

4TH APRIL
2025



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Dringhouses Families,

As we wrap up another busy term, we have enjoyed another fabulous week of sunshine and fabulous learning. Our Easter Egg Decorating competition was a huge success, with so many creative and colorful entries – well done to everyone who took part! We also had the pleasure of watching our Year 3 and 4 students shine during their performance of The Big Maya Quiz, where they brought history to life in a fun and engaging way for our parents and families.

This week also marks a bittersweet moment for us, as we say goodbye to Mrs. Bartram, who has dedicated 15 amazing years as a teaching assistant here at Dringhouses. Her warmth, kindness, and support will be greatly missed by both staff and students. As we head into the Easter break, we want to wish all of our families a relaxing and joyful time. Thank you for your continued support – we look forward to seeing you after the break!

Warm wishes,
Miss Swiers and Mr Laycock

DATES FOR THE HALF TERM

Monday 28th April- KS1 Lempen Theatre Performance (am)

Tuesday 29th April- LKS2 Beetle Bank Farm Trip

Wednesday 30th April- Year 3 Cinema Night (4:30-6:30pm)

Wednesday 30th April – Millthorpe Principle visit (drop in for parents from 3pm)

Thursday 1st May- EYFS Outdoor Learning (am)

Thursday 1st May- FODS Meeting (7:15-8:15pm)

Monday 5th May- May Bank Holiday (School Closed)

w/c Monday 12th May- Y6 SATs Week

Thursday 15th May- Neurodiversity and Wellbeing Parent Drop In (8:35-10:00am)

Wednesday 21st May: School sponsored walk

Thursday 22nd May- EYFS Outdoor Learning (am)

Thursday 22nd May- FODS KS2 Disco

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.

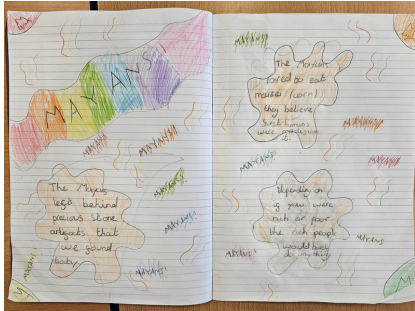
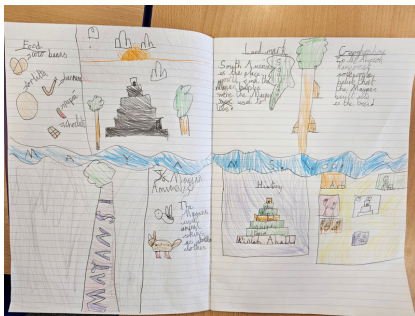
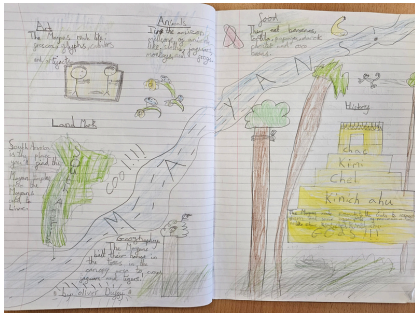
Reception: 93% Year 1: 97% Year 2: 94% Year 3: 95% Year 4: 92% Year 5: 91.5% Year 6: 93%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Class 4. Well done for an excellent 99.5% attendance. 'Attendi Pengi', our giant (very cute!) penguin will be spending the week with them after the Easter break.



LKS2 SPRING SHOW

Over the last two weeks Year 4 have been working incredibly hard on their spring performance all about our topic 'The Jungle Run'. Children have had to learn lines, work on vocal projection and learnt a not-at-all-shoehorned-in Mayan reworking of a pop hit! The Year 3s have also been working very hard, perfecting their poem, learning the song and working on double page spreads about the topic.



SUMMER TERM LUNCHES

Please find attached the lunch menu for the summer term which is now bookable via ParentPay. Please note that bookings close on Thursday's at midnight for the following week.

A minor change to the menu circulated earlier in the week: the Neapolitan ice cream on Monday's of week one has been replaced with chocolate ice cream as the Neapolitan has been discontinued.

LOST PROPERTY

We have an increasing amount of lost property at school. If you're child is missing items please come to the office and we will show you down to lost property to hunt for it.

Please remember to put your child's name on their clothes, water bottles and lunch boxes so they can be returned to them if they go astray.

ROBLOX

It has come to our attention that Roblox is updating so parents will be able to block particular games on the site as well as individuals their child might be communicating with. If your child uses the platform please ensure you are keeping them safe. The full article can be found on BBC News: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c86j9ygw45xo>

EGG COMPETITION

It's been another eggceptional year for egg decorating!! We have loved all your fabulous, creative designs... congratulations everyone!



FODS UPDATE

Thank you so much for supporting our Bake Sale last week. Together we raised an incredible £420!

A number of people have recently mentioned that they would prefer to make a one-off contribution to FODS. We would be very grateful for any donations.

Our bank details are:

Friends of Dringhouses Primary School

Sort Code: 309999

Account Number: 00372005

The money raised by FODS is used to enhance the school experience for all children at Dringhouses Primary. This term we have funded the African drums that KS1 have used this term, a desk and storage for use in Early Years, and contributions towards school trips to ensure that they are accessible to all.

Finally, thank you for all the entries for the Easter Egg competition - there was a lot of talent on display!



VISIT FROM MILLTHORPE PRINCIPLE

Many of our year 6 students will be starting at Millthorpe in September. Their principle, Mrs Rothenburg, will be coming to Dringhouses to answer questions from students and parents. It will be a drop in session on Wednesday 30th April from 3pm for anyone who is interested.

TESCO STRONGER STARTS

Dringhouses Primary School has been selected for "Tesco Stronger Starts". This is the programme where Tesco customers vote for local community projects using the blue tokens, and this spring that includes us! We are raising money for our Early Years Playground Development. A dedicated outdoor space to provide and support learning opportunities for our pupils, and other service users. Voting is now open and you can vote until the end of June 2025.

The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000, and the third placed project £500. So please vote if you shop in Tesco!

You can vote in the following Tesco stores: Acomb Wood (YO24 3XN) Tadcaster Road (YO24 1LW) Low Ousegate (YO1 9QX) and Piccadilly (YO1 9TU). To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Thank you for your support and please remember to pick up a blue token and vote if you're in Tesco!

YORK QUESTS

York Quests have just released a new Romans themed activity. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

They have offered a discount code to give 25% off over the Easter period – just put in the code EASTERHOLS at checkout. The discount is good for the whole of the Easter holidays, and kids under 7yrs play for free. The whole quest is of course family friendly, and also wheelchair accessible, and dog friendly too.

There's also more information available on the website: <https://yorkquests.co.uk>