



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter 25 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the spring sunshine over the weekend.

Thank you for supporting Comic Relief on Friday – the children had a super day and we managed to raise £149.00.

The School Council met last week to discuss fundraising ideas to support the humanitarian appeal for Ukrainian refugees – please see below a message from the School Council:

### Help Ukraine - this Friday



To support the current situation in Ukraine, we are holding a “Blue and Yellow day” in school, your child can support the families in Ukraine by wearing something blue and yellow (the colours of the Ukrainian flag). It will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 and £1 will be beneficial to those suffering in a time of war in Ukraine.

By Ava on behalf of the School Council

#### 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 been learning about The Three Little Pigs. We have read the story and written speech bubbles for what the Big Bad Wolf says. In maths we have continued looking at 9 and 10 and number bonds to 10. In PSED we have been thinking about road safety. We read the story of Super Cat and discussed all the different places and ways to cross a road safely. In PE we have started to practise throwing and catching, initially sitting down and then standing up.

**Class 1** – In Class 1 this week, we continued to look at the story 'Flat Stanley' by Jeff Brown. The children spent time looking at nouns and adjectives. We looked at interesting noun phrases and how we could incorporate these into our writing. In Maths, Year 1s have been learning to measure length and have used addition to solve different length problems. Year 2s have been learning to count in fractions and recognise the equivalence of  $\frac{2}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$ . We then used what we had learnt to try some problem-solving challenges. For Science Week, we conducted our own outdoor experiment by creating our own Outdoor Gym. We discussed the different ways for people of all ages to exercise outdoors, like doing leg lifts from a park bench. We then used the internet to research different types of outdoor activity. We talked together about how to exercise using the playground as part of our outdoor gym and we thought about how we could stay safe when exercising. Finally, we talked about how the different exercises could help us stay fit and recorded our notes in tables. In Art, the

children continued to explore the medium of clay and finished creating their own animal models. We then painted them in the appropriate colours.

**Class 2** – This week in Class 2 we have stepped up work on our production, thinking about our lines and when we need to come on and off the stage. Our Literacy this week has focused on writing the build-up of the story the BFG, looking at interesting vocabulary and using a thesaurus to improve our vocabulary choices. In Maths Year 3 have looked at Statistics including Bar Charts and Tables, while Year 4 continued their learning on Fractions. In RE this week we have looked at how Jewish people celebrate their special festivals.

**Class 3** – This week class 3 have been working extremely hard in their literacy when writing a newspaper report about Shackleton's ship (Endurance) being found. They have used their neatest handwriting and thought carefully about how to really challenge themselves in their writing. In maths, the children have been practising using protractors and answering questions about angles within triangles, polygons and quadrilaterals. They have thought carefully about designing their own soup from a different country. We have celebrated culture and seasonality towards the end of the week by cooking their own soups. We hope you enjoyed them!

### **Road Safety Talk**

We were delighted to welcome Lauren Doherty to school last Wednesday to talk to the children about road safety. Lauren shared her story with us and was pleased to answer any questions the children had. The children asked a wide range of questions and our visitors commented on how thoughtful the children were and how impeccably behaved they were.

The visit was both thought provoking, informative and inspiring for us all. A huge thank you to Lauren for coming into school to speak to us.

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

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

### **Goodbye to Cook**

On Wednesday it is Cook's last day at Dishforth after 8 years. Heidri has been part of the team here at school and we shall miss her! A huge thank you to Heidri for all her hard work and on behalf of the school community we should like to wish Heidri good luck for the future.

### **Boxercise Workshop – 22<sup>nd</sup> March - tomorrow**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **School Car Park**

I have been in touch with the Strategic Planning Officer for North Yorkshire County Council to confirm arrangements for the new school carpark.

The Council will contact Strata Homes in the first instance to get timescales from them for when they propose to complete the car park. I shall communicate any updates I receive through future newsletters.

### **Class 2 Production – Peace Child**

Class 2 families are welcome to come to school and enjoy the production of 'Peace Child'.

The evening performance is on the 30<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm – children need to be at school for 5.45pm to get ready please.

The second performance on Thursday morning 31<sup>st</sup> March – we are aiming to start this performance as close to 9am as possible as the children go swimming afterwards.

### **Baldersby St James Church – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

Families are welcome to join us on the afternoon of Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at Baldersby St James Church where the school, led by Year 5 pupils, will perform a short production of The Three Trees. We will aim to start at 1.45pm and finish about 2.15pm. The children can either return to school on the buses or can be collected from Church. Please inform Mrs McBride in the school office if you are taking your child/ren from church – thank you.

### **Summer Term School Dinner Menu**

Attached to this newsletter is the summer term menu which will begin straight after the Easter holidays.

### **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](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

### **Community News:**

#### **Baldersby St James Church**

Mothering Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Morning Service at 9.30a.m. Coffee afterwards.

“Drop in and Chat” in church every Tuesday from 10a.m. to noon starting Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. This informal weekly event in our café area is open to anyone who would like to call in for a coffee and chat to whoever drops by, maybe you would like to use our book swap or put a few pieces on the jigsaw table. Best of all its free.

#### **Messy Makers**

Messy Makers Easter/Spring School Holidays Session, will be held on the first Monday of the Easter holidays (11th April) at Thornton-Le-Beans Village Hall. More information is on the poster attached.

## Carlton Lodge – Activities for Easter – Information for families

### Hello from Carlton Lodge Activity Centre

I am writing to let you know about the Activities that have been arranged for the **Easter School Holiday – April 2022**.

#### **Covid safe measures are in place.**

There are several different types of Activities on offer for different groups and ages. Some of these are on a '1<sup>st</sup> Come – 1<sup>st</sup> Served' basis, so don't miss out.

#### **Family & Friends Activity Days** – See [Eventbrite site](#) for Family & Friends Activity

Days: <https://bit.ly/FamilyDays22> - these will take place on:

[Aimed at small groups of up to **10**, which must include at least one responsible adult, and children aged from 7 years]

Mon, 11<sup>th</sup> April

Tues, 19<sup>th</sup> April

Thurs, 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Places are limited to one family/group of up-to 10 individuals, each day. 6 hrs of Activities at a cost of **£320 per group + booking fee**.

There will also be an opportunity to choose your group's Activities from a list of those on offer.

These can include:

High Ropes and Zip wire. Kayaking / Canoeing/ Raft Building. Climbing Tree, Climbing Wall, Problem Solving, Axe Throwing, Archery, Challenge Course, Orienteering, Bushcraft.

Craft activities are also available, these include: Sharpie Stained Glass/ Mini brick making/ Make a Bat Box or Bug Hotels/ Fabric collage / Fossil making/ Tile mosaic/ Nature Scavenger Hunt

Groups will be contacted to arrange specifics after their booking is confirmed. Our Activities Manager can give you advice on what activities work well together.

Please visit the **EventBrite site** to check availability and book your place[s]. **Family & Friends Activity Days:** <https://bit.ly/FamilyDays22>

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**Holiday Activity Days** - – See [Eventbrite site](#) for Easter Activity Days: <https://bit.ly/EasterActivity22> - these will take place on:

[Aimed at children **aged 8 - 14 years**]

Wed, 13<sup>th</sup> April,

Thur, 14<sup>th</sup> April

Wed, 20<sup>th</sup> April

Places are limited, so please visit the **EventBrite site** to check availability and book your places. **Easter Activity Days:** <https://bit.ly/EasterActivity22>

These Activities can be booked for individuals or multiple numbers at a cost of **£40 per child + booking fee**.

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**FEAST Activity Days** - – See [Eventbrite site](#) for FEASTer Activity Days: <https://bit.ly/FEASTer> - these will take place on:

[Aimed at children **aged 8 - 14 years** and qualify for benefits related, free school meals. *A unique code is required.*] will take place on:

Mon, 11<sup>th</sup> April

Wed, 13<sup>th</sup> April

Thur, 14<sup>th</sup> April

Tues, 19<sup>th</sup> April

Wed, 20<sup>th</sup> April

Thur, 21<sup>st</sup> April.

These Activities can be booked for individuals or multiple numbers and are offered free. [*A unique code is required at point of booking*].

Lunch will be provided for children taking part on these activities. An email will be sent to check dietary needs once booking is confirmed.

Places are limited, so please visit the **EventBrite site** to check availability and book your place[s]. **FEASter Activity Days:** <https://bit.ly/FEASter>

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**Children only 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.*

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

**All Activity Days - Registration is from 9.10am** - Activities start at **9.30am** and finish at approx. **4.30pm**.

Don't forget to pack a **picnic lunch, shower kit & towel** and a **change of clothes** and come prepared with suitable clothing for the season's weather conditions!

If you have any additional queries, please contact me by email: [gillian@nyy.org.uk](mailto:gillian@nyy.org.uk) or by phone 01845 522145

Places are limited so don't miss out.

## **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 ribbon goes to someone who has written a super speech bubble, using their phonics knowledge and super handwriting – Well done Lottie!

**Class 1** - The ribbon this week goes to someone for his fantastic start in Class 1! It's a joy to have you in our class, well done Will!

**Class 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked really hard to learn their lines for our production. They have also worked really hard on using more tricky vocabulary in their writing and being a helpful member of the Class. Well done Dacian!

**Class 3** – This week the ribbon is going to someone who tries their best to challenge themselves in maths and comprehension. They take their time to think about how to answer questions in the most suitable way and they put 100% of effort into their work. Well done Georgia!

## Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to someone for demonstrating our school values of compassion and respect. This person, both in class and outside will let you join in and make you laugh when you need to!



The award goes to Lilly B who was nominated by Grace.

Well done, Lilly!

Kind regards,

J M Lyon - Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>March 2022</b>	
<b>21/3/22</b>	Year 5 enrichment day at Thirsk High School
<b>22/3/22</b>	Boxercise Workshop PE <b>ALL CHILDREN NEED PE KIT IN SCHOOL</b>
<b>30/3/22</b>	Class 2 Production 'Peace Child' <b>6pm</b>
<b>31/3/22</b>	Class 2 Production 'Peace Child' <b>9.00am</b>
<b>April 2022</b>	
<b>6/4/22</b>	Afternoon – Baldersby Church – whole school – parents invited 1.45pm start
<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  (this is for Year 6 children only as it is a Diocesan event involving Year 6 children from a number of schools)
<b>30/6/22</b>	Year 5 enrichment day at Thirsk High School
<b>July 2022</b>	
<b>20/7/22</b>	Year 6 Leavers' Service in school 2pm – parents welcome
<b>22/7/22</b>	Break-up for summer holidays at 2.30pm
<b>September 2022</b>	
<b>5/9/22</b>	Training Day
<b>6/9/22</b>	School open for academic year 2022-23
<b>7/9/22</b>	No after school club due to safeguarding training
<b>October 2022</b>	
<b>w/c 17/10/22</b>	Parent / child / teacher consultations
<b>21/10/22</b>	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