NEWSLETTER 18th October 2024

"Rooted and grounded in love" Ephesians 3:17



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Headteacher's Message

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone that attended parents evening this week. From Nursery right through to Year 6 it was great to catch up with everyone's parents and carers and show off the children's amazing work and super progress. There was a really positive buzz in the school hall and lots of proud parents. If you didn't manage to book an appointment, then please ask your child's teacher or contact the school office. Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome Lisa Addinall, our new School Administrator, into school for her first day. Please say hello and introduce yourselves, I know she is looking forward to getting to know everyone. It will take her a little while to get settled in and get to grips with all our office systems, so I know that you will all be understanding while she gets established.

On Wednesday some of our keen Year 5&6 Netballers attended a Sporting Influence tournament at Boroughbridge High School. They had a brilliant time and were a credit to the school with their excellent behaviour and sporting attitude. The rain even held off for them!

We are starting to get phone calls into school from families keen to look around for September 2025 places. It is always a privilege to welcome new families, there is so much to be proud of and visitors often comment on the positive behaviour in classrooms and how busy and engaged the children are. We have spaces for next September in EYFS but we also currently have spaces in lots of other year groups. If you know anyone looking for a new school or thinking of a change, please encourage them to come and visit

I hope that everyone saw my email earlier today celebrating the publishing of our SIAMS inspection report. We are so proud of the report and all everyone has achieved. I would urge you to read it, if you haven't already. Lastly, please don't forget Wednesday 23rd (next Wednesday) is photograph day in school for individual and family photos and Friday is our special Harvest Assembly at the village Hall (see the next page for more details).

What have we been learning this week?			
EYFS	Class 1		
This week in Early Years we have enjoyed looking at and retelling the story of The Gingerbread Man. We have used playdough to make our own gingerbread men. In maths nursery have continue their work on sorting and reception have been recognising, subitising and showing 1, 2 and 3. We have made posters showing our understanding of different textured materials.	We have had another great week in Class 1 with lots and lots of writing. Everyone has been writing about the polar bear Leaf and have all worked incredibly hard. In maths we have been focussing on number bonds to 10 with Year 2 children extending their knowledge to 20 and to 100. We did not get the hoped for rain this week so we will be on the look out for some next week!		
Class 2	Class 3		

In Class 2 this week we have had a busy week. In English this week we have been writing Newspaper reports based on our class text of "Stone Age Boy" by Satoshi Kitamura. In maths we have been looking at column addition and subtraction with increasingly tricky numbers. On Tuesday in Science we researched Mary Anning, looking at her famous discoveries of fossils. On Wednesday we compared Urban and rural areas in Geography and we began to create packaging for our KitKats that we designed last week for DT. In computing we used coding to create repeating tessellating shapes.

Class 3 have been coming to the end of their maths unit about adding and subtracting. They have also been planning a formal letter to Shackleton to apply to be one of his crew members on board the Endurance. For our DT project, we have finished constructing our money boxes in wood technology. We were also researching El Salvador in relation to the UK's trading links earlier this week in geography.

Celebrating our Success

Stars of the Week

EYFS	This star of the week is Logan. Logan has shown a very mature attitude to everything that he has done this week. He is working really hard on his fine motor skills and is making super progress. Well done Logan!	
Class 1	The Super star for Class 1 this week is Elenna. Elenna is such a kind and thoughtful person to have in class. She always works hard and supports others to do the same. Keep up the great work Elenna.	
Class 2	The star this week goes to Zac D. Zac has shown real hard work and maturity this week. He is much more ready to learn and is completing his work to a good standard all the time. Well done Zac.	
Class 3	Holly N has got star of the week this week for her dedication and perseverance in her maths assessment today! She absolutely smashed it! Well done Holly!	

Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
97.3%	96.14%	98.56%	96.31%
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Harvest Assembly

Next Friday 25th everyone is welcome to our special Harvest Assembly in the village hall from 2.30pm. Each class will be sharing and we will be having a collection for Ripon Community Food Bank.

Food donations could be brought to school in the morning, or by parents directly to the village hall in the afternoon. Please can all donations be non-perishable in-date foods in tins or packets.

Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates

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Friday 25 th October	Harvest Festival Assembly at the Village Hall 2.30pm		
Friday 8 th November	EYFS & Class 2		
Friday 15 th November	Class 1 & Class 3		
Friday 22 nd November	EYFS & Class 2		
Friday 29 th November	Class 1 & Class 3		
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The gate at the KS2 side of school will open at 2.45 for parents and carers to make their way into the hall.

We look forward to welcoming you.

The Values Award









Xander nominated
Alex R for
perseverance
because in Maths
he found it hard
but got on, worked
hard and finished
it.

Breakfast Club

Just a little reminder that we stop serving breakfast at breakfast club at 8.15

Safeguarding

Please can you ensure that your children are not arriving at school too early? We have had a few mornings with unaccompanied KS2 children on the playground as early as 8.30. Breakfast club is available for any families who need before school care for their children.

This week's National College 'Wake Up Wednesday' online safety attachment is on Screen Addiction.

Friends of Dishforth News

Parent Pay is now live and ready to take your ticket booking for our amazing Halloween Party and also our 2024 Pumpkin Trail.







Dates for your diary

21.10.24	Collective worship led by Rev Dianne Gamble	
23.10.24	School photographs – individual and family	
25.10.24	Harvest Service in the Village Hall 2.30	
26.10.24 Friends of Dishforth Halloween disco		

Sporting Influence Fixtures 2024/25

Please note that teams/children involved will be notified during the year. Our intention is that every child has the opportunity to take part in at least one event in each school year.

Date	Event	Venue
27th November 2024	EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Cross Country Boroughbridge Hig	
30 th April 2025	EYFS & KS1 Multi Skills	Boroughbridge High
4 th June 2025	Y3/4 & Y5/6 Striking Games	Boroughbridge High
25 th June 2025	Y1/2 & Y3/4 Dodgeball	Boroughbridge High
Finals	Football — 12 th November 2024 Netball — 13 th November 2024 Cross Country — 22 nd January 2025 Striking & Fielding — 9 th July 2025	

