has found them useful so far. Thank you to Daisy Chain Autism and Neurodiversity for running these sessions and to Mrs Murray for arranging this in school. There is one more workshop next Friday on the theme of executive functioning.

LUNCH TIMES

We have made adjustments to our lunchtime rota following the Parent Survey. Early years and KS1 now have lunch from 11.45am to 12.45 and LKS2 and UKS2 have their lunchtime from 12.15 to 1.15pm. We have found this gives pupils more space to eat their lunch in the dinning room and to play outside and is proving popular.

FOOD WASTE DISPOSAL

We would like to inform you that, starting from 31st March 2025, new legislation will require all food waste to be disposed of separately from other waste. In addition, only clear waste bags are to be used for food waste disposal. To support this initiative, we kindly ask that children who bring packed lunches take all of their rubbish home with them in their lunch bags. We appreciate your cooperation in discussing this important change with your children, as it will help ensure we are compliant with the new regulations and contribute to a more sustainable environment. Thank you for your understanding and support.

KS1

Class 3 have had a great time exploring moving vehicles this week



ACTIV8 EVENT

I'm reaching out to invite your students to take part in our upcoming Activ8 Event, which will be held at YorkSport Arena on Sunday, 13th April.

Activ8 is a fantastic opportunity for young people with disabilities to engage in a range of inclusive sports, meet new people, and experience the benefits of physical activity in a fun and supportive environment. The event is designed to be fully accessible, with activities suitable for all abilities.

Here are some details about the event;
Sunday 13th April 2025, 11am - 2pm.

York Sport Centre, University of York, James Way, Heslington, York, YO10 5NA.

Who is Activ8 for? Disabled people of all ages, elderly adults, and individuals with long-term health conditions, along with their families, friends, and carers.

Activities include: Goalball, Wheelchair Rugby, Tag Rugby, Wheelchair American Football, Boccia, Bowls, Inclusive Cycling, Dance and more!

Ideally, participants can sign up here, which helps us plan better, or register on the day.

Free entry!

We would love for your students to join us on the day, and we can provide more details on how to get involved. Please let Craig know if you'd like to register your interest or if you have any questions. cshepherd@disabilitysportyorkshire.org



YORK YOUTH ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE

Following the wonderful performance of *The Snowman* at our Christmas concert, we wanted to invite pupils, staff, and families to our next York Youth Orchestra concert, which is taking place this Sunday at Selby Abbey.

We had such lovely feedback from parents after the last concert, and we thought they might enjoy the chance to see the orchestra in action again. This promises to be another fantastic event in a beautiful setting, and we'd love for you to be there!

The concert is free to attend, but we do ask that tickets are booked in advance via the following link: <https://yourboxoffice.co.uk/yorkartsed/1216-york-youth-orchestra-at-selby-abbey>

We'd be delighted to welcome you.



FODS (Your PTA) Presents

EASTER Bake Sale

After school on

Friday 28th March

Cash and card payments
accepted!

All bakes to school office on Friday morning

