NEWSLETTER 25th April 2025

"Rooted and grounded in love" Ephesians 3:17



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Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the Summer term! It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school on Tuesday after our Easter break. As you may have seen, it was a busy holiday on site with the installation of a new Friends of Dishforth uniform shed at the front of school, new fencing for our Early Years play area and finally some new lighting for our carpark. We also took the opportunity to get rid of some of the old rotten fencing around school while these jobs were happening to make things smarter and safer for everyone.

We have packed a lot into our first short week back with Skip2bFit coming in and running skipping workshops with the children on Thursday and an Australia day for class 1 to launch their new topic. Also on Thursday, I had the privilege of accompanying our reception children on their school trip to Harlow Carr gardens. The children had a fabulous time and were beautifully behaved, a real credit to the school. I can't wait to see their wildflower seeds grow.

Just a little reminder that children need to have their PE kits in school EVERY DAY. At this time of the year the timetable in school can change for lots of different reasons (including to make the most of good weather) so it is essential that children have the things they need all week.

What have we been learning this week?		
EYFS Link to website class page – new Summer term newsletter now uploaded! This week in Early Years we have really enjoyed discussing the adventures we have had over the Easter holidays. We have started our new topic on Living things and have read the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Reception children had a fantastic visit to Harlow Carr gardens in Harrogate. We enjoyed planting wild flower seeds, and looking at what creatures live in the pond, meadow and woodland habitats.	Class 1 Link to website class page – new Summer term newsletter now uploaded! Class 1 have had a fantastic week beginning their new topic of Australia. On Tuesday we learned the story of Tiddalik, learned the continents of the world and located Australia and drew some amazing Australian birds. Year 2 are really enjoying learning how to find a half, quarter and a third and year 1 are working hard to count in steps of 2, 5 and 10.	
Class 2 <u>Link to website class page</u> – new Summer term newsletter now uploaded! Welcome back to summer term! It was lovely to see the children back this week. We have started reading our new class text, "The Boy at the Back of the Class" which we are enjoying. In Geography we have been looking at the countries and capitals of South America and we will start to look more in depth into Brazil and the Amazon. On Thursday we had our annual visit from Dave from Skip2BFit. We loved doing our skipping and boxing fitness work.	Class 3 Link to website class page- new Summer term newsletter now uploaded! Class 3 have had a great start to the term, with Year 5's starting their statistics maths topic. Meanwhile Year 6 have been focusing on Shape. In English we have explored short, illustrated stories to eventually create our own. We have started our Geography topic on coastal environments, looking at the features of the coast in the UK.	

	Stars of the Week Celebrating our Success	_
EYFS	This week's star of the week is Tommy. Tommy is becoming a confident reader. He thinks carefully about how to answer questions and shares some really good ideas. Well done Tommy!	
Class 1	The star for Class 1 this week goes to Jax for his amazing vocabulary when writing.	
Class 2	The star this week goes to Connie, who I have seen being a good friend and classmate by helping others this week.	
Class 3	This week's star is Daniel N for having a great start to the term, focusing on his work and being ready and respectful at all times.	

The Values Award



This week Tomas nominated Jace for perseverance because he worked so hard finishing his Tiddalik book. Well done Jace!

Attendance this week

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EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	
95.51%	98.91%	97.67%	97.77%	

Friends of Dishforth Request

At Dishfest this year the Friends of Dishforth will be running a chocolate tombola and glam up – face painting.

Do you have any time you could give to volunteer?



Could you donate a choccy treat?



Any support you can offer will be gratefully received and the money raised is used for the benefit of all our children, for example in buying additional equipment or subsidising coaches for school trips.



Head lice and nits - NHS

I challenge you read this without itching!

Safeguarding

Attached this week is an updated 'Wake up Wednesday' quide to 'What parents need to know about age ratings'.

Bikes and Scooters

It has been fabulous to see so many children cycling or scooting to school in the nice weather. Please could you make sure that children wear helmets and also get off and walk when they are on school grounds. Thank you!

Senior Teacher

Did you know that Mrs Chaplin is our Senior Teacher in school?

This role means that she looks after things if Mrs Lacey is out of school and takes some senior leadership responsibilities, such as leading our Early Years provision, being our Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead and developing our new Behaviour policy.

Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates		
2 nd May	Class 1 and Class 3	
9 th May	EYFS and Class 2	
16 th May	Class 1 and Class 3	
23 rd May	EYFS and Class 2	
The gate at the KS2 side of school will open at 2.40.		

We look forward to welcoming you.

