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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the lovely weekend weather. Just a reminder to keep checking diary dates as new dates are being added regularly.

Class News:

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

EYFS – This week we have been learning about caterpillars in EYFS. We have made observational drawings in our caterpillar diaries of the caterpillars we have in the classroom. In maths we have continued our work on addition, looking at First, Then, Now addition stories. We have had some amazing creations made by the children in the making area this week – pretend face paint boxes, snakes and ladders games and dogs with concertina legs, to name but a few!

Class 1 – This week we have been very creative in class 1. We have thought about rhyming words and written rhyming verses about Kevin the Koala. We have also been turning paper into feathers which has shown some fantastic drawing skills and creativity! In DT we have been thinking about portion sizes so that we include at least one portion of fruit into our layered fruit desserts when we make them. For maths, in year 1 we have been sharing numbers into equal groups and Year 2 have completed their fractions unit by finding three quarters and counting in quarters and have begun telling the time. What a busy week!

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 we have begun writing a story from the perspective of one of the characters in our class text "The Boy at the back of the Class" we have thought about his feelings and imagined what it must be like to start a new school in a completely different country. In Maths, year 4 have completed their learning all about decimals, while year 3 have been looking at mass and capacity. In History this week we really enjoyed looking at reasons for people migrating to the big cities despite the health impact it had. For our Geography learning, we wrote a fact file on Brazil. We really enjoyed science with Mrs Blyton this week where we categorised different animals.

Class 3 – Class 3 have been very busy this week! They have been working extremely hard on their SATs tests and Year 5 have been completing learning about long multiplication and have looked at some reading challenges. On Tuesday, they spent time creating a model of coastal features, labelling their previous work. The children have also had a go at composing their own music with our clarinet specialist! Class 3 have enjoyed PE, learning more about relay and sprinting 100m races. They have also had a fantastic afternoon with Mrs Blyton completing investigations in science.

Class 2 Sport Festival – Wednesday

On Wednesday, Year 3 and 4 children are participating in a multi-skills festival at Outwood Academy Ripon. The children can come to school in their sports kit for the day – white t-shirt, black or navy shorts / tracksuit and trainers. Please can you also ensure that your child/ren is equipped for all weather and has a rain jacket, jumper, sun cream, sun hat and their water bottle as well as an inhaler if they need one for asthma. The children are out for the morning and will be back for lunchtime.

Fakeaway Day – promotional school dinner – Thursday 18th May

Pizza Baguette

Chips

Salad

Cookie

Mental Health Awareness Week 15th – 21st May – information from Mental Health UK

Mental Health Awareness Week takes place from Monday 15 – Sunday 21 May 2023. The official theme for this year, as set by the Mental Health Foundation, is ‘anxiety’. The **‘Just Anxiety?’** campaign aims to help people and organisations to understand the difference between anxiety and anxiety disorders and to confidently seek and signpost each other to the right support.

Anxiety is a common emotion that we’ve likely all experienced at some point in our lives. People living with an anxiety disorder will feel intense levels of anxiety frequently, which can deeply impact their quality of life.

Anxiety disorders affect over 8 million people in the UK – that’s a little over 1 in 10 of us – and there are lots of different types of them.

When we talk about anxiety, we might dismiss or invalidate it as someone “*just worrying*” or “*just being stressed*”. These common phrases can be harmful. That’s why we want to challenge the notion that it’s ‘just’ anxiety, and share the truths about the condition.

Further information can be found through the following link:

<https://mentalhealth-uk.org/mental-health-awareness-week/>

National Curriculum Assessments

Year 1 Phonic Screen Check

Children in Year 1 will take the phonic screen check during the period week commencing 12th June. The outcome of this check is reported to parents by the end of the summer term.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Children in Year 4 will take the national multiplication check in June during a two-week window commencing on the 5th June. The outcome of this check is reported to parents by the end of the summer term. Please refer to the parent / carer information document which is attached to this newsletter.

School Uniform

A polite reminder that children need to wear school shoes as part of their uniform. In summer, girls can wear red checked dresses. Again, school shoes are part of the summer uniform as opposed to open-toe sandals. Children still need practical footwear for school that protects their feet, allows them to move about and climb on trim trails!

Reading

All children need to read at home every day. Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text and / or pictures. Please ensure that you record what your child has read and how they have managed with their reading in their record book. **Reading and record books need to be in school every day so that they can be checked and new books issued.**

PE Days

EYFS: Friday

Class 1: Thursday and Friday

Class 2: Monday and Wednesday

Class 3: Monday and Thursday

Sun Cream

Please can I ask parents to ensure the children have sun cream applied to them before they come to school in the morning when the forecast is due to be sunny and also please do send into school a bottle of sun cream labelled with your child's name on it so that they can apply it when necessary over the summer months – thank you.



Breakfast and After School Club – important booking information

Please can any families who would like to use this facility ensure that bookings are made by 12pm on a Friday for the following week.

We can't take any bookings after this time at short notice as we need to ensure we have staff in place.

Friends of Dishforth



Fashion Show

Friends of Dishforth have organised a Ladies Fashion Show and Pop-up Shop which will take place on the 24th May 2023, please see leaflet attached for more information.

Numbers are limited so please buy your tickets as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Tickets will be on sale this week in the playground on Wednesday and Friday after school and on Friday morning at the front of the school.

AWARDS

Celebration Assembly

On Friday, we had our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;



Ribbons

EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has really shown a mature attitude to learning this week. They have persevered with everything that they have done and have challenged themselves to do even more than expected. Well done Oliver!

Class 1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who can always be relied upon to be a great role model. They are kind and thoughtful, incredibly hard working and very helpful in the classroom. Keep up the great work Daisy!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown great perseverance and determination in their writing. They have enjoyed reading our class text and this has really shown in their story writing this week. Well done Bobby!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to a group of children who have worked incredibly hard on the run up to their SATS. They have demonstrated our school value of perseverance and we are so proud of each and every one of them. Well done to Year 6!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to someone for demonstrating our school values of trust and compassion.

This person has been nominated because when they play out on the playground they always include everyone in games.

The award goes to Ava who was nominated by Molly D.

Well done, Ava!



Attendance

Weekly Attendance			
Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.			
Good attendance is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. Nationwide research has shown that the pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have had higher rates of attendance throughout primary school, compared to those with the lowest attainment. The government aims for all pupils to have a minimum of 95% attendance across the school year, and any child with less than 90% attendance is recorded as a persistent absentee. Here is our school's current overview of attendance:			
Week commencing 9th May 2023			
EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
92%	92%	98%	95%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

May 2023	
17/5/23	Year 3 and 4 multi-skills festival at Outwood Academy Ripon
23/5/23	Parents / carers of Class 3 children invited for information session with Miss Ungerechts on puberty resources 4pm
24/5/23	Friends of Dishforth – ladies Fashion Show and Pop-up Shop Dishforth Village Hall – door open at 7pm show starts at 7.30pm
26/5/23	Break-up May half term 3.15pm
June 2023	
5/6/23	School open Year 4 Multiplication Check window begins
9/6/23	Open the Book Collective Worship
12/6/23	Phonic Screen Check window
20/6/23	Dr Krippner, Director of Music, Ripon Cathedral
23/6/23	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR THE DAY

26/6/23	Parent Information Session – Reception children in September 5pm
27/6/23	CLASS 3 PRODUCTION OF MACBETH 2pm and 6pm
28/6/23	Class 3 – Game of Actual Life Day
29/6/23	Year 5 Enrichment Day Thirsk School Day 2
July 2023	
3/7/23	Afternoon – Sports Day (time TBC)
4/7/23	Class 1 visit to Ripon Cathedral
5-7 July 23	Boroughbridge High School transition days
10-14 July 23	Thirsk High School transition days
13/7/23	Whole school transition morning (TBC)
17/7/23	School Reports home
19/7/23	Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly – afternoon
20/7/23	Year 6 Treat
21/7/23	Break-up for summer holidays at 2.30pm (no after school club)
September 2023	
4/9/23	TRAINING DAY
5/9/23	School open for the 2023-24 academic year
October 2023	
27/10/23	Break-up October half term

I will be in each school every day as follows:

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield
Afternoon	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary