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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend. This week we are seeing a return to winter weather with very cold temperatures and we also look forward to our Chinese New Year promotional school dinner on Thursday – there is no need to pre-book this so children can order it on the day.

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 started our topic on traditional tales. We have started this topic by reading the book "Each Peach Pear Plum" by Allan Ahlberg. We identified all of the characters in the story as well as going in a rhyming hunt through the book. We thought about all the different places the characters were hiding in the book and used this as a basis for making maps. In maths reception have been making 5 and nursery have been identifying 3.

Class 1 – It has been a busy week in class 1. We have written a story about a boy who flies to the moon, begun new maths topics on money and place value and started programming our own animations using scratch on the I-pads! Everyone has enjoyed learning more about the moon landings and Scotland and we have learned about the artist Charles Rennie Mackintosh ready to do some of our own art work inspired by him.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 we have begun our swimming lessons. We enjoyed travelling to Thirsk on the coach and getting into the water. We look forward to improving our swimming each week. In Maths this week we have been looking at multiplication and division. Year 3 have been looking at the 3- and 4-times tables and Year 4 have been looking at the 12s. In English this week we have looked at adding suffixes to root words and looking at describing settings and action sequences. In computing we have loved looking at MicroDot computers. Over the next few weeks, we are going to develop and programme them.

Class 3 – Class 3 have enjoyed their first full week back at school. The children in year 6 have begun learning about ratio (which is completely new for them) and have hit the ground running with this new maths work. The year 5 children have been learning about how to add mixed numbers and have been working on their times tables and deepening their understanding of some patterns within these timetables. In English, we have begun reading 'Goodnight Mr Tom' and the children have made inferences on characters and predicted what will happen to the main character William Beech. We have had our first session of Forest School, learning about safety outside and coming up with our own rules and expectations. In PSHE, the children have created a sleep diary, where they are documenting their sleep patterns over the next month.

Year 6 Information session for parents / carers regarding SAT assessments - today

Today at 4.30pm in the school hall, Miss Ungerechts will be holding a parent / carer information session about the Year 6 SAT assessments.

Clubs

A club letter went out last week. Please can requests be back in school by Monday 16th January.

Parent or Carer / Teacher / Child consultations

A letter regarding Parent or Carer / Teacher / Child consultations will be sent out this week in order for you to make an appointment. The consultations are taking place on Monday 6th February and Wednesday 8th February.

Home Learning

Homework for the spring term is underway. I would also like to draw your attention to our Maths scheme, White Rose Maths as there is an app which accompanies this that children can use at home. This has been updated and would be useful for all children in school to have access to:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths#download>

In addition to this, there is advice and guidance regarding Maths on the school website as well as the White Rose Maths website which families may find useful:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/advice-and-guidance>

At our school, we believe that children learn best when parents, the school and children work together in partnership. Home Learning should be a positive experience which is manageable, meaningful and enjoyable for parents, teachers and children.

Please refer to the table below regarding homework for each class.

Class	Homework	Homework Given	Collected and Tested
EYFS: Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speed Sound Books• Daily Reading• Show and Tell task	Daily Daily Weekly	Mrs Chaplin will provide more information in a separate letter.
CLASS 1 Year 1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily reading• Spellings• Mental Maths• A weekly task linked to current learning	Daily reading Friday Friday Friday	Monday / Thursday Thursday Thursday Thursday
CLASS 2 Year 3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily reading• Spellings• Mental Maths• A weekly task linked to current learning	Daily Friday Friday Friday	Daily Wednesday Wednesday Wednesday
CLASS 3 Year 5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Reading• SPAG• A Maths activity relating to in-school learning during the week	Daily Friday Friday Friday	Daily Wednesday Wednesday Wednesday

Year 6

Year 6 children may sometimes have an additional piece of homework. Hand-in dates will be made clear by Miss Ungerechts.

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.**

Promotional School Dinner this Thursday, the 19th January – Chinese New Year

Sweet & Sour Chicken with Egg Fried Rice

Sticky Vegetable Noodles (V)

Cauliflower & Green Beans

Crusty Bread

Chinese Raspberry Snowflake with Custard



School Dinners

The cost of a school dinner for children in Years 3 – 6 will be £3.05 from January 2023.



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 on **Friday 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

PE and Forest Schools – spring term

EYFS: Monday

Class 1: Monday and Wednesday

Class 2: swimming Thursdays (starting 12th 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, 10th 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 always tries hard to follow our class rules, always showing that they are ready to learn. This week they have persevered with "Holding a sentence" in our Read Write Inc sessions. Well done Alice!

Class 1 - In class 1 this week the ribbon goes to someone who has had a fantastic start to 2023. They are working hard in all areas and have a great attitude towards their learning. Keep up the fantastic work Ivy!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is a model of consistency. They always work to the best of their ability and are a great role model. They work really well both independently and support others in groups. Well done Florence!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who used their enquiry skills in history when trying to predict what was happening in an image from 1939. They were given one piece of the picture at a time and had to look carefully at what was happening in the image. A big well done to Lily A!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to someone for demonstrating our school values of perseverance, trust and respect.



This person has been nominated because they persevere in all subjects, they respect teachers and they trust everyone they work with.

The award goes to Isla who was nominated by Dacian.

Well done, Isla!

Attendance

Weekly Attendance			
Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.			
Week commencing 9 th January 2023			
EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
100%	97%	96%	93%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

January 2023	
16/1/23	Height and Weight check for children in Reception and Year 6 Year 6 Parent / Carer information session regarding SATS at 4.30pm in the school hall
19/1/23	Promotional School Dinner – Chinese New Year
27/1/23	Class 3 World War 2 Day Open the Book Collective Worship
February 2023	
1/2/23	Collective Worship led by Canon Matthew from Ripon Cathedral
w/c 6/2/23	Parent / Teacher / Child consultations

10/2/23	Break-up for February half term
20/2/23	School open
24/2/23	Open the Book Collective Worship
March 2023	
29/3/23	Class 2 Production of 'Mystery at Magpie Manor' Day performance: 2pm Evening performance: 6pm (children to arrive back at 5.40pm)
31/3/23	Break-up for Easter
April 2023	
17/4/23	School open for the summer term
May 2023	
1/5/23	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for one day
8/5/23	Bank Holiday Monday – King's Coronation
9-12 May 2023	Year 6 SAT week Tuesday – Friday
26/5/23	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