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Newsletter 30 Monday 9th May 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a restful weekend. There is quite a bit of information on this week's newsletter so please read carefully!

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 continued learning about train journeys. We have made maps of a train journey we would like to go on, drawing pictures of things we would like to see. In maths we have started work on addition, solving practical problems about the number of passengers on bus journeys and boat rides. We all enjoyed listening to the story of Mr Gumpy's Boat and used this to support our maths. In PSED we have continued looking at how we look after our teeth. We talked about what a dentist does and why we need to visit the dentist. We all enjoyed gardening during our forest school session, cleaning out the planter and the plant pots. Hopefully we will get some seeds growing soon!

Class 1 – In Class 1 this week, we continued our class story, The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson. The children created an imaginative story of the snail's adventures on the whale, remembering to include exciting adjectives, conjunctions and appropriate tense. In Maths, we have been revising our understanding of Geometry and applying it to different word problems. We have also begun looking at telling the time, thinking about o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. In Topic, we continued our project on The Seaside. This week, we looked at the different features of The Seaside and did some descriptive writing about it. We also researched the story of The Good Samaritan and thought about different ways we could incorporate kindness into our daily lives.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 we have really enjoyed our Science lesson with Mrs Blyton. We looked at the structure of plants and how they grow and we even had a go at planting some of our own to observe over time. In English this week we have looked at chapter 2 of our class text "The Abominables". We have written diary entries in the role of Agatha, the main character, thinking about how she must feel at the urbanisation of the Himalayan region. In our Geography lesson this week we have looked at how the tectonic plates beneath the earth's surface contribute to the landscape of the planet and how they create natural disasters like volcano eruptions and earthquakes. Our maths this week was all about fractions and decimals and in French we have looked at learning all about the days of the week.

Class 3 – This week Class 3 have been spending time writing setting descriptions about the Mexican festival 'Day of the Dead'. The children have enjoyed watching a short film to give them ideas about their setting descriptions. In year five, we have been perfecting our skills when using a protractor to measure and draw angles. In year six, we have been practising doing some revision before SATs next week. The children have created their own diagram and matched the different features of a river. They have also designed what they would like their lino printing to look like in art.

National Curriculum Assessments at the end of Key Stage 1 and 2

Key Stage 2 Assessments – Year 6

This week the children in Year 6 are taking national curriculum tests in English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and mathematics. The tests help measure the progress pupils have made and identify if they need additional support in a certain area. The tests are also used to assess schools' performance and to produce national performance data.

At the end of the summer term the test results will be reported in: • English grammar, punctuation and spelling • English reading and mathematics.

Teacher assessment: As there is no test for English writing, this will be reported as a teacher assessment judgement. This is a judgement the teacher will make, based on the child's work at the end of key stage 2. Parents will also receive a teacher assessment judgement for science.

Key Stage 1 Assessments – Year 2

The teacher is responsible for judging the standards Year 2 children are working at in English reading, English writing, mathematics and science, by the end of key stage 1. To help inform those judgements, pupils sit national curriculum tests in English and mathematics, commonly called SATs. The tests are a tool for teachers to help them measure the children's performance and identify their needs as they move into key stage 2. They also allow teachers to see how the children are performing against national expected standards. The tests can be taken any time during May and they are not strictly timed. Pupils may not even know they are taking them as many teachers will incorporate them into everyday classroom activities.

Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work the children have done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how the children are progressing at the end of key stage 1. These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to parents by the end of the summer term.

Year 1 Phonic Screen Check

Children in Year 1 will take the phonic screen check during the period week commencing 6^{th} June – 17^{th} June. The outcome of this check is reported to parents by the end of the summer term.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Children in Year 4 will take the national multiplication check in June during a three-week window commencing on the 6th June. The outcome of this check is reported to parents by the end of the summer term.

Ripon Cathedral Choir

Could your son or daughter be a Cathedral Chorister?

Dr Krippner, the new Director of Music at Ripon Cathedral, will be visiting our school to talk to the children during an assembly about the Choristers of Ripon Cathedral and how to become a Cathedral Chorister. All interested children are invited to see Dr Krippner after the assembly for an informal audition. Being a chorister is an outstanding opportunity, so it is very much worth considering! Dr Krippner will visit us on **Tuesday 17th May at 9am**. Here is a link to the Cathedral's new chorister recruitment video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9li3sNhDfFA&t=3s

Platinum Jubilee – Friday 27th May – afternoon

We are holding a celebration to mark the Platinum Jubilee on Friday 27th May starting at 1.30pm. We are hoping for a dry day as this will be held outside. Please bring your own chairs / rugs to sit on. After the performance from the children, refreshments will be available for a donation.

We would be very grateful if families could send in cupcakes or tray bake donations on the morning of Friday 27th May

A wet weather plan will be in place should we be unlucky – if this occurs and we have to be indoors, the format will need to change and numbers will be limited to two per family – so fingers crossed for a dry day!

Reading

Please make sure your child is reading every night and it is written in their reading record book.

It is so important that the children are reading each day.

Thank you for your support.

Class 3 Residential – meeting

On Wednesday 18th May at 5pm a meeting will be held at school in the hall for Class 3 parents and children about the residential which is on the 7th-9th June.

<u>Clubs</u>

Sporting Start are running a club after school on a Monday for KS2 children starting next week. A letter was sent home to be returned by today.

A Netball club will be available after half term on a Tuesday after school. A letter will be sent out this week.

Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey – Year 2 and Year 6 children

Since 2006, every two years, schools in North Yorkshire are invited to take part in a Health and Wellbeing survey. There are surveys for different age groups and, in primary schools, Year 2 and Year 6 children participate. The information is used by school and also at County



level. There was a separate letter attached to the newsletter last week explaining about the survey and how it is carried out and if you have any further questions please get in touch via the admin email.

Promotional School Dinner on 19th May

Chicken Wrap with Tiger Fries

(v) Pasta in a Tomato Sauce with Cheesy Flatbread

Power up Chocolate Cereal Bar

Promotional School Dinner 27th May – A Royal Tea Party



A selection of homemade sandwiches

Cheese Straws

Homemade Sausage Rolls

Vegetable Sticks

Celebration Cupcake

Sun Cream

Please can I ask parents to ensure the children have sun cream applied to them before they come to school in the morning when the forecast is due to be sunny and also please do send into school a bottle of sun cream labelled with your child's name on it so that they can apply it when necessary over the summer months – thank you.

School Uniform

A polite reminder that children need to wear school shoes as part of their uniform. In summer, girls can wear red checked dresses. Again, school shoes are part of the summer uniform as opposed to open-toe sandals. Children still need practical footwear for school that protects their feet, allows them to move about and climb on trim trails!

Friends of Dishforth CE Primary

Auction of Promises

Thank you to everyone who has donated a prize or promise for the Auction of Promises.

We have a few still to arrive with school. As soon as we have these, we will get typing the auction forms and have them with you as soon as possible. It is not too late if you have anything to donate this week.

Doughnuts

We are participating in an offer for fundraising from Krispy Kreme. We thought these scrumptious sugar glazed doughnuts would be a family treat for a weekend whilst fundraising at the same time!

Thirsk School also sold these with a large order raising a great amount for their fundraising.

The Doughnuts are usually ± 11.95 a box in the shop, however, due to a discount given by Krispy Kreme we can sell them to you for ± 10 for our own box of 12 and still raise funds for school.

To place our order, please can you pay on ParentPay for however many boxes you would like by THURSDAY 12th MAY.

We will then collect them fresh on **FRIDAY 20^{TH} MAY** and you can collect at collection time from the playground.





RETURN OF ICE LOLLY FRIDAYS

Starting after half term on Fridays we will be selling ice lollies at 50p in the playground at collection time.

Please note if the forecast is not Lolly friendly or we do not have volunteers available, we may move it to a Thursday, but we will keep you updated!

If you have the time to volunteer and help sell these lollies, please let the office or Sarah Lynch know. We simply help each other collect up our children and sell the lollies together.

AWARDS

Celebration Assembly

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

<u>Ribbons</u>

EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has concentrated really well during our maths sessions and can recognise teen numbers – Well done Vinay!

Class 1 - The ribbon this week goes to someone for her fantastic, imaginative writing about visiting Antarctica. Well done, Lara!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to somebody who always has a diligent approach to their learning. They work hard to implement new concepts into written work and have a real desire to learn. Well done to Tyrell!

Class 3 – This week the ribbon is going to someone who has been trying particularly hard to challenge herself in different subjects. She has shown determination and perseverance this week. The ribbon is going to Evie K!

Values in Action This week our Values Award goes to someone for demonstrating our school value of perseverance. This person has been nominated because they always work as hard as they can and they are full of laughter. The award goes to Casey who was nominated by Lowery. Well done, Casey!

Kind regards,

J M Lyon - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

May 2022					
9/5/22	Year 6 SAT week				
17/5/22	Whole school talk from Dr Krippner – Ripon Cathedral Choir				
18/5/22	Residential meeting – 5pm school hall – for class 3 children and parents				
27/5/22	Platinum Jubilee celebration afternoon – further details to follow				
	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				
(afternoon)	(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	Dishforth C of	Dishforth	Dishforth C of	Dishforth
	Airfield	E Primary	Airfield	E Primary	Airfield
Afternoon	Dishforth C of	Dishforth	Dishforth C of	Dishforth	Dishforth C of
	E Primary	Airfield	E Primary	Airfield	E Primary