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Dear Parents / Carers

A very warm welcome to George and Lola who have joined us today in Year 5.

Class News

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

EYFS – EYFS have continued to learn about 'Our Wonderful World'. We learned the song 'What a Wonderful World' and performed it to Mrs Lyon in Celebration Assembly. We started on our exciting journey of learning to read, learning the sounds: m, a, s and t. We explored colour mixing using two primary colours painted on our hands and then rubbing them together to make a new colour.

Class 1 – Class 1 have continued their learning about colour. We have explored the art of Rothko and learned about mixing primary colours. Our local area study has introduced us to the idea of human and physical features of a place. In Literacy, we were visited by an alien and we were asked to write a guide to show them around our planet!

Class 2 – Class 2 have continued our work on Place Value and begun to interrogate bigger numbers. In English we have made instructional posters and leaflets about keeping our environment clean and safe. In our topic work we discovered that Stone Age people were our first ancestors to farm the land.

Class 3 – Class 3 have written poems to inspire people to take the time to look at the sky and wonder about our world. We have written these on tracing paper and mounted the poems over our artwork of the sky to decorate our classroom. In Maths we have been rounding numbers and using negative numbers. In science we have had fun making electrical switches to turn our circuits on and off.

Virtual Reality – KS2

Class 2 worked with Oliver from Prime VR on Friday. We used VR headsets to explore and understand more about the Stone Age. We experienced a Stone Age family eating a meal that didn't quite make sense. We then visited a Stone Age house from both the Mesolithic and Neolithic periods and we compared the differences. We finally explored Stonehenge which was built during the period and looked at theories of how it was created.

Class 3 travelled around the world to many amazing places. We matched up landmarks to cities and countries. We started by visiting Paris and had a bird's eye view of the city. Next, we visited Rome in the evening sunset. We saw the beautiful Taj Mahal in India and found out about why it was built. We felt we were floating above the Great Wall of China and found out it is 13000 miles long. Our next stop was Mexico and we saw the iconic Mayan temple complex – then onto Petra in Jordan. We ended our tour in New York above Central Park. The children showed an impressive ability to recognise where they were and asked some fantastic questions.

Special School Dinner – Thursday 1st October

On Thursday Cook, Mrs Botma, is cooking a special school dinner! Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 can have this for free and children in Nursery and Years 3-6 can order the lunch on the day. The menu is as follows:



Cheese and Tomato Pizza with chips

Vegetable Sticks

Chocolate Brownie



Before and After School Childcare

Before and After School Childcare takes place in the new room off the hall. Pick up and drop off is made from the door on the Astroturf at the rear of the school building. Please follow the one-way system round the building to drop off or collect your child. To keep our children safe, please remember to close the gates behind you.

In order to assist with staffing and food arrangements for this club, if you need a place for your child / children please ensure you book in advance.

Parents Evening

Please see the separate letter regarding Parent / Teacher consultations for this term that has been sent home today with the children. There is one form for each family as the teachers will work together to co-ordinate timings for siblings. I would appreciate the forms being returned to class teachers by this Friday – thank you.

Sporting Events

This term sports competitions will be running differently from usual and will take place within school. Sporting Start have organised an intra school Football competition for KS2 which will take place on the afternoon of 6th October. Could children bring in outdoor PE and football boots (no metal studs) and their own shin pads if possible. There are some shin pads in school for those who don't have their own.

On 13th October Mr Duffy will run a Tri-Golf Tournament as an after-school activity for children to try out. This club is open to all ages but places will be limited as this is a one-off trial event. A letter will follow.

Mapping of School Grounds – 9th October

I am delighted to announce that we are getting the grounds of the school mapped so that we can teach the children orienteering skills.

Office – Thursdays

Just to ensure all families are aware that on Thursdays there is limited Office cover throughout the day. Mrs Clark is in the office at the start and end of the day on a Thursday but not between 10am and 3:00pm therefore if you have any queries, please avoid this time.

Advance notice

There will be no After School Childcare on **Tuesday 17th November and Wednesday 2nd December** due to whole staff Paediatric First Aid training and also on **Wednesday 13th January 2021** due to whole staff Safeguarding training. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, however due to the nature of the training it is important that every member of staff is up to date in these areas and I do not anticipate any further disruption to the After School Childcare Club in the academic year.

Celebration Assembly

Every Friday afternoon the school usually gathers together for a Celebration Assembly – although we are unable to gather together at the moment as a full school, we will still be celebrating in classes and this started on Friday.

Celebration Assembly

On Friday afternoon, we have our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly ribbons;



Ribbons

EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone who always shows kind, friendly behaviour to everyone and tries their best in all that we do with a very positive attitude. Well done, Polly!

Class 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is a kind, helpful and responsible member of Class 1. Well done to Rupert!

Class 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is a kind, considerate and helpful member of the class who always remembers our school rules. Well done, Velvet!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has written a poem about the sky using impressive imagery. Well done, Savannah!

Kind regards

J M Lyon, Head Teacher

Diary Dates

September	
29/9/20	Flu Immunisation Day – all primary age children
October	
6/10/20	KS2 football
13/10/20	Tri-golf after school – limited places
14/10/20	Individual Photograph Day
w/c 19/10/20	Parent / child / teacher consultations
23/10/20	Break-up for October half term
November	
2/11/20	Training Day
3/11/20	School open
17/11/20	No after school childcare club due to staff training in Paediatric First Aid
December	
2/12/20	No after school childcare club due to staff training in Paediatric First Aid
16/12/20	Christmas School Dinner
17/12/20	Christmas Parties
18/12/20	Break-up for Christmas 2.30pm
January	
4/1/21	Training Day for staff
5/1/21	School open for the spring term
13/1/21	No after school childcare club due to staff training in Safeguarding

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