

NEWSLETTER 27th September 2024

“Rooted and grounded in love”
Ephesians 3:17



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Headteacher's Message

This week we held our first Governing Board meeting of the year in school. Jim Brown our long-standing Chair of Governors and great supporter of the school for many years, has come to the end of his time volunteering on our Governing Board. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him on behalf of the whole school community for all his incredible commitment, hard work and dedication to our school over the last 12 years. His vision and passion for school development alongside his supportive and encouraging nature have had a huge impact on our school community in countless ways. Thank you Jim, you are leaving a big shoes to fill! We have a vacancy for a parent Governor and we will shortly begin the election process. More information about this will follow in next week's newsletter.

This week we sent a Year 5&6 team to the Sporting Influence 7-a-side football tournament at Boroughbridge High School. Mrs Burgess and Mrs Chester, who accompanied the children were thrilled with their exemplary behaviour, team work and sportsmanship. They were a real credit to our school and we are really proud of them. We now have a calendar of the local sporting fixtures for the year from Sporting Influence. We shall be attending them all and transport has been already been booked (apart for the finals). The list is attached to this newsletter. We will contact you much nearer the time of each event with more detailed information.

Lastly, I hope you received the email notifying your of our SIAMS inspection Tuesday. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our inspector into school to meet our wonderful children, celebrate our Christian ethos, and see the hard work that goes in every day to make the school the best that it can be.

What have we been learning this week?

EYFS

This week in EYFS we have been learning the story "The Little Red Hen". We have made masks of the Red Hen, practising spreading glue with a spreader. In maths we have continued our work on sorting and colours. We have been drawing around our friends and naming the different parts of the body. In RE we have been thinking about the different groups we belong to, including our families, our class and our school. We have learnt that people belong to religious groups and these groups have special symbols.

Class 1

We've had a great week in Class 1 writing our own stories of Stanley's stick. Everyone has retold the story superbly and worked really hard. In our Geography lesson we all worked together to make a huge map showing the features of the street outside of our school. We even sorted the features into physical and human features. Year 2 have been working hard in their maths lessons, partitioning numbers to 100 and Year 1 children have been learning how to use the symbols $<$, $>$ and $=$ to describe larger and smaller numbers.

Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have had a wonderful week. We have moved on to addition and subtraction in our maths lessons, looking at adding ones, tens hundreds and thousands to a number. In English we have written some fantastic stories based on "Stone Age Boy" by Satoshi Kitamura. In our DT lesson this week we looked at creating packaging using nets and in computing we created our own tessellating art work based on the work of Bridget Riley. To make a difference in our world this week, Class 2 have decided to set up a book swap in our classroom. If you have any reading books that you have finished with, could we please have them in class so they can be enjoyed by another family.

Class 3

Class 3 have had a wonderful week this week. We have represented school and competed in a football competition at Boroughbridge Highschool and they came 3rd place! The children have also written recounts in English based on our class book 'The Journey'. In RE we recapped the 'Big Freeze' pictures based on the Bible and the children thought of what they would include in their own pictures for creation.

Celebrating our Success



Stars of the Week

EYFS	Our Star of the Week is Jasmine. Jasmine has gained so much confidence in the last few weeks. She has persevered with writing her letters and is making super progress!
Class 1	The Star for Class 1 this week is Polly. She is really settling well into Class 1, working hard in all lessons and doing a fabulous job with her writing. Keep up the great work Polly.
Class 2	The star of the week this week is Connie. Connie has had a great start to key stage 2, setting a good example to her other year 3s and has completed a fantastic home learning project linked to our DT this week.
Class 3	The star of the week is Bobby Winter for his excellent behaviour and attitude to learning!

The Values Award



Dan has nominated Rupert for compassion AND respect. He said that on Wednesday at the football tournament Rupert was an amazing captain, making sure that everyone was happy.

Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
87.7%	89.4%	96.8%	93.9%



Census Day Lunch

Next Thursday is National School Census Day and there will be a special 'Build A Burger' School lunch.



Safeguarding

Attached this week is our October Knowsley Online Safety Newsletter. It contains information on mobile phones, new Instagram controls and the launch of iOS 18.

Don't forget...

Harvest Festival Service at the village hall on Friday 25th October at 2.30pm
Parents evenings are on 14th and 16th October

Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates

Friday 4 th October	Class 1 and 3
Friday 11 th October	EYFS & Class 2
Friday 18 th October	Class 1 and 3
Friday 25 th October	EYFS & Class 2

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.

Breakfast and After School Club Bookings

Thank you to everyone who has been getting their club bookings in by Friday lunchtime. As we are currently short staffed in the office this is very helpful!
Thank you.

Hedgehog Highways

It has been fabulous to see how many Hedgehog Highways have been taken by families to install in their gardens. We were delighted to see the Smith family had installed theirs.



If you would like your Hedgehog photograph on the newsletter please email it to the school office.

Friends of Dishforth News



EVERYONE IS WELCOME
Stay informed and get involved.

School Hall
on
Thursday 17th October
Straight after school pick up



Parentkind
Member Association

NOT SUPER SCARY HALLOWEEN HOLIDAY CLUB

...BOROUGHBRIDGE... ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st October

Ages 5-11

Performing Arts Centre
Boroughbridge High School

9:30am - 15:30pm
(keep around case available)

£30 per day
Includes morning snack and all materials to take home at the end of each session

Come and join us for two days of SPOOKTACULAR fun-filled activities

- Spooky Spells
- Develish Dancing
- Pumpkin Decorating
- Team Competitions
- Crazy Crafts
- Monster Music

Ending with our HALLOWEEN PARTY (Thursday)

REGISTER HERE

Message from the Governors

We are excited to announce a new co-chair ship of Dishforth CofE School Governing Board. From September Mrs Kirstie Lowe and Mrs Jenny Crabtree will be leading the board to set the schools vision, ethos, strategic direction and financial stability of our school.

We have moved to a co-chairship to gain many benefits such as diverse perspectives, shared responsibility, continuity and resilience.

Jenny has been on the board for over 4 years. She currently works in the Secondary education sector and is mum to Connie in Class 2. Kirstie has been on the board for over 5 years and holds the role of Foundation Governor to build the religious character of the school and is mum to Daisy in Class 2.

If you would like to know more about the governing board please speak to Kirstie or Jenny, visit the school website page or contact school.

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
25th September 2024	Y3/4 & Y5/6 Football	Boroughbridge High
16th October 2024	Y5/6 Netball	Boroughbridge High
27th November 2024	EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Cross Country	Boroughbridge High
30th April 2025	EYFS & KS1 Multi Skills	Boroughbridge High
4th June 2025	Y3/4 & Y5/6 Striking Games	Boroughbridge High
25th 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	