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Dear Parents / Carers,

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 come in their own clothes (try and wear something red!) and 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>

Comic Relief from the School Council

In addition to the non-uniform day for Comic Relief, the School Council are leading a couple of competitions in school for the children if they would like to take part on Friday 18th March:

There will be a design you own t-shirt competition (entry £1) the winner as chosen by School Council will win a prize. We will also be hosting a comedy competition for 50p entry where your aim is to make the teachers laugh, this could be telling a joke or a funny routine. There will be a prize for the winner.

Ukraine

The School Council are meeting this week to discuss fundraising ideas to support the humanitarian appeal for Ukrainian refugees. Further details will follow in due course.



Class News:

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

EYFS – In Early Years this week we have based our learning around the book “Mr Wolf’s Pancakes”. We have listened to the story and talked about the different characters. We have used the illustrations to order the story and retell it using “story book” language. In maths we have been ordering numbers to 10, matching the numeral to the correct piece of Numicon and saying what is one less than a number. We are all getting confident in recalling some number bonds to 10. We have started to read the time to 0’ Clock times and have played What’s the Time Mr Wolf? In PSED we have thought about what makes a good friend and have sorted pictures that show good friend situations and unfriendly situations.

Class 1 – In Class 1 this week, we looked at the story 'Flat Stanley' by Jeff Brown. The children spent time making predictions about what might happen next in the story. We looked at the use of possessive apostrophes and identified the different features of a letter. The children then wrote an imagined letter response to Stanley's best friend in California. Class 1 thought carefully about the size of their letters, the appropriate punctuation, finger spaces and separate paragraphs for different ideas. In Maths, we have continued to focus on Fractions. Year 1s have been learning to find a half of different numbers and have begun to explore quarters. Year 2s have been learning to find and recognise thirds in different mathematical problems. We then used what we had learnt to try some problem-solving challenges. In Science, we continued to look at the Seasonal transition from Winter to Spring. The children enjoyed recording their observations on the seasonal changes, paying particular attention to the change in day length. In Art, the children explored the medium of clay and the different tools that can be used to create different effects. The children began to plan what they would like their finished animal models to look like and the different steps required to achieve this.

Class 2 – In Class 2 this week we have worked on writing a setting description for our class text "The BFG" we have watched the opening of the film and discussed how Sophie must feel. In maths Year 3 have been looking at solving problems involving money and year 4 have looked at area. Our RE this week involves us researching how Hindus celebrate festivals. We have also enjoyed practicing for our production.

Class 3 – In class 3 we have completed a lot of a research around our new history topic, Earnest Shackleton. The children have written their own C.V.'s in the perspective of one of the crew members, thinking carefully about how it should be structured and what key features they need to include. In maths, we have really enjoyed recapping long multiplication and challenging ourselves to answer a variety of questions. We have also been working hard to calculate the perimeter and area of different 2D shapes. Class 3 have loved creating their own podcasts in PSHE and have thought about how to present their ideas on having a healthy lifestyle. Finally, on Wednesday we researched the finding of the ship, the Endurance. We will be following this up with some exciting writing opportunities next week.

Road Safety Talk – this Wednesday

I am delighted to welcome Lauren Doherty to the school on Wednesday this week to talk to the children about road safety.

Lauren was involved in a life-changing road accident in 2008 that left her completely paralysed and needing two assistants at all times. This led her to launch 'Road Safety Talks' – a charity that aims to educate people of the issues around road safety and reduce personal injury and death to road users. As a result of her efforts, Lauren has been awarded within the Queen's 2021 Birthday Honours List. and will receive a British Empire Medal (BEM) for Services to Education.

Further information about the charity can be found on the link below.

<http://roadsafetytalks.co.uk/about-the-charity/>

Year 5 Enrichment Day – postponed to Monday 21st March

Year 5 will have the opportunity to experience a day at a secondary school on Monday 21st March 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**.

Boxercise Workshop – 22nd March

On the 22nd March the children will be participating in a Boxercise workshop in school – please ensure all children have their PE kit in school on this day.

Families can save around £450 a year with free school meals – information from North Yorkshire

As families across the county are feeling the pinch due to the rising cost of living, one way in which many people could save money, is by taking advantage of the free school meals, which may be available to them. This could save £450 a year. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically qualify for a free meal with no means testing required. Children in Year 3 onwards can also benefit if their parents are eligible for certain income support and allowances, support under the immigration and Asylum Act, child tax credit, working tax credit or universal credit. Help us to make sure as many families as possible are taking up the chance for a free meal by telling friends, family and the people we work with in our communities. Anyone can check eligibility and apply online: www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals

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 who has made super progress in following instructions and working alongside an adult – this week the ribbon goes to Cyrus!

Class 1 - The ribbon this week goes to someone for his fantastic attitude towards his learning. Well done to Finnian!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled in really well into Dishforth School and is a real asset to our class. She has learnt her role as a narrator in our play with passion and is really excited about the production. Well done Sophie!

Class 3 – This week the ribbon is going to someone who has been working hard on his presentation in writing! He has also stood out for his excellent sportsmanship when playing hockey outside. The ribbon is going to Thomas!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to someone for demonstrating our school values of compassion, perseverance and respect. This person was compassionate in maths and has also wanted to help others on the playground.



The award goes to who Lola was nominated by Josh N.

Well done, Lola!

Kind regards,

J M Lyon - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

March 2022	
16/3/22	Road Safety Talk with Lauren Doherty
18/3/22	Comic Relief Day - £1 non-uniform – red noses welcome! School Council competitions: Design you own t-shirt competition (entry £1) the winner as chosen by School Council will win a prize Comedy competition for 50p entry where your aim is to make the teachers laugh, this could be telling a joke or a funny routine. There will be a prize for the winner.
21/3/22	Year 5 enrichment day at Thirsk High School
22/3/22	Boxercise Workshop PE ALL CHILDREN NEED PE KIT IN SCHOOL
30/3/22	Class 2 Production 'Peace Child' 6pm – further details to follow
31/3/22	Class 2 Production 'Peace Child' 9.15am – 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 (this is for Year 6 children only as it is a Diocesan event involving Year 6 children from a number of schools)
30/6/22	Year 5 enrichment day at Thirsk High School
July 2022	
20/7/22	Year 6 Leavers' Service in school 2pm – parents welcome
22/7/22	Break-up for summer holidays at 2.30pm
September 2022	
5/9/22	Training Day
6/9/22	School open for academic year 2022-23
7/9/22	No after school club due to safeguarding training
October 2022	
w/c 17/10/22	Parent / child / teacher consultations
21/10/22	Break-up half 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