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Dear Parents / Carers

Comic Relief – Friday 19th March

On Friday, it is Comic Relief Day. On this day children can come to 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.



Class News

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

EYFS – This week has been very busy in EYFS. It was lovely to welcome all the children back in Monday and we have been working hard to get back into our routines. We have been looking at 3D shapes – learning the names of different shapes and talking about their properties. We have done some super art work, looking at the flower paintings of Georgia O Keeffe, using pencil and oil pastels. We all enjoyed the balance bike afternoon on Tuesday, practising our gross motor skills and balancing.

Class 1 – This week, Class 1 children have enjoyed being back together and they have enjoyed exchanging the friendship cards they made during their last week of remote learning. This week, we have revisited our learning on explorers and have begun to learn about Christopher Columbus. In art, children have learnt about texture and have created art work based on a painting by Van Gogh. In P.E lessons, children have enjoyed developing their football skills.

Class 2 – It has been wonderful to see all of the children back in school this week. In English we have all written different stories with the title "I should never have gone there" thinking about what genres the title makes us think about. In maths we have continued our learning on fractions and measure. We have completed assessments in the latter part of the week but we have also found time to design and produce wonderful artwork and Mother's Day cards.

Class 3 – In Class 3 this week, we have enjoyed learning alongside each other again. We have taken time to discuss some positive actions we can take to improve our own feelings of wellbeing and build resilience. Alongside our end of term assessments, we have found lots of time to be creative. We have made pictures in the surrealist style of the Spanish artist, Joan Miró and found out about

his life and what inspired his work. During topic, we have looked at how explorers found out about the ancient Maya civilisation and looked for evidence in the sketches drawn at that time. We have also made up our own endings for our class reading book and we are having fun reading the last chapters together as a class.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place next week. Class teachers will send appointment times via the class email system and appointments are for 10 minutes.

Balance Bikes – EYFS

On Tuesday afternoon all of the children in EYFS enjoyed taking part in a balance bike session. The children put on their helmets, chose their bikes and were off! They practised balance biking in small and large spaces (looking out for obstacles), biking around cones, under limbos and over ramps. By the end of the session the children had made super progress and all were keen to show off their balance biking skills – some children even advanced on to bikes with pedals!



Library Donations

School has kindly received donations from families and people in the local community to support the development of the school library. We are working on expanding the number of non-fiction books we have in school and our aspiration is to have a full lending library in place for the children. This would require all the books to be catalogued under the Dewey system and recorded on library software. As I am sure you will appreciate, this is a costly project and if any families would like to support this project directly, then please get in touch with us for further information at:

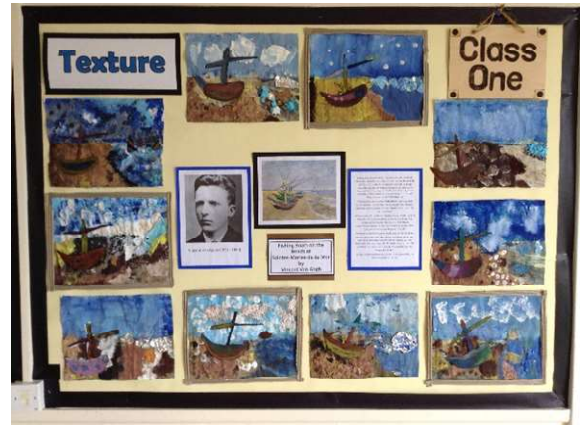
admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk

Usborne Virtual Book Fair on behalf of Friends of School

Just a reminder that the closing date for Mrs Lynch's book fair orders is tomorrow. Orders can be sent to Mrs Lynch using sarahjanesbookcorner@gmail.com.

Hall Display Boards: The Great Outdoors

All the children in school have worked on creating stunning displays in the hall with each class focusing on a particular artist and style of artwork. The theme of the displays is 'The Great Outdoors' to celebrate the beginning of spring. Thank you to Mrs Blyton for co-ordinating this.



Letter from Public Health England – attached

North Yorkshire's Director of Public Health has a message for families in North Yorkshire as many children and young people returned to settings last week. It is a reminder of the measures that everyone can do to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 as well as information for families about the opportunities for testing that are now being offered. Please refer to the letter attached.

Census – Sunday 21st March

As I am sure you are aware, it is Census Day this Sunday. The children will be learning a little bit about this in school this week in preparation for the day!

School Dinner Menu changes in March

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

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



School Dinners – Summer Term Menu

Please find attached to this newsletter the summer term school dinner menu for your information.

Easter – break-up Friday 26th March

School closes for the Easter break at the following times:

EYFS and Class 3 at 2.20pm

Class 1 and 2 at 2.30pm

Celebration Assembly

The following children have been awarded our weekly ribbons;



Ribbons

EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone for having a super attitude to all his work this week, but especially for his independent writing. Well done, Samuel!

Class 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has worked very hard in phonics and has carried out super learning. Well done, Charlie!

Class 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has written a beautiful story. Well done, Evie M!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their superb descriptive writing. Well done, Harrison!

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

Diary Dates

March	
19/3/21	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day £1 donation payable on Parent Pay
21/3/21	Census Day
w/c 22/3/21	Parents Evening week
25/3/21	Easter School Dinner
26/3/21	Break-up Easter holidays – staggered finish – EYFS and Class 3: 2.20pm Class 1 and 2: 2.30pm
April	
12/4/21	Training Day
13/4/21	School open for the summer term
May	
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 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