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Dear Parents / Carers,

It was lovely to see so many families on Friday for our Coronation assembly – despite the weather!

I hope you have all enjoyed the events over the Bank Holiday weekend to celebrate a moment in history.



Class News:

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

EYFS – This week in EYFS we have continued to learn about life cycles. We have made observational drawings of our caterpillars and were amazed at how much they grown in just 5 days. Reception children have been writing speech bubbles based on the story of The Bog Baby. We have been busy getting ready for our Coronation Celebrations – learning songs and making crowns.

Class 1 – It has been another busy week despite only being 4 days! We have written character descriptions, learned about adjectives, adverbs, coordination, subordination and thought carefully about what makes a great sentence. We have been working out one half, one quarter, one third and then working out two thirds, two quarters and even three quarters. We have learned a song to help us to remember the names of the Oceans of the world and thought about why Christopher Columbus did the things that he did. We have also been learning the parts of a plant, watching our seeds grow and finding out the job of each of the different parts of the plant.

Class 2 – This week in class 2 we absolutely loved having Music for life come and do a workshop for us. We enjoyed watching them perform a concert and then they showed us their instruments and we learnt to play some songs. In our English this week we have looked more at the story of Ahmet, one of the main characters in our Story "The Boy at the Back of the Class". We have looked at the country he has travelled from and how he must feel being in a new, strange place. In Maths this week Year 4 have worked looking at decimal numbers and dividing by ten and one hundred. We have also enjoyed learning all about the King's coronation for our assembly on Friday.

Class 3 – Class 3 have had a fantastic week in the run up to the coronation celebration on Friday! We have been finishing our revision for SATs whilst the Y5 children have been doing a creative writing

piece on 'Alma'. In maths, Y5's have been learning about identifying angles and measuring them accurately. The children have been doing long jump, hurdles and relay races this week in PE. In clarinet, they have been rehearsing solo's and have learnt a new song. The children have also began designing their seaside landscapes, ready to label.

EYFS Balance Bikes

The children in Early Years really enjoyed their Balance Bike session on Wednesday. We learnt how to push along with our feet, how to balance and glide and, most importantly, how to stop! We then followed a course, including ramps, limbos, hot lava pits, slalom and balance boards, practising the skills we had learned.



Music for Life Concert



On Thursday we were delighted to welcome musicians from 'Music for Life' in school where the children watched a concert performed by Lucy on the harp and Meera on the flute. It was truly inspirational.

Class 2 then had a fantastic time becoming composers for the Music For Life workshop. As well as finding out about the harp and the flute during the whole school concert, they were lucky enough to become part of their own orchestra to perform an original song co-written with Lucy and Meera, the professional musicians. Not only did they sing beautifully, they performed on percussion, glockenspiels, bells and the harp to great effect. A truly magical afternoon.

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 at the end of Key Stage 1 and 2

Key Stage 2 Assessments – Year 6

This week the children in Year 6 are taking national curriculum tests in English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and mathematics. The tests help measure the progress pupils have made and identify if they need additional support in a certain area. The tests are also used to assess schools’ performance and to produce national performance data.

At the end of the summer term the test results will be reported in: • English grammar, punctuation and spelling • English reading and Mathematics.

Teacher assessment: As there is no test for English writing, this will be reported as a teacher assessment judgement. This is a judgement the teacher will make, based on the child’s work at the end of key stage 2. Parents will also receive a teacher assessment judgement for science.

Key Stage 1 Assessments – Year 2

The teacher is responsible for judging the standards Year 2 children are working at in English reading, English writing, mathematics and science, by the end of key stage 1. To help inform those judgements, pupils sit national curriculum tests in English and mathematics, commonly called SATs. The tests are a tool for teachers to help them measure the children’s performance and identify their needs as they move into key stage 2. They also allow teachers to see how the children are performing against national expected standards. The tests can be taken any time during May and they are not strictly timed. Pupils may not even know they are taking them as many teachers will incorporate them into everyday classroom activities.

Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work the children have done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how the children are progressing at the end of key stage 1. These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to parents by the end of the summer term.

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.

Fakeaway Day – promotional school dinner – Thursday 18th May

Pizza Baguette

Chips

Salad

Cookie

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 made amazing progress with his writing. He has worked so hard on his handwriting and is beginning to try to independently write short sentences. Well done Edward!

Class 1 – The ribbon this week in Class 1 goes to someone who loves learning. They give 100% to everything that they do and are really growing in confidence. Keep being amazing Oliver R

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has begun to come more out of their shell as the year has gone on. They are offering good suggestions in whole class discussions and in English they are taking much greater care with their spelling. Well done Ellie!

Class 3 – The ribbon is going to someone for their respectful and kind nature in the classroom and around our school! They are always offering a helping hand and they have shown more maturity during lesson time. Well done, Dacian!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they are always looking after people and putting others before them self.

The award goes to Phoebe who was nominated by Alex.

Well done, Phoebe!

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 2nd May 2023

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
97%	88%	96%	94%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

May 2023	
9-12 May 2023	Year 6 SAT week Tuesday – Friday
17/5/23	Year 3 and 4 multi-skills festival at Outwood Academy Ripon
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	
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