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Dear Parents / Carers

We had a busy week in school last week with some very inspirational visitors to key stage 2 children. Olivia Mulligan, former pupil of the school and poet came and delivered some workshops and we also had Eleonore Cockerham (singer / pianist) and Sarah Beattie (singer /songwriter /guitarist) performing to Class 2 and 3.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Phoebe, Molly and Zac who have joined our school family this week in Years 4, 1 and Nursery.

Class News

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

EYFS – This week we have very much enjoyed finding out the ending to our class literacy book “The Bog Baby”. The children were very excited to find out whether the girls in the story would be able to keep the Bog Baby or not. This provoked lots of discussion about taking animals away from their natural habitats. The children wrote instructions for catching a Bog Baby. We have enjoyed learning about odd and even numbers in maths, exploring whether a group of objects can be put into pairs. We were excited to see that our class caterpillars have develop cocoons – hopefully butterflies will emerge soon!

Class 1 – This week, Class 1 have been learning about measuring length and height. In Geography, children have continued to learn about Australia. This week we have explored the physical features of the Northern Territory. In P.E children have learnt about relay races and have worked on their running skills.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 we have had a very exciting week. On Wednesday we were visited by local poet Olivia Mulligan who read us some of her poems and then helped us to write some of our own poetry about Dishforth. On Friday we were visited by Music for Life, who worked with us to put on our own very special music concert. We have also learnt about the desertification of China and read some more of our whole class text.

Class 3 – In Class 3 we have enjoyed a poetry workshop with Olivia Mulligan. We explored ways to describe Dishforth and then the life of a soldier. Finally, we wrote poems about a soldier. We also enjoy a musical performance and workshop by Music for Life this week. During our science session, we looked at how living things are adapted to their environments. In Literacy, we wrote a letter of

regret to Macbeth from Lady Macbeth. Our Macbeth rehearsals have been coming on well. We have worked out the moves for all the dances and we have been focusing on adapting our tone of voice to suit the character and mood. We have also been practising speaking confidently and clearly.

Olivia Mulligan – poet – 23rd June

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, BBC Radio York's Poet Laureate and former pupil of Dishforth CE Primary School, Olivia Mulligan, has been appointed to write a poem which is to be scribed on a stone sculpture that acknowledges the involvement of the military during the Second World War. The following email was written from Olivia to the school:

The workshops yesterday went really well and I was incredibly impressed by both classes and their immaculate behaviour! They were amazing. I was also very impressed by the writing and creative talent within the group. Please do pass this onto the children and I hope some of them will be inspired to continue to write.

Please also pass on my thanks to Mr Duffy and Mrs Blyton. They made me feel very welcome and I hope they enjoyed the sessions too.

I'll keep in touch and hopefully meet with the children again when the sculpture project is finished.

A huge thank you to Olivia and to the key stage 2 children. We shall look forward to seeing the stone sculpture project when it is completed.

Music for Life – Friday 25th June

On Friday 25th June, Key Stage 2 children listened to a wonderful concert from musicians through Music for Life. Eleonore and Sarah had the most beautiful singing voices and thoroughly entertained the children. Their concert and workshop was truly inspiring and we may find we have some future song writers amongst the children!

Library Update

I am delighted to update you all with news that many collections of non-fiction books have been bought for the new school library along with new atlases. We are now in a position to be trained in using the Reading Cloud facility and setting up the Dewey System in the library area. We are seeking to have an official opening in the autumn term and we will be continuing to raise money in order to keep adding books to the collections. A huge thank you to everyone who has generously supported this throughout the year.

COVID Restrictions

As you know, COVID restrictions are remaining in place until the 19th July. This is very disappointing and as a result, we have had to adapt our plans for the rest of the summer term after consulting with our Health and Safety Adviser and representatives from Public Health England.

Productions: The Class 2 and 3 productions will now be filmed like the Nativity Plays were in the autumn term and a password will be sent to families in order to view them. Class 2 production will be sent out to families this week and Class 3's production will be sent out week commencing the 5th July.

Transition: A whole school transition session will now take place on Thursday 22nd July in the morning – details of this will be shared next week.

Reception children parent information session will be held virtually on today at 6pm.

Sports Day and Leavers' Assembly: Sports Day and the Leavers' Assembly are scheduled for the last week of term and these will go ahead as planned. Sports Day is on Tuesday 20th July at 10am and the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly is on Wednesday 21st July at 2pm for the Year 6 children and their parents.

Start and end times of the school day: the staggered start and end times of the school day will remain in place for the rest of this term. It is hoped that in September we will be able to have one start and one finish time as previously shared in past newsletters: 8.45am – 3.15pm. Details will be shared before we break up for the summer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, children and families. This has been a difficult year for everyone and our priority is to keep safe. We have all worked so hard together to implement COVID safe procedures and we had very much hoped that we would be lifting restrictions on time, however we will need to wait a little longer.

Summer Reading Challenge and Holiday Activities

Please see below information regarding the Summer Reading Challenge from Thirsk Library:



We challenge all 4 - 11 year-olds to read 6 books over the holidays!

Our theme is Wild World Heroes so discover how to save our planet with this summer's reading challenge. Come to the library after school on Mon, Tues, Thurs or Fridays before **5pm** or between **9.30 - 3** on **Sat 3rd July or 10th July** to sign up or throughout the holidays.

You will get a record card and stickers and rewards every time you come in to choose more books. When you have read 6 books you get a medal and a certificate all FREE! Also we have Buzzy Bee's Honey Hunt for preschool children with stickers and rewards.

Also, attached to this newsletter is a leaflet from Thirsk Community Library which outlines a number of events and activities they are holding over the summer holidays.

North Yorkshire holiday programme FEAST (Food Entertainment Activities Sport Together)

At a recent meeting I attended, it was brought to my attention that a holiday food and activity programme is going to be delivered throughout North Yorkshire over the summer holidays that will be open to children (there will be a cost for sessions). Further information is expected in due course for schools to publicise this to their school community and I have included a link to the website below. The website will also be updated as this term progresses, however there are links to social media on there which may be of interest to families in order to gain up to date information over the coming weeks about where these events will take place, ages of children they are open to and cost.

<https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/>

School Dinner promotion

Seaside Special – Thursday 15th July

Harry Ramsden Crispy Battered Fish (Vegetarian Option available)

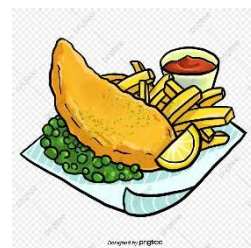
Chips

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.

Celebration Assembly

The following children were awarded our weekly ribbons on Friday;



Ribbons

EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone for always trying her very best in everything that she does, and for continuing to make super progress with her reading. Well done, Polly!

Class 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone for his mature attitude to learning and for being a responsible member of the class. Well done, Kingsley!

Class 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone for their wonderful contributions to the poetry workshop. Well done, Ava!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their detailed and smart recording of work in Maths, Science and English. Well done, Jack!

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

Diary Dates

June	
28/6/21	New Reception children Parent Information Session 6pm – via Zoom
July	
15/7/21	School Dinner promotion: Seaside Special
19/7/21	School Reports home
20/7/21	Sports Day morning 10am
21/7/21	Leavers' Assembly for Year 6 children and their parents at 2pm
22/7/21	Whole school transition morning
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