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Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you have all had a great Easter break and enjoyed the time off – it certainly seemed like we had all four seasons of weather over the two weeks. It's lovely to see the children today who are full of chatter as to what they have been up to!

It is of course a period of national mourning after the death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. There will be an opportunity for the children to reflect on the life and service of the Prince in collective worship this week prior to the funeral on Saturday.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to the children who have started in our school nursery this week:

Levison, Emini and Elenna.

Class News

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

EYFS – In EYFS this week we have been thinking about Easter. We have listened to the Easter story and learnt about why Christians make Easter gardens. We acted out different parts of the story. We have written instructions about how to plant a bean seed and have planted sunflower seeds to hopefully brighten up our outdoor area over the summer. We have practised our weaving skills to make Easter cards.

Class 1 – This week has been friendship week in class 1. We have discussed what makes a good friend and made friendship tokens to give to one another. Children have written acrostic poems about friendship, designed and made friendship bracelets, used ICT to create cards for their friends and have used their art skills to draw friend portraits. Children have thoroughly enjoyed their learning challenges.

Class 2 – This week we have looked at the language and layout used in advertisements and have written our own advertising healthy snacks. For science we have looked at appliances around the home and whether they require mains electricity or battery power. We have also looked at how we can make sure we stay safe around our electrical appliances. In RE we have thought about how

Christians remember the Easter period and we have learned more songs for our production. We hope you have a lovely restful Easter break.

Class 3 – In Class 3, we have continued to create journalistic writing and we have made poems inspired by a forest setting in our guided reading book. In maths, we have compared imperial and metric measures and now know some of these comparisons off by heart. We have also developed our understanding of time durations and converting between units of time. We have continued with our weaving and developed this skill for our Easter cards. On Thursday, Mrs Lyon set us an exciting DT challenge. We had to select and buy items to package an egg, which was then dropped from one metre. Three teams got through to the second round and these eggs were dropped from two metres. Amazingly, two eggs survived this drop. The winning teams were: Iestyn/ Florence/Georgia and Zach/William/Jack.

Curriculum Letters

A letter will go out later this week outlining what your child / children will be learning about this term in the different subjects at school.

School Uniform

A polite reminder that children need to wear school shoes as part of their uniform. In summer, girls can wear red checked dresses. Again, school shoes are part of the summer uniform as opposed to sandals or flip flops. Children still need practical footwear for school that protects their feet and allows them to move / run about safely.

RSE Policy – attached

Please find attached to this week's newsletter the Relationship and Sex Education Policy (RSE) for your information. All schools in England are required to have a policy for RSE. If you have any comments or queries regarding the policy then please get in touch via the admin email by Monday 19th April.

Online safety newsletter - attached

Please also find attached to this newsletter, this month's online safety newsletter which has a feature on Tik Tok that is a useful read and reminder about content, safety and age appropriateness.

Raising Awareness - Perthes disease

A member of our school family has asked if awareness can be raised amongst the community regarding a rare disease called Perthes disease.

Perthes disease is a rare childhood condition that affects the hip and further information can be found on the links below.

[Perthes' disease - Paediatric Orthopaedics \(ouh.nhs.uk\)](http://Perthes'disease-PaediatricOrthopaedics(ouh.nhs.uk))

<https://youtu.be/B4NeD5Yx3QA>



Library Donations

School has kindly continued to receive donations from families, people in the local community and businesses to support the development of the school library. As many of you know, 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 Book Sale

A huge thank you to Mrs Lynch who organised a book sale before Easter. We have been able to choose a number of books for our library with the commission from sales. Thank you also to the families who bought the books to enable this to happen.

Sun Cream

Please can I ask parents to ensure the children have sun cream applied to them before they come to school in the morning when the forecast is due to be sunny and also please do send into school a bottle of sun cream labelled with your child's name on it so that they can apply it when necessary over the summer months – thank you.

Celebration Assembly

The following children were awarded our weekly ribbons just before the Easter break;



Ribbons

EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone for trying very hard with her handwriting and for some super writing about how to plant a bean seed. Well done, Josephine!

Class 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone for working hard on his learning challenges. Well done Jacob!

Class 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone for his effort and enthusiasm in learning his lines for our production. Well done, Joshua!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for good thinking during the Easter egg DT challenge and for his calm, mature approach to work during his last week. Well done, Iestyn!

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

Diary Dates

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