



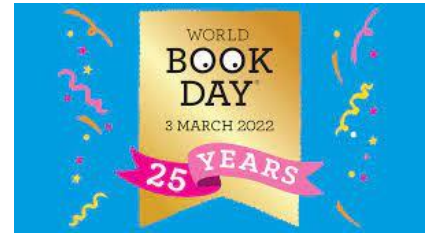
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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely week off over half-term. We have much to look forward to in this busy run up to Easter with World Book Day this Thursday, Comic Relief on the 18th March and Class 2's production of Peace Child at the end of the month.

We also warmly welcome Sophie and Matilda who have joined us in Year 4 this week and William who has joined in Year 2.

Covid Guidelines

I am sure you are aware of changes announced last week regarding Covid. I have included below links to the updated guidance for school settings and also for people with Covid and their contacts.

If a pupil tests positive for Covid they still need to self-isolate for at least 5 days and have two consecutive negative LFT tests before they can return to school.

Guidance for School Settings

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1057106/220224_Schools_guidance.pdf

People with Covid 19 and their contacts:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

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 finished our learning about Robots. We have all had a go at programming the Beebot using simple instructions, including forwards, backwards and turn. In maths we have been learning about size, comparing the height and width of different objects. In RE we have been finishing our topic on “Why the name God is so important to Christians?”. We have learned about The Creation Story and thought about how God would want us to treat living things. We have thought about the types of pets we have and made a class pictogram to show which pets are the most popular. We have talked about how we should look after our pets and other living things.

Class 1 – In Class 1 this week, we looked at performance poetry based on traditional fairy-tale rhymes. We looked carefully at the different features of a performance including tone, style, character voices and actions before performing our own poems to the rest of the class.

In Maths, we have focused on subtraction and division. Year 1s have been learning to compare number sentences and have been learning about related facts. Year 2s have been learning how to apply their understanding of division to different mathematical problems.

In Science, we have been learning about the importance of staying healthy. We investigated the importance of healthy eating and hygiene, planning balanced meals that we could eat for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our Music for Life workshop this week. The children had the opportunity to learn more about different instruments and how they work. We then learnt a song and played our own instruments for a special performance that we put on for the rest of the school.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 we have really enjoyed writing our explanation text all about how bees make honey. We have loved learning all about the technical vocabulary associated with the process. In maths this week we have been looking at division of 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, looking at increasingly tricky problems as the week has progressed. In topic this week, we designed posters to advertise a Roman Bath. We researched the experience that Roman people would experience in a Roman Bath house and then designed our advertisements. In PE we performed gymnastics routines that we have practised this half term and in RE we looked more in depth at how Christians pray.

Class 3 – Class 3 have been working hard this week with. Year 5 have been practising their multiplication skills in maths and writing a C.V in literacy, using impersonal language. Year 6 have shown resilience and determination this week, practising some of their reading, spelling and maths skills in their mock SATs tests. The children have started their new topic in science looking at natural, synthetic and non-synthetic materials and investigated their properties and how the materials can be used. In topic we have designed our own artificial biome (based on the Eden Project).

Year 6 SAT information session - today

Today at 3.30pm we are holding a Year 6 parent information session regarding the SAT assessments in the school hall.

World Book Day – this Thursday!

On Thursday we are celebrating World Book Day and children are welcome to come to school dressed up as a character from a book.

Promotional Dinner – World Book Day – Thursday

Positivity Pizza

with

You Can Do It Diced Potatoes, Brave Broccoli and Courageous Carrots

Followed by

Mole Mud Muffins (Chocolate Muffins)

Music for Life

On Thursday 17th February we welcomed a Jazz band in school for the morning courtesy of Sowerby Music for Life. The musicians were inspirational and entertaining – the concert was wonderful to listen to and the children also had the opportunity to learn about the drums, a double bass and saw the inside of the school piano!

Year 5 Enrichment Day – Postponed

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Year 5 enrichment day has been postponed until the 21st March.

Year 5 will have the opportunity to experience a day at a secondary school where they have been invited to Thirsk High School.

Year 5 children need to go in their PE kit and take a warm coat. They will also need a packed lunch, water bottle and a £1 voluntary contribution towards their Technology sessions.

To ensure that the children arrive at Thirsk School for 9.00am, the minibus will be leaving at 8.40am so Year 5 need to be at school, **for 8.35am**. Traffic permitting, they should be back at Dishforth School for collection at **3.30pm**.

Sport Wear for All Thirsk

As mentioned in previous newsletters, 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.

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day Friday 18th March



On Friday 18th March we will be supporting Comic Relief with a non-uniform day where the children can donate £1 towards the charity – red noses are also welcome! A link has been set up on ParentPay for the donation – please see below.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6230>

St James Church - Services for March

Please see information below from Susan Brown, St James Church PCC:

Sunday 6th March Communion at 10.45a.m. kindly taken by Rev: Sheilagh Williamson.

Sunday 13th March Breakfast Service at 9.30a.m. with Coffee and Croissants taken by Kinglsey Weber.

Sunday 20th March Communion at 10.45a.m. kindly taken by Rev: Sheilagh Williamson.

Sunday 27th March Morning Service at 9.30a.m. taken by Peter Carrotte (Reader).

Everyone is very welcome, services last approx. 45 mins and we are very lucky to have Chris as organist for our communions.

St James Church, as many of you know, is open every day from 10a.m. until 4p.m. for anyone to call in, have a cuppa and a peaceful break listening to soft background music. Many people do just that and for the last 3 years we have had a door counter as part of a project to record visitor numbers, to emphasise the importance of churches as quiet peaceful havens for many people. During December we recorded 805 and January 615 people through the door. This included services, school and visitors which is quite amazing. During lockdown when we were open the numbers were also high. At the back of church, we have a cafe area laid out next to the kitchen and we have decided that starting on Tuesday 22nd March from 10a.m. to 12 noon we will hold a drop in and chat session with a book swap and jigsaw table. This will be very informal - make your own coffee and chat to whoever calls in. This will be every Tuesday and like life will no doubt find its own path, but we hope anyone needing a break in such beautiful surroundings will pop in.

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 writing a super sentence about how to look after a pet. Well done, Denny!

Class 1 - The ribbon this week goes to someone for their wonderful performance of 'The Grand Old Duke of York.' Well done, Polly, you are a star!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown a real maturity in the classroom, working hard both independently and in pairs and groups. He has really enjoyed learning about division and has challenged himself in maths lessons whilst offering valuable contributions in all lessons. Well done Daniel!

Class 3 – This week, the ribbon is going to someone because of their resilience and perseverance in Maths when reasoning, using her 9 times table to help work out a difficult problem. Well done, Phoebe!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to someone for demonstrating our school values of trust.

This person has excellent behaviour in class and around the school. They are a good friend and always work really hard, particularly in Maths.



The award goes to Rupert who was nominated by Isla.

Well done, Rupert!

Kind regards,

J M Lyon - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

February 2022	
28/2/22	School open Year 6 Parent information session for SATS in the school hall at 3.30pm
March 2022	
3/3/22	World Book Day – dress up as a character from a book
7/3/22	Year 5 enrichment day at Thirsk High School
16/3/22	Road Safety Talk with Lauren Doherty
18/3/22	Comic Relief Day - £1 non-uniform – red noses welcome!
22/3/22	Workshop PE
30/3/22	Class 2 Production ‘Peace Child’ 6pm – further details to follow
31/3/22	Class 2 Production ‘Peace Child’ 9.30am – further details to follow
April 2022	
6/4/22	Afternoon – Baldersby Church – whole school – parents invited 1.30pm
8/4/22	Break-up for Easter at 2.30pm
25/4/22	TRAINING DAY
26/4/22	School open for the summer term
May 2022	
2/5/22	May Day – school closed for the day
9/5/22	Year 6 SAT week
27/5/22	Break-up for May half term
June 2022	
6/6/22	School open
7-9 June	Class 3 residential
13/6/22	EYFS Balance Bikes
15/6/22	Workshop - PE
24/6/22	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ONE DAY
27/6/22	Year 6 Leaver’s Service, All Saints Church, Northallerton
30/6/22	Year 5 enrichment day at Thirsk High School
July 2022	

22/7/22	Break-up for summer holidays at 2.30pm
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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