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# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

It's been another exciting and eventful week here at Dringhouses Primary School. On Wednesday, the whole school enjoyed a wonderful trip to St. Edward's Church for our Easter Celebration. It was a fantastic opportunity for all our students to come together and celebrate Easter, Spring and togetherness. As part of the celebration, each phase performed performance poetry, demonstrating the collaboration and confidence that our children have developed over the term. We are proud to see how far our children have come with their oracy skills! Each half term, every phase learns and performs a piece of performance poetry, helping to build their confidence in speaking and listening. Oracy is a crucial part of our school development work, and we know that strengthening these skills supports not only academic success but also personal growth and communication in everyday life.

In addition to our Easter celebrations, we are excited to announce a new partnership with Family Matters, a local York-based company. Together, we are offering free workshops on self-esteem and anxiety as part of our ongoing commitment to promoting the mental and emotional well-being of our students and families. We believe these sessions will provide valuable support and resources for our community. We sent further details of this out via email; please reply to this email to express your interest if this is something you would like to attend.

As we approach the weekend, we'd like to take a moment to wish all our families a very happy Mother's Day. We hope you have a relaxing and joyful weekend, celebrating all the wonderful mums, carers, and mother figures who make such a difference in the lives of our children.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend ahead!

Warm regards,  
Miss Swiers and Mr Laycock

## DATES FOR THE HALF TERM

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: 98.5% Year 1: 97.5% Year 2: 99.5% Year 3: 96.5% Year 4: 97% Year 5: 96% Year 6: 94.5%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Class 3. Well done for an excellent 100% attendance. 'Attendi Pengi', our giant (very cute!) penguin will be spending the week with them.



# EASTER SERVICE

Our whole school trip to St. Edward's Church for our Easter service was a truly special occasion. The children sang some brilliant songs, including We Are the Earth, Lord of the Dance, and Spring Chicken, which featured fantastic harmonies that filled the church with energy and joy. Each phase also performed a piece of performance poetry, complete with accompanying actions, showcasing their creativity and confidence. Reverend Carew shared some thought-provoking words about hope emerging from difficult situations, reminding us all of the power of perseverance and positivity. We value our ongoing partnership with St. Edward's Church and are grateful to be part of such a supportive and welcoming community.



## LKS2 GET CREATIVE WITH DT

This week, our LKS2 children have been busy designing and making their very own tote bags as part of their Design and Technology project! With the support of our wonderful volunteers, who kindly gave up their time to assist, the children have developed their sewing skills and explored different fabric techniques. It has been fantastic to see their creativity and enthusiasm shine through! A huge thank you to our volunteers—your help has been invaluable. We can't wait to share the finished tote bags with you soon!





# MOTHER'S DAY TEA

This week, our Early Years children had the joy of hosting a lovely Mother's Day Tea for their families. The children worked hard baking and icing delicious biscuits, which were then served with some refreshing squash and topped off by the delivery of a homemade card. It was heartwarming to see so many families gathered together to celebrate and share in this special moment. The highlight of the afternoon was hearing the children sing a selection of nursery rhymes, bringing smiles and laughter to everyone in the room. It was a wonderful occasion, and we're so grateful for the chance to come together and celebrate the important role that families play in our children's lives.



## FODS UPDATE

### Egg decorating competition

It's back and it's happening on Monday 31st March! If you want to take part all you need to do is:

- Decorate a real or pretend egg (or eggs) - either by itself or as part of a larger scene. There will be a family category as well as individual year group categories, so if the whole family is in the Easter spirit you don't need to miss out!
- Write your name, year group and stick £1 to your design (keep your name hidden from the judges!)
- Bring it to school on Monday morning and put it on your year group table near the hall.
- There will be a prize for each year group as well as a family group prize - so get decorating!

### Easter Treat - Friday 4th April

FODS will be providing a free Easter treat for the children to celebrate the end of term: biscuit decorating! It'll be on the playground straight after school, so do come along and join in!

### Dates for your diary:

Thursday 1st May Next FODS meeting, 7:15pm-8:15pm at school.

Wednesday 21st May: School sponsored walk

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

