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Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you all had a restful half term break last week where it was nice to see the temperature rise a few degrees from what it has been!

This half term is busy with plenty to look forward to such as World Book Day, Comic Relief and of course, Easter. In addition to this, we are all very much hoping that our school family will be back together again very soon.

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 been thinking about making pancakes, ready for Shrove Tuesday. We read the story of Mr Wolf's Pancakes and really enjoyed the surprise ending. We made links to the story of The Little Red Hen. The children have read a recipe for making pancakes and have drawn illustrations for a recipe book.

Class 1 – This week Class 1 have read the story Toys in Space. Using this text, we have planned and written our own adventure stories featuring our own toys! In art children have learnt about Kandinsky and have created some Valentine Day themed artwork. In R.E children have learnt about Lent and Shrove Tuesday. They have designed their perfect pancake and also thought about what they would give up for Lent. In Science, children have investigated which materials float and which materials sink.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 we have been writing our own anthropomorphic stories based on the story of Charlotte's Web. Our Science learning this week looked at the water cycle and the changing states of water. We froze, melted and boiled water to see evaporation and condensation in action. In History we looked at how we commemorate the end of WW2 and we looked at the story of Jacob in our RE lesson.

Class 3 – In Class 3, the focus of our 'Amazing Americas' topic moved from a geography to a history focus. We started our investigation into the Maya civilisation - finding out how long ago it existed and where it was located. During computing, we continued to explore how to use Scratch and on Safety Internet Day we looked at how to be safe online and made posters to help other people remember the key messages. Most of our maths has been about symmetry and reflections. This helped us with our art activity, which involved creating a picture of a rainforest scene reflected in a river.

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March

On Thursday 4th March it is World Book Day. We would like all the children to dress up as a character from a book, whether they are at school or at home – please send us photos on the day. There will also be special activities to do on the day – further details are to follow.

Comic Relief – Friday 19th March

On Friday 19th March, it is Comic Relief Day. On this day children can come into school in non-uniform for a £1 donation and they can also wear a red nose! Donations can be made through ParentPay. Look for the Red Nose Day Donations payment item.

School Dinner Menu changes in March

Please see below for menu changes this half term due to promotional special lunches:

Tuesday 2nd March – Week 2 menu

Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce & Pasta

Green Beans & Sweetcorn

Bread

Followed by: Raspberry Bun & Cheese, or Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Thursday 4th March – Week 2 - World Book Day



Monstrous Maud Mac & Cheese

Peter Rabbit's Favourite Vegetable Medley

Followed by Mr Fox Fruity Flapjack

Wednesday 24th March – Week 2 menu

Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce & Pasta

Green Beans & Sweetcorn

Bread

Followed by: Raspberry Bun & Cheese, or Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Thursday 25th March – Week 2 - Easter Lunch

Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy

Yorkshire Pudding

Roast Potatoes

Broccoli & Sweetcorn

Followed by: Iced Easter Biscuit







Collective Worship

In addition to the Collective Worship and Picture News we are sending families each week, please find below links to further daily worship opportunities:

Beverley Minster have put together some online collective worship that can be accessed by all – they can be found here: <u>https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNMod0e_ud_At0uESQ2ijCvGcO5YRL2dN</u>

Faith at Home materials from the Church of England provide collective worship that can be accessed from home at <u>https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/faith-home/i-am-school-leader#na</u>

The Diocese of Canterbury Education Department have an excellent resource called 'William and Lucy Explore Worship at Home'. This special edition has been written to support children and their families in continuing with a simple pattern of worship, while schools are not open. <u>https://www.canterburydiocese.org/childrenandyoungpeople/our-schools/collective-worship-at-home/</u>

Celebration Assembly

The following children have been awarded our weekly ribbons;



<u>Ribbons</u>

EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has produced some super work on measuring, using play dough and pasta pieces to accurately measure and also for using super mathematical vocabulary. Well done, Celeste!

Class 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone for all their hard work in reading. Well done, Xander!

Class 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone for their infectious enthusiasm within school and also for their hard work in all areas. Well done, Jack S!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their excellent writing in English and Topic work – the writing has been thoughtful and extremely well organised. Well done, George!

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

Diary Dates

February					
22/2/21	School open				
March					
4/3/21	Thursday 4 th March – World Book Day – dress up as a character from a book				
	Menu change for school dinner				
25/3/21	Easter School Dinner				
26/3/21	Break-up Easter holidays at 2.30pm				
April					
12/4/21	Training Day				
13/4/21	School open for the summer term				
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3/5/21	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed				
13/5/21	Skip 2 Be Fit Day				
28/5/21	Break-up May half-term				
June					
7/6/21	School open				
July					
19/7/21	School Reports home				
21/7/21	Leavers' Assembly				
23/7/21	School closes for summer holidays at 2.30pm				
September					
6/9/21	Training Day				
7/9/21	School open for the autumn term				

I will be in each school every day as follows:

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Dishforth	Dishforth C of E	Dishforth	Dishforth C of E	Dishforth
	Airfield	Primary	Airfield	Primary	Airfield
Afternoon	Dishforth C of E	Dishforth	Dishforth C of E	Dishforth	Dishforth C of E
	Primary	Airfield	Primary	Airfield	Primary