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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend despite the bitterly cold weather!

**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 continued our topic on traditional tales by looking at the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have carefully painted bears, thinking about bear features and colours. Whilst reading the story we have considered the emotions of the different characters and children in Reception have written speech bubbles. In Nursery the children have been learning about rhyming. In maths we have been finding different ways of making 5.

**Class 1** – Well, it has been another busy week in class 1. We have begun reading a new story called "Man on the moon" and have thought deeply about the main character Bob. In maths the children have all been working on their problem-solving skills and their explaining skills so that they are able to explain how they have solved their mathematical problems. In other lessons we have thought about how the astronauts got back from the moon safely, learned how to make a running stitch and practised it and found out about Burns Night in Scotland.

**Class 2** – In Class 2 this week we have enjoyed writing a sequel to our class text of "Journey" by Aaron Becker. We enjoyed looking at the themes of the story, covering friendship and loneliness. In PE this week we have enjoyed our swimming lesson and our Friday Gymnastics class. On Wednesday we looked at Bronze Age burial sites and how we can learn from what we find in them. Finally, in our RE lesson we have looked at the different places in which Hindus worship, both at home and in the Mandir.

**Class 3** - Class 3 have had an exciting week this week, beginning the dances for our production later this year. The children have been working incredibly hard in maths. Year 5 have been working on multiplication and Year 6 have finished their ratio topic and started using their revision guides. We have been developing ideas relating to our new artist 'Larry Lewew'. In English, we have looked at some examples of non-chronological reports. We have discussed how we will gather ideas and information from books, websites and talking with people in our community. They have also made models of gears in Design and Technology.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

It has been announced that Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February is a strike day for teachers in the NEU union. School will be open as normal.

### **Car Park Update from Mr Jim Brown – Chair of Governors**

We have as a school had some mounting concerns about the opening date for the new Car Park as it should have been handed over to us some time ago.

We have expressed our feelings to both the developers and the Education authorities for months and despite verbal agreements and written assurances promised completion dates have come and gone. Our first concern obviously is for the safety of our children but also, we are aware of the congestion issues we have before and after school. As our numbers have increased with the completion of the new housing developments so has the scale of the congestion.

I can assure you that the school has vigorously pursued the completion of the car park at all times. We have been informed by the local authority that Strata have assured them that the relevant materials required to complete the car park will be delivered to them by the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month and they then require 4 weeks to finalised everything thereafter. This would effectively give an estimated hand over date of circa the end of February. Personally, I believe this date to be optimistic bearing in mind the fact that the layout and lighting details have to be signed off by the Local Authority. Also, we would expect the final tarmac topping to have been laid before handover can be concluded.

Rest assured we will continue to chase the completion of this car park and now having been given 'firm commitments' we will keep you informed if there are any issues with this schedule.

### **Clubs**

Clubs start this week and finish week ending the 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Please note, there are no clubs the week of parent's evening.

### **Parent / Teacher / Child consultations**

Parent / Teacher / Child consultations are being held week commencing the 6<sup>th</sup> February. Requests for date and time preferences were due back into school by today. A confirmation slip will be sent home with your appointment on next week.

### **Supporting Your Child with Year 6 Maths SATs**

Please find attached to this newsletter information about a course for parents and carers to help support your Year 6 child with the Maths SAT assessment.

### **Minecraft and Snapchat**

A reminder to families about the age ratings of Minecraft (10 years +) and Snapchat (13 years +).

There are guides for parents from National Online Safety (Minecraft) and the NSPCC (Snapchat) on the links below for your information:

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/sites/norfolk/files/minecraft.pdf>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-snapchat-safe-for-my-child/>

## **Reading**

**All children need to read at home every day.** Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text and / or pictures. Please ensure that you record what your child has read and how they have managed with their reading in their record book. **Reading and record books need to be in school every day so that they can be checked and new books issued.**



## **Class 3's WW2 Day**



In order to immerse the Y5/6 children into their new topic, we are planning to have an WW2 day in Class 3 this **Friday, the 27th January**. We would like it if the children could dress up as an evacuee or person from the war time and come to school in their outfits. They will not need their school clothes on the day and will participate in a variety of workshops including:

- Trying some food from the war time/ rationing
- Looking at artefacts, life on the home front, evacuees and propaganda
- Having a webinar with a survivor of the war- Peter Lantos- and asking questions about his new book 'The Boy Who Didn't want to die'
- Creating a short film about life as a child in Germany during 1939-1945

If at all possible...

We would love for older generations in your family (if willing to do so) to share any experience of WW2 with the children to make it even more meaningful for them.

If any family members are willing to come in and share experiences with our Year 5/6 children, we would greatly appreciate it.

Please let Miss Ungerechts know if this is something you could offer by emailing the school admin address: [admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk)

## **Lister House Care Home – Ripon**

We are always looking for ways in which we can broaden our engagement with the wider community. Just recently, we have been proud to forge links with Lister House, the Royal British Legion's care home in Ripon. Around the time of Remembrance, we sent the residents some of Class 2's learning based on the book 'Poppies', by Michael Morpurgo, whilst Class 3 shared their charcoal artwork depicting what Remembrance meant to them.

We were very pleased to receive two letters from the residents, which are shared below:

Thank you so much for sending us some of your class work. We were really impressed at both your drawings and knowledge of Remembrance Day. It made us very proud reading through your work and research, keep up the good work! Please feel free to send any more work you may do, we loved seeing this!

From the residents of Lister House

Dear children, I am an old soldier at 94 years. I was involved in wars in Africa & Malaya. I am extremely pleased at your understanding of Remembrance Day and thank you for all your work. Please keep up the work & the understanding of Remembrance Day.

Yours with thanks,  
The Governor

### **PE and Forest Schools – spring term**

**EYFS: Monday**

**Class 1: Monday and Wednesday**

**Class 2: swimming Thursdays (starting 12<sup>th</sup> January) and Friday**

**Class 3: Tuesday and Thursday**

### **Forest Schools**

All the children in school will be undertaking Forest Schools at some point through the academic year. Forest School is an inspiring process which is a specialised approach that aims to develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning outside.

Children in **Class 3** are going to be undertaking Forest Schools on a Tuesday starting next week, 10<sup>th</sup> January. Please can children bring into school a waterproof coat, tracksuit bottoms and trainers / wellies – something that you don't mind getting wet and dirty!!

### **Emergency Procedure for School Closure – weather related / loss of utilities**

It is rare, however there are occasions where it has been necessary to close schools because of inclement weather, no electricity or because of lack of heating, so I would like to bring to your attention the procedures I will follow if this event occurs now that we are heading towards winter:

- An email will be sent to all families
- County Hall will be informed.

Hopefully, this will not happen this winter but I feel it is better to be prepared.

**Please always assume school is open unless you hear via any of the above methods. Please do not phone the school to ask if we are open as we may need to keep the line clear in order to contact staff. Please check on the school Facebook page and check emails.**

**Learning would be sent home via the class email system.**

## **Breakfast and After School Club – important booking information**

Please can any families who would like to use this facility ensure that bookings are made by 12pm on a Friday for the following week.

We can't take any bookings after this time at short notice as we need to ensure we have staff in place.

## **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 made amazing progress in his reading. He has persevered in blending sounds to make words. Well done Tomas!

**Class 1** - This week in class 1 the ribbon goes to someone who has shown real determination and perseverance. They have really worked hard to improve their participation in lessons and their handwriting and presentation skills. Now they can be relied upon for lots of ideas during lessons and set a fantastic example to the class. Well done, Florry!

**Class 2** – The nomination for the ribbon this week is from Mrs Chester. This person, works incredibly hard. In English their passion is really starting to come to the fore and their reading is going from strength to strength. Well done Isabelle!

**Class 3** – The ribbon this week is going to someone for their determination and reasoning skills in maths. They have been breaking down information and underlining key words to help them solve problem solving questions. Well done to Seth!

### **Values in Action**

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

This person has been nominated because at Forest School they helped out anyone who needed it and they listened and tried their best.

The award goes to Phoebe who was nominated by Abigail.

Well done, Phoebe!



## Attendance

<b>Weekly Attendance</b>			
<b>Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.</b>			
Week commencing 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2023			
<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Class 3</b>
93%	92%	93%	96%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>January 2023</b>	
<b>27/1/23</b>	Class 3 World War 2 Day Open the Book Collective Worship
<b>February 2023</b>	
<b>1/2/23</b>	Collective Worship led by Canon Matthew from Ripon Cathedral
<b>w/c 6/2/23</b>	Parent / Teacher / Child consultations
<b>10/2/23</b>	Break-up for February half term
<b>20/2/23</b>	School open
<b>24/2/23</b>	Open the Book Collective Worship
<b>March 2023</b>	
<b>29/3/23</b>	<b>Class 2 Production of 'Mystery at Magpie Manor'</b> Day performance: 2pm Evening performance: 6pm (children to arrive back at 5.40pm)
<b>31/3/23</b>	Break-up for Easter
<b>April 2023</b>	
<b>17/4/23</b>	School open for the summer term Class 3 trip to Eden Camp with Dishforth Airfield
<b>May 2023</b>	
<b>1/5/23</b>	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for one day
<b>8/5/23</b>	Bank Holiday Monday – King's Coronation
<b>9-12 May 2023</b>	Year 6 SAT week Tuesday – Friday
<b>26/5/23</b>	Break-up May 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