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## Newsletter 20 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend where we seemed to experience many different types of weather in 48 hours!

As from this week the daily testing of children can stop. I will notify a class if there is a confirmed case but I feel we have passed the peak of the virus in school now (fingers crossed) so the daily testing can cease. Staff are reverting back to twice weekly testing as they were last year.

The use of face coverings is optional.

Class 3 will be taught this week by Miss Telford until Miss Ungerechts returns hopefully before the end of the week.

### **Welcome**

A very warm welcome to Katie, Freddie, and Oliver who have joined us in Year 1, Year 2 and Reception.

### **Children's Mental Health Week – this week**

This year Children's Mental Health Week by Place2Be is celebrating with the theme of Growing Together. The theme is about encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.

**Growing Together** is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'.

The Children's Mental Health Week website have a wealth of resources for families and schools -to access the resources please click on the link below.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

### **Class News:**

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

**EYFS** – This week in Early Years we have been learning about the story of The Great Race, and have learned about how the Chinese New Years are named after animals. We have learned that this year is the Year of the Tiger and have made tiger masks. We have looked at how noodles change when you cook them and have used vocabulary to describe uncooked and cooked noodles. In maths we have been comparing 6, 7 and 8 as well as looking at ordinal numbers (first, second, third etc)

**Class 1** – In Class 1 this week, we have started to look at 'The Jolly Postman or Other People's Letters' by Alan Ahlberg. We looked carefully at homophones and what they mean. We then identified examples in the text and wrote our own re telling of the story. In Maths, we have focused on addition and division. Year 1s have been learning about number bonds and how they can add by making ten. Year 2s have been learning to share and make equal groups, using the division symbol.

In Science, we have been learning about Survival. We identified the three basic needs that all animals, including humans require to survive. We then researched different kinds of animals and put the information into our own fact files. Finally, in RE we continued to explore what it means to be Jewish. We looked at the Maccabee Brothers and why Jewish people celebrate Hannukah.

**Class 2** – This week in Class 2 we have started a mini topic all about how Bees make honey. We have looked at the features of an explanation text and also looked at the type of vocabulary needed to write one.

In Maths this week we have continued our work on multiplication and division, looking at increasingly tricky numbers. We tested ourselves in swimming this week, learning different strokes and in Gymnastics we have been working on different rolls. Our topic lesson this week was all about Hadrian's wall. We looked at the reason for why the wall was required and we looked at the geography of it, paying attention to some of the Towns and Cities built along the wall.

**Class 3** – Class 3 have been having a lot of fun with our literacy book (Darwin's Dragons). We have looked at deeper messages within the book and had opportunities for some debating about some key characters. In maths, we have finished looking at fractions, decimals and percentages and are moving onto measurements next week. In topic, we have researched the Eden project and investigated the ecosystems within this artificial biome. Earlier this week, we have had a visitor reminding us of how to keep safe online. Class three have finished our week, looking at where some foods come from in DT.

### **Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Safer Internet Day 2022 will be celebrated on 8th February with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers.

The children will be exploring this further during the week through their learning and further resources, information and materials can be found on the following website:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022>

A huge thank you to Mrs Lynch for her talks with the children on how to stay safe online.

### **Online Safety Newsletter**

Please find attached to this newsletter the February edition of the online safety newsletter for your information and also a Safer Internet Day newsletter.

### **Parent / Teacher / Child Consultations**

A letter was sent home last week for you to make a preferred day / time for this term's consultations.

Your confirmed appointment will be sent home this week.

### **Music for Life**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February we will be welcoming a Jazz band in school for the afternoon for the children to listen to courtesy of Sowerby Music for Life.

### **Reading**

Advance notice that we are celebrating World Book Day after February half term on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – children are welcome to come to school dressed up as a character from a book.

### **Young Leaders**

This term, Class 1 will be taking part in an exciting project called 'The Young Leaders Award' (YLA). This award will explore the concept of leadership and investigate the stories and impact of great leaders in society. Children will consider the importance of serving others and take action to 'be the change you want to see'.

The Award has strong links to British Values, PSHE, Citizenship, RE and SIAMS and focuses on growing the characteristics of kindness, perseverance, teamwork and action. The children will take part in engaging activities including a song, big discussion questions, famous leader stories, Bible stories and they will interview community leaders. The pupils will take part in 3 school challenges and a community action project to put their kindness, perseverance and teamwork into action.

We'll look forward to sharing what we have learnt with you.

### **Parent / Carer Volunteers for School Trips**

If any parents / carers are interested in volunteering to come on future school trips or volunteering in school and therefore require a DBS, please can you let Mrs McBride know in the school office as a volunteer's DBS can be arranged.

### **Sport Wear for All Thirsk**

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the organisation Sport Wear for All Thirsk is to help ensure children can participate in sports by loaning and swapping sports boots and equipment. If you have

any sports trainers or boots that your children have grown out of then there is a collection box at school if you would like to support this.

### **Promotional Dinner – Valentine’s Day – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Forever Yours Chicken Fajitas

Whole Lotta’ Love Potato Wedges, Crazy About You Carrots and Perfect Peas



Paris Shortbread Sandwich with City of Love Custard

### **Menu Change – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

On Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup>, the menu will be different due to the Valentine’s lunch on the previous day. The menu will be - Cheese and Tomato Pizza, diced potatoes with a medley of vegetables and Chocolate crunch for pudding.

### **Carlton Lodge – February half-term**

Please see below for information from Carlton Lodge:

#### **Hello from Carlton Lodge Activity Centre**

We are pleased to be able to offer Activities for the **Half Term Holiday, February 2022** to take place on:

**Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**and**

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Activities are aimed at children **aged 8-14 yrs. Covid safe measures are in place.**  
**[Registration is from 9.10am]** Activities start at **9.30am** and finish at approx. **4.30pm.**

Children will be allocated into a group of up to 8 individuals and given instruction throughout the day by one or two instructors.

Activities will be arranged by the Carlton Lodge Team and will be dependent on group sizes, staffing levels and weather conditions. Activities will include a combination of 4 from following list:- Archery, Bushcraft, Climbing Tree, Climbing Wall, Challenge Course, Crate Stack, Bridges, Problem Solving, Scavenger Hunt or Orienteering.

*Particular activities cannot be prebooked, these will be decided by our staff a day or two before the event*

You can book places for your child[ren] individually or as multiple numbers at a cost of **£40 per child + booking fee.**

Places are limited, so please visit the EventBrite site to check availability.

To book your child[ren] for Activities please go to the Eventbrite

site: <https://bit.ly/ActivityDaysFeb22>

Don't forget to bring a **packed lunch, shower kit & towel** and a **change of clothes** and come prepared for the season's weather conditions!

If you have any additional queries, please contact [gillian@nyy.org.uk](mailto:gillian@nyy.org.uk)  
We look forward to seeing you!! 😊

## **AWARDS**

### **Celebration Assembly**

On Friday, we had our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;



#### **Ribbons**

**EYFS** – This week the class ribbon goes to someone for making super progress in reading. Well done, Denny!

**Class 1** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their wonderful contributions on kindness during our Young Leader Award lessons. Well done Isabelle!

**Class 2** - The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked really hard in all aspects of the curriculum this week, particularly in our lesson on Hadrian's wall. He is a good friend and can be relied upon to set a good example to the rest of the class. Well done Daniel!

**Class 3** – This week, the ribbon is going to someone who has shown courage and determination in forest schools on Monday. They have worked well as a team and stood out for their polite and caring attitude when supporting other groups in orienteering. This week it is going to William L!

### **Values in Action**

This week our Values Award goes to someone for demonstrating our school value of perseverance.

This person tried their best at swimming and kept on going when they found it tricky.

The award goes to Tyrell who was nominated by Ellie.



Well done, Tyrell!

Kind regards,

J M Lyon - Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>February 2022</b>	
<b>7-13 February</b>	Children's Mental Health week 'Growing Together'
<b>8/2/22</b>	Safer Internet Day
<b>w/c 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Parents Evening Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>17/2/22</b>	Music for Life morning - 6Pac Jazz
<b>18/2/22</b>	Break-up for February half-term
<b>28/2/22</b>	School open
<b>March 2022</b>	
<b>3/3/22</b>	World Book Day – dress up as a character from a book
<b>7/3/22</b>	Year 5 enrichment day at Thirsk High School
<b>16/3/22</b>	Road Safety Talk with Lauren Doherty
<b>22/3/22</b>	Workshop PE
<b>30/3/22</b>	Class 2 Production 'Peace Child' 6pm – further details to follow
<b>31/3/22</b>	Class 2 Production 'Peace Child' 9.30am – further details to follow
<b>April 2022</b>	
<b>6/4/22</b>	Afternoon – Baldersby Church – whole school – parents invited 1.30pm
<b>8/4/22</b>	Break-up for Easter at 2.30pm
<b>25/4/22</b>	TRAINING DAY
<b>26/4/22</b>	School open for the summer term
<b>May 2022</b>	
<b>2/5/22</b>	May Day – school closed for the day
<b>9/5/22</b>	Year 6 SAT week
<b>27/5/22</b>	Break-up for May half term
<b>June 2022</b>	
<b>6/6/22</b>	School open
<b>7-9 June</b>	Class 3 residential
<b>13/6/22</b>	EYFS Balance Bikes
<b>15/6/22</b>	Workshop - PE
<b>24/6/22</b>	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ONE DAY
<b>27/6/22</b>	Year 6 Leaver's Service, All Saints Church, Northallerton
<b>30/6/22</b>	Year 5 enrichment day at Thirsk High School

<b>July 2022</b>	
<b>22/7/22</b>	Break-up for summer holidays at 2.30pm

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