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### Newsletter 24 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have another busy week in school this week with a science workshop and Comic Relief Day on Friday!

#### **Comic Relief Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March school will be supporting the Comic Relief Day where children can wear red noses and non-uniform for a £1 donation.

Mrs McBride has set the donation up on ParentPay which can be accessed through the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13732>

#### **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 traditional tales. We have enjoyed reading the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have experimented with making different types of bridges out of different construction materials. In maths reception have been recognising and subitizing the numbers 9 and 10. We have shared bedtime stories on World Book Day and have talked about the vegetable book characters we made.

**Class 1** – It has been a fun week in Class 1. We have learned how the Great Fire of London was fought, who tried to stop it and who did not and we have thought about who we think was the most to blame for the fire spreading all around London. We have also learned about saving money, how to save money and thought about if we should spend our money on things that we need or things that we want. Both Years 1 and 2 are really enjoying measuring things, with the rulers always being used to find out how long things are and to compare different lengths!

**Class 2** - This week in class 2 has been assessment week. We have enjoyed showing off all we have learned in school this term. On Thursday we loved world book day. We dressed in our pyjamas and got to read bed time stories to the children in Early Years. Also, on Thursday we had our trip to Thirsk Swimming pool. In Science we looked at how different

instruments create sound and in History we looked T similarities and differences between Roman and Anglo-Saxon living.

**Class 3** – Class 3 have begun looking at the Easter Service this week, practising some of the songs and preparing for church. We have also had a fantastic final Forest School lesson on Monday. We will be going back to Monday and Friday PE slots from now on (outdoors). The children have also made S'mores as a treat at the end of the lesson. In science, they have been doing an investigation about filtering materials in various liquids.

### **World Book Day Vegetable Competition**

The children looked fabulous on Thursday for World Book Day in their pyjamas! A super day was had by all and it was lovely to see the older children sharing books and reading with the younger children in school. A very big well done to everyone who took part in the vegetable book character competition – the winners were: Daisy, Matthew, Josephine and Daniel.

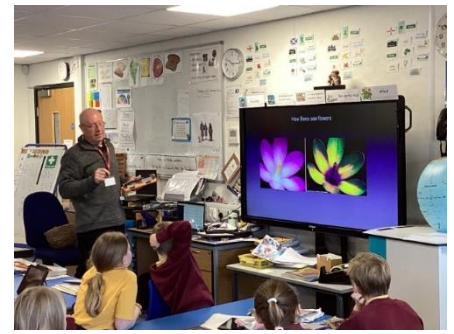


### **School Book Fair – thank you!**

We would like to thank everyone who supported the School Book Fair. Through your amazing support we were able to claim £308 worth of free books for our classroom libraries. This will help us to continue to promote reading for pleasure across the school.

### **Bee Keeper visit**

Last Monday, Mr Andrew Wood from 'Vale of York Apiaries, visited Class 2 to give the children a presentation all about bees. In their English learning, Class 2 are working towards producing an explanation text about 'How do bees make honey?' and Mr Wood's visit was organised to add a professional edge to the children's' writing. His talk was very informative, with some amazing photos and Mr Wood also brought in a hive, his beekeeping suit, smoker and some of the honey from his hives. The children were very enthusiastic, asking some inspired questions – did you know that it takes the lives of 12 bees to make a teaspoon of honey? Mr Wood's visit certainly inspired us and he was keen to see some of our explanation texts when we have finished – it's always important to have an audience.



### **Muslim Learner Service – Class 3**

Class 3 had a wonderful time on Friday morning learning about what it's like to be a Muslim in Britain today. They had a very informative workshop with Imran Kotwal, who told us more about Islam and some of the difficulties he faces being a Muslim in Britain. We learnt more about Mosques and the history of Muslims in Britain, including information from the 2021 Census. We also completed a quiz about food and dress laws as well as play some games.

### **Professor Bubbleworks – Science Professors**

We are looking forward to having the company 'Science Professors' visit our school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon to celebrate British Science Week 2024. To kick-start the visit, the whole school will be treated to a fun-filled Science demonstration which is promised to bring awe and wonder! In addition to this, our key stage 2 classes will take part in science workshops based on the British Science Week theme, 'time'. We are looking forward to sharing what we get up to with you!



### **Science Professors – please see below and the attachment**

*Dear Parent & Guardians,*

*We are thrilled to announce that we have organised an exciting day of workshop activities and demonstrations with the Science Professors team, part of Spark2Education, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.*

*Attached is a letter containing some more information about Science Professors and the workshop to give you an idea of the type of event your student will be able to participate in.*

*Also included is an offer to receive free post-visit resources from the award-winning children's science publisher Whizz Pop Bang, who have recently partnered with Spark2Education to keep your child's excitement for science learning alive long after the workshop day.*

*Please use the link included in the letter to sign-up to receive your free post-visit resources or visit [www.spark2.org/home-resources](http://www.spark2.org/home-resources).*

*When filling out the form, please copy and paste the following School Booking ID number into the specified form field:*

**School Booking ID: 4120**

**Year 5 Enrichment Day – Thirsk High School**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March Year 5 have been invited to experience a day at secondary school at Thirsk. Children will need to be at school for 8.30am, ready to leave on the buses at 8.40am. They will return to school for home time. Children are to come in their PE kits and they will need a packed lunch, water bottle and a warm coat.

**High 5 Netball Final**

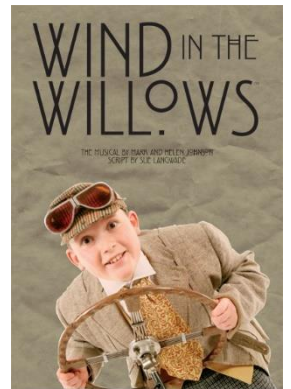
The High 5 Netball final which was postponed due to the weather before Christmas has been re-scheduled to take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, please can children arrive at school for 8.35am, ready to leave at 8.45am– good luck to the squad!

**Class 2 Production – Wind in the Willows**

We are looking forward to seeing Class 2 perform ‘Wind in the Willows’ on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm and then at the later time of 5.30pm. For the evening performance, please can children return to school at 5.15pm.

School will be filming the dress rehearsal which the whole school will watch and then this will be put securely on the school website with a password.

There is to be no filming on mobile phones or any other device at the performances – thank you.



**Easter School Lunch – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Roast Chicken and Yorkshire Pudding

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(V) Veggie Sausages and Yorkshire Pudding

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Roast Potatoes

Gravy

Broccoli and Sweetcorn

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Celebration Biscuit



## **Easter Service- Baldersby Church Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, we are taking the children to Baldersby St James Church to take part in an Easter Service which will be led by Year 5 children performing 'Roll Back the Stone'

The Service will begin at 1.45pm and parents / carers are welcome to join us. The children will then return to school where we close at 3.15pm for the Easter holidays.

The children can be collected straight from church for the Easter break if parents / carers would like to do this – please use the link <https://forms.office.com/e/MEU58PU9C3> or let Mrs McBride know by email so that we have a list of children who we know are leaving directly from church – thank you.

Please note the following:

- Children being picked up from church need minimal bags/lunch boxes/water bottles – it would be preferable if your child brings a packed lunch that this could be a disposable one
- At end of service all children will remain seated. Parents from each class will be invited one-year group at a time up the aisle to collect children who are going home. Teachers will hand over.

## **FEAST – Food, Entertainment, Arts, Sport, Together**

**FEAST brings the fun to the school holidays, offering lots of different activities for everyone to take part in.**

FEAST partners with leading holiday playschemes, clubs and activity providers from across North Yorkshire to offer a wide range of session for children of all ages from 4 to 18.

For further information please see the poster attached to this newsletter.

## **PE Days this half term**

Children can wear a plain black of navy tracksuit or shorts, plain white t-shirt and trainers. PE days are as follows for this half term:

<b>EYFS:</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>Class 1:</b>	<b>Monday and Thursday</b>
<b>Class 2:</b>	<b>Wednesday and Thursday (swimming)</b>
<b>Class 3:</b>	<b>Monday and Friday</b>



## **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.

## **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 is making brilliant progress in their writing. They wrote a lovely bedtime story about a unicorn for World Book Day – well done Daisy!

**Class 1** – The ribbon for class 1 goes to someone who is a hard worker and an enthusiastic learner. They are always ready to learn and give 100% to their work. Keep up the fantastic work Oliver!

**Class 2** - The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked very hard learning their lines for our play. They are a great asset to our class room and have a lovely attitude to learning. Well done Amelia!

**Class 3** - The ribbon is going to someone for their amazing work this week with tests. They have shown great determination and tried their absolute best! Well done, Erin!

### **Values in Action**

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



This person has been nominated because they are a good friend and they always check on me if I'm feeling a bit down.

The award goes to Dan who was nominated by Kingsley.

Well done, Dan!

## 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:

<b>Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>			
<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Class 3</b>
<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>90.6%</b>	<b>95.1%</b>

Kind regards,

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>March 2024</b>	
<b>11/3/24</b>	Rev Dianne Gamble – Collective Worship
<b>15/3/24</b>	Comic Relief Day  KS2 science workshops – Professor Bubbleworks
<b>19/3/24</b>	Year 5 Curriculum Enrichment Day at Thirsk School  High 5 Netball final
<b>20/3/24</b>	<b>Class 2 Production 'The Wind in the Willows'</b>  Afternoon performance 2pm  Evening performance 5.30pm (children to arrive back at 5.15pm please)
<b>21/3/24</b>	Class 2 last swim  Class 1 – Great Fire of London workshop
<b>22/3/24</b>	Baldersby St James Church – whole school - 1.45pm  Break-up for Easter at 3.15pm (no after school club)
<b>April 2024</b>	

<b>8/4/24</b>	Training Day
<b>9/4/24</b>	School open for the summer term
<b>16/4/24</b>	Skipping / Boxercise Day
<b>18/4/24</b>	Class 2 trip to Newcastle Theatre Royal with Dishforth Airfield to see 'The Wizard of Oz' – children will be late back approx. 6.30pm
<b>May 2024</b>	
<b>6/5/24</b>	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for the day
<b>w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SAT week
<b>20/5/24</b>	EYFS Forest School afternoon <b>(plus 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June)</b>
<b>24/5/24</b>	Break-up May 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