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Dear Parents / Carers

We had a very busy week in school last week with our skipping workshops and the Class 2 visit to the war memorial. Thank you to Evie for writing about the experience of the visit which is in this week's newsletter.

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 the animals we might see if we go on safari. We have enjoyed reading a non-fiction book about lions and have learned lots of new vocabulary to do with Lions. We have made lion masks and enjoyed playing with the safari small world set up. We have carried on with early addition work in maths, using the First, Then, Now model. We all enjoyed taking part in our skipping workshop.

Class 1 – This week class 1 have enjoyed learning off by heart a story from South America. Children have worked hard to write the story using a range of vocabulary. In maths, children have revisited multiplication and have explored making arrays to represent multiplication. In Science, children have set up an investigation to find out what seeds need in order to germinate. We have also enjoyed our Skip2BFit workshop!

Class 2 – We have had a very busy week in Class 2. We have looked in depth at two key aspects of World War 2. Firstly, we have looked at rationing and the reasons for it. We also looked at the positive impacts it had the nation's health. We also visited the War Memorial in Dishforth and looked at the names and ages of the young men that gave their lives from here and abroad. In our maths learning both Year 3 and Year 4 have begun to look at time. For science we looked into different types of flowering and non-flowering plant and completed a sorting activity. We investigated the idea of 'Oracle bones' from Shang Dynasty era China and looked at why they were important to the Chinese culture.

Class 3 – We now have our parts for our Macbeth performance and we are learning lines and getting into character. During literacy, we have each written a detailed character study of the character we are playing and we are reading through our play with these descriptions in mind. We have studied different aspects of Viking life during our topic time, which has helped with our understanding of life in Britain at the time Macbeth is set and with our understanding of type of army our characters were

fighting at the beginning of the play. We really enjoyed our Skip 2B Fit session and feel very inspired by the exercises and the messages we were given. During art and design, we looked at designs for Viking shields and we began to construct life-sized versions which we intend to use within our play.

Class 2 visit to War Memorial

When we were told to get our coats, we were excited to go to the war memorial. We chose our partners and set off. When we arrived at the war memorial, some of us felt honoured, others felt apprehensive. Most of the soldiers were twenty or thirty, but some of the soldiers were seventeen, eighteen or nineteen. Just looking at the graves made us feel sad and devastated. Flowers and plants were laid on the graves. Mr Duffy told us we had to be very respectful towards the graves. He said that the graves with the cross on were Christian soldiers and the graves with a star on were Jewish. When we returned back to school, we were chatting about how we felt. The thought of a seventeen-year-old boy going to fight in the war was just horrifying! Sometimes graveyards are spooky and creepy, but there I felt safe and welcome. If it wasn't for the soldiers we may not have had a life like we do now. Although it made me feel sad, I've enjoyed our trip to the war memorial.

Written by Evie M



Skip to Be Fit Day

On Thursday, Dave from Skip2bfit came into school and we had a fantastic time. Dave taught us all about the physical benefits of skipping and we learnt some really exciting new ways to incorporate skipping into our day. Even the teachers got involved! Dave also taught us all about the benefits of never giving up and making sure that we always try our best to encourage us to improve. Thank you very much to Dave and we hope to see him in school again soon.



School Dinner promotions

Fakeaway Day - Thursday 20th May 2021



Crispy Chicken Bites with Potato Wedges
and Vegetable Sticks
Ice-cream Roll and Peaches

Royal Celebration – Friday 11th June



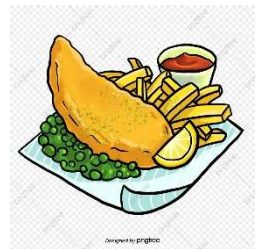
Celebrate with Queen Elizabeth II for her 95th Birthday with a delicious afternoon tea

A Selection of Freshly Made Sandwiches with Small
Homemade Sausage Rolls, Homemade Cheese Quiche
and Vegetable Sticks

Lemon Drizzle Scones served with Raspberry Jam, Cream and
Fresh Raspberries.

Seaside Special – Thursday 15th July

Harry Ramsden Crispy Battered Fish (Vegetarian Option available)
Chips
Mushy Peas
Tomato Ketchup
followed by
Doughnut Muffins



Menu Change – Friday 16th July

Due to the Seaside Special lunch on the 15th July, Beef Lasagne will be served on Friday 16th July.

Passport of Experiences

A huge thank you to families who have returned their ideas for our passport of experiences – the range of ideas are superb. The aim of these experiences is to enhance our curriculum in school and the children will complete the passports in school throughout their time with us. We are now in the process of collating and reviewing all the ideas and we shall let you know the contents of the passports in due course!

Advance Notice – start and end of school day timings

It is hoped that during the second half of the summer term, restrictions around social distancing will be lifted with an anticipated date of the 21st June. If all goes to plan and this turns out to be the case, we would hopefully be able to have one start and finish time in the school day instead of the current staggered system.

Therefore, when schools are allowed to cease with the staggered system, the start time at Dishforth CE Primary will be 8.45am and the school day will finish at 3.15pm. I will of course keep you informed with the exact date this will be implemented as the term progresses and we are all hoping it will be from Monday 21st June.

Celebration Assembly

The following children were awarded our weekly ribbons on Friday;



Ribbons

EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone for independently writing a very imaginative story about a star falling out of the sky. Well done, Rosie!

Class 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone for their excellent work in Maths and for their super listening. Well done, Alex!

Class 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone for their first-class attitude to learning. They have been ready, respectful and safe in the classroom at all times and have always been willing to participate in class discussions. Adding to this, they have taken on extra roles in our play and they are even going to sing a solo part! Well done, Aleesha!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their fantastic skipping and impressive handwriting development. Well done, Riley!

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

Diary Dates

May	
20/5/21	School Dinner promotion: Fakeaway Day
28/5/21	Break-up May half-term
June	
7/6/21	School open
11/12/21	School Dinner promotion: Royal Celebration – Queen’s Birthday
23/6/21	Olivia Mulligan – poet – to work with KS2 classes
25/6/21	Music for Life whole school concert and workshops for KS2
28/6/21	New Reception children Parent Information Session 6pm
July	
1/7/21	New Reception transition morning
8/7/21	New Reception transition morning
15/7/21	New Reception transition morning plus school dinner School Dinner promotion: Seaside Special
19/7/21	School Reports home
20/7/21	Sports Day (TBC)
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