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Dear Parents / Carers,

It looks like we are going to have quite a cold spell this week weather wise! It's another busy week in school with Aquatic Finatic visiting EYFS today and Year 5 are going to Thirsk High School for an enrichment day. I'd also like to thank everyone who supported World Book Day last Thursday where we had fabulous costumes and books shared in school.

Class News:

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

EYFS – This week in EYFS we have started our new topic on Amazing Africa. We have identified Africa on a world map and on the globe. We have learned that Africa is a continent made up of lots of countries. We have read the story "Anna Hibiscus' Song" and looked at the illustrations to talk about how Anna Hibiscus' life is similar to ours and different. In Forest Schools we went on a wet and muddy walk using our senses. In PE we are learning the movements to different nursery rhymes and making them into a dance.

Class 1 – Well it's has been an exciting week investigating our specimens of animal poo (not real of course!!) and deciding what sort of animal could have produced them. We have begun writing a class book about birds and have chosen the birds that we will interview and prepared our interview questions. Year 2 have been working on their times tables where Year 1 have been focussing on the numbers up to 50. We have all enjoyed world book day, with some fabulous costumes, and we have even found the time to begin designing and cutting out the pieces for our bags in DT.

Class 2 – This week in class 2 we loved world book day. We enjoyed seeing each other's costumes and joining in with world book day activities. Our Art lesson on Thursday was all about using perspective to recreate Sleepers by Henry Moore (our artist for this term) and in Computing we created dice with our microdot computers. In English we continued writing our biographies all about Agatha Christie, looking at her adulthood and disappearance. We were fascinated that she reappeared in Harrogate! Our maths learning this week has been all about length and year 3 are measuring lines while year 4 have looked at perimeter and missing lengths of rectilinear shapes.

Class 3 - Class 3 have had a lovely week. We have been learning about decimals in maths and have been using advanced punctuation in English. The children looked amazing on world book day and told us all about their favourite books, completing a book review. They have also been exploring drawing with wax resist in art. In PE the children have been practising their passing and movement in competitive games such as netball.

Aquatic Finatic – EYFS

The children very much enjoyed a visit from James from Aquatic Finatic. We were able to learn about and hold a variety of animals, including snakes, lizards, rabbits, mice, tortoise, guinea pigs, as well as a barn owl. Everyone enjoyed this experience and it helped us to learn about different animals.



Online Safety Newsletter – March Edition

Please find attached to this newsletter the March edition of the Online Safety Newsletter. I would highly recommend that all parents / carers read this newsletter as it has particular reference to TikTok and Roblox. Children must be over 13 years old to use TikTok and Roblox has a Parental Guidance label because of the huge level of user generated content within Roblox. Roblox is rated for 'teens' on Google Play and 12+ on the App store.

Comic Relief

On Friday 17th March school will be supporting the Comic Relief Day where children can wear red noses and non-uniform for a £1 donation.

Mrs McBride has set the donation up on ParentPay which can be accessed through the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=9986>

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.**

PE and Forest Schools – this half term

EYFS: Friday

Class 1: Monday and Wednesday

Class 2: swimming Thursdays and dance

Class 3: Monday and Thursday

Forest Schools – change of day for EYFS

Children in **EYFS** are having Forest Schools on a **Wednesday**. Please can children bring into school a waterproof coat, tracksuit bottoms and trainers / wellies – something that you don't mind getting wet and dirty!!

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.

Friends of Dishforth

Friends of Dishforth are holding a Family Bingo event on Saturday 25th March in Dishforth Village Hall from 6.30pm. Tickets cost £2 and a game of Bingo is £1.

Chocolate donations will be greatly appreciated – please deliver to the school office by the 22nd March – thank you!

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 started to make super progress in their maths. They are recognising number dot patterns and can say how many dots they can see without counting, as well as using their knowledge of number bonds to answer questions. Well done Fallon!

Class 1 – The ribbon for class 1 this week goes to someone who regularly shows our school values of compassion and respect. This person is always ready to learn and always works hard. They also look out for their fellow class mates and notice if there is a problem and tries hard to solve it. Well done Elodie!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really stepped up in whole class discussions to make sure their contributions and understanding are heard. They are showing great listening and knowledge retrieval skills and their writing is going from strength to strength. Well done Charlotte!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their perseverance in maths when multiplying and dividing decimals. Great work Belle!

Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they ask people how they are and whether they would like to join in on the playground.

The award goes to Bibi who was nominated by Felicia.

Well done, Bibi!



Attendance

Weekly Attendance			
Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.			
Week commencing 27 th February 2023			
EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
99%	98%	96%	97%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

March 2023	
6/3/23	Year 5 Enrichment Day Thirsk School EYFS visit from Aquatic Finatic
17/3/23	Comic Relief Day – Red Nose Day Clubs finish
22/3/23	Dentist talk in EYFS
25/3/23	Friends of Dishforth event – Family Bingo 6.30pm Dishforth Village Hall
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	Baldersby St James Church – afternoon Easter Service 1.30pm – children can be collected from church for the Easter Holiday. Break-up for Easter
April 2023	
17/4/23	School open for the summer term Class 3 trip to Eden Camp with Dishforth Airfield
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
June 2023	
5/6/23	School open Year 4 Multiplication Check window begins
12/6/23	Phonic Screen Check window
29/6/23	Year 5 Enrichment Day Thirsk School Day 2

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