

“The roots to grow
and the wings to fly”



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Headteacher's Message

We had a super start to the term last week. Everyone made me feel really welcome and I am beginning to learn everyone's names – the challenge I set myself on my first day. One of the highlights of my week was celebrating the children's successes in celebration assembly on Friday. Each week two classes take it in turns to share their learning with everyone. It was wonderful to see the children's work and hear them speak so well about their learning and it was clear to me that parents and carers might like the chance to share this too.

With this in mind, **I would like to invite parents and carers to our Friday celebration assemblies each week at 2.50pm in the school hall.** As we do not have a huge amount of space, we have decided to invite the parents and carers of the two classes presenting their learning each week.

On Friday it will be Class 2 and EYFS.

So, from 2.45 the green gate on the KS2 side of the school will be open to allow any parents or carers of children in EYFS and Class 2 to come and sit at the back of the hall to share our celebration assembly. Please do not come through the main entrance. The children will return to class at the end (3.10pm) and can be collected as usual.

We very much hope you can join us, and we look forward to inviting parents of Classes 1 and 3 next Friday (26th April).

What have we been learning this week?

EYFS

This week in Early Years we have started our new topic on growing. We were interested to find out whether seeds need soil to grow so we have planted bean seeds in soil and in plastic bags. In maths Reception have been finding different ways of making 10. In RE we have started our new topic on Special Places, thinking about where our own special place is. We all enjoyed the Boxercise session trying out different types of exercise!

Class 1

We have had a fabulous start to the new term in Class 1. We have begun our new topic of seaside's and have kicked off with the story of The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch. We have been getting to know the story this week. In history we have begun learning about Grace Darling,, who also lived in a lighthouse like the main character in a Lighthouse Keepers Lunch, making predictions about why she might be famous and we are excited to find out what she did! In art we have begun our "stick transformation project" by using found items to create a plant. This has linked really well to our science this term which is all about plants and already the children have named different plants, parts of a plant and begun learning about the different types of plants that we eat-fruit, vegetables and herbs.

Class 2

Welcome back to Class 2. I hope you all had a brilliant Easter holiday. This week in Class 2 we loved having Dave from Skip2bFit in school on Thursday. He put us through our paces with a workout which included elements of skipping and boxing fitness. In science we have been learning about the ear, having lots of fun acting out what each part of the ear does. In English we have written news articles and in Geography we located different cities in the UK using compass directions.

Class 3

Class 3 have had a fantastic first week back at school. We have been doing some creative writing in English consolidating our learning on using dialogue to advance the action in a narrative. In maths, we have been learning about finding fractions, percentages and decimals. The children have had the opportunity to complete a Skip2beFit / boxercise workshop, where we looked at growth mindset and progress. We have started our new unit of work in history about the ancient Greeks and their influence on the western world. In geography, we have begun learning about our local area and we have thought about what we want to know before the end of the unit.



Ribbon awards

Celebrating our Success

The Values Award

EYFS	This week the ribbon goes to someone who has returned to school after the holidays with a very mature attitude to learning. They are making super progress in maths and are able to explain their answers confidently – Well Done Ollie!
Class 1	The ribbon this week for Class 1 goes to Elenna. Elenna has been working incredibly hard in the provision, completing the work very well and supporting others to do the same. She always listens well and enjoys her learning. What a great role model you are Elenna.
Class 2	The ribbon this week goes to someone who always works hard and shows our school value of perseverance. They always have a smile on their face and make valuable contributions in class. Well done to Daisy
Class 3	The ribbon is going to Jack Lowe this week, for his positive attitude during 'Skip 2 be Fit' and his growth mindset. Well done Jack!



Hollie nominated Florence for respect. Florence is always polite, using good manners throughout school. She checks if everyone is ok as well when they look sad.

Attendance last week



EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
97%	99%	98%	94%

PE Days
 EYFS: Friday
 Class 1 : Wednesday and Thursday
 Class 2: Monday and Friday
 Class 3: Monday and Wednesday

Good attendance at school is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience. All pupils should have a minimum of 95% attendance, and any child with less than 90% is recorded as a persistent absentee. If you wish to discuss your child's attendance, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Lacey through the school office.

Donate Your Children's Outgrown Shoes

Do you have any unwanted pairs of children's shoes? Sal's Shoes is a charity based in Kent that to date, have organised 5 million pairs of children's shoes to be donated to 61 countries worldwide, including the UK.



If you would like to pass on any children's shoes please take the time to ensure:

- The shoes are outgrown but not outworn
 - Don't have holes in the soles
 - Don't have heels
 - Have laces if they need them
 - Have had a quick clean & are rubber banded in pairs
- The charity asks for a £1 donation per pair for the journey the shoes set off on to find their new feet. If you can spare this it would be appreciated. Please bring them to the school office on **any Friday during the Summer term** and Mr & Mrs Muir will organise onward postage.

Dates for your diary

April 2024

17/4/24	Striking and Fielding Festival (KS2) – Great Ouseburn, organised by Sporting Influence
18/4/24	Class 2 trip to Newcastle Theatre Royal with Dishforth Airfield to see 'The Wizard of Oz' – children will be late back approx. 6.30pm

May 2024

6/5/24	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for the day
w/c 13th May	Year 6 SAT week
20/5/24	EYFS Forest School afternoon (plus 3 rd and 10 th June)
24/5/24	Break-up May half-term

PTA Fundraising

Commemorating D-Day 80th anniversary

Friends of Dishforth would like children to collect loose change and add it to a class jar. The aim is to raise over £80.00 for the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. The class that raises the most by the 17th May 2024, will receive a portion of the funds to spend on whatever they wish and a donation will go to the Royal British Legion.

Please see the attached flyer for more details.

