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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a super Bank Holiday weekend with another one to enjoy next week!

We have a very busy week in school this week with a balance bike session for EYFS, Music for Life concert on Thursday and our Coronation event on Friday.

I have also added further information on diary dates at the end of the newsletter, so please keep checking!

Coronation Assembly – Friday 5th May at 2.15pm

We would like to invite families to join us for our Celebration Assembly on Friday 5th May at 2.15pm where we will mark the Coronation of King Charles III with a presentation and special song followed by light refreshments. The assembly will take place outside – you would be very welcome to bring your own chairs / picnic rug – please prepare for all types of weather!

The children can wear red, white and blue on this day and they will all receive a Coronation pin to commemorate the occasion.

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 work on Living Things. We have been using our funky fingers to fold paper to make jumping frog legs. We have been sorting bugs based on the number of legs or whether they have wings or not. In Reception we have been practising writing simple sentences independently. In PSED we have been thinking about big and small problems and thinking about what problems we can solve independently of an adult.

Class 1 – This week in class 1 we have begun a new story, The Koala who Could. We have written a character description and ordered the story. We have improved our vocabulary by adding adjectives to improve the story and have worked on rhyming words noticing spelling patterns and thinking about alternative spellings for the same sounds. In maths Year 2 have been learning about halves, quarters and thirds and Year 1 have been making and using arrays. We have been busy drawing leaves and tasking fruit as well as learning more about Christopher Columbus. We have even found time to learn the names of the oceans of the world in Geography.

Class 2 – In Class 2 this week we have had a really busy week. In our Geography learning we have investigated all of the capital cities of South America, looking at each of the 13 countries. In PSHE we

looked at healthy eating and had some fantastic discussions around which foods should be consumed more and less. Year 3 have finished off their learning on fractions in Maths this week, while year 4 have continued looking at decimals. In Science we have looked at how we can keep our bodies healthy.

Class 3 – Class 3 have been working especially hard this week. The year 6 children have begun revising maths, reading and SPAG content in preparation for their SATs. The year 5 children have just finished their unit in maths and are now looking at shape and angles. In Literacy, the children are writing narratives about a short film (Alma). In geography, we have begun learning about the features of coastlines in the U.K and will be creating a model to assess our understanding of this. The children have also begun looking at our play for the end of year performance. Class 3 joined in our mini-London marathon, where the children ran 8 laps each of our school field. Some children even ran more with great perseverance! In art and design, the children have learnt about the symbolism linked to the coronation and have made the orb, sceptre and crown.

Coronation School Dinner – Friday 5th May

As a school we will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles of Friday 5th May with a promotional school dinner.

A selection of homemade sandwiches

Homemade sausage rolls

Homemade cheese straws

Vegetable sticks

Celebration cupcakes

Wednesday 3rd May – EYFS Balance Bikes

On Wednesday the children in EYFS are having a session with balance bikes on the school playground. Children can wear joggers for the day.

Thursday 4th May – Music for Life Concert

On Thursday we are delighted to welcome musicians from 'Music for Life' in school where the children will watch a concert and then Class 2 children will participate in a workshop.

This year we are seeing Hathon Duo who are a flute and harp duo featuring two award winning musicians, Meera Maharaj and Lucy Nolan who regularly perform throughout the UK together.

With distinctions in postgraduate degrees, **Lucy Nolan** was the recipient of a number of prizes and a finalist in the RNCM's Gold Medal weekend. She is in demand as a soloist and was recently invited to perform at the World Harp Congress in Hong Kong and regularly works with orchestras such as the Hallé, Manchester Concert Orchestra and the Royal Northern Sinfonia. Lucy has been invited to perform in renowned music venues such as the Royal Albert Hall, Cadogan Hall, The Sage, Bridgewater Hall and Lambeth Palace. Lucy is passionate about collaborating and creating new music and she recently received awards from the Arts Council and Help Musicians to fund the composition and commissioning of new harp music and has performed at Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival and New Music North West Festival.

<https://www.lucynolan.co>

Meera Maharaj is currently a Countess of Munster Recital Scheme artist alongside pianist Dominic Degavino. Since 2013, she has frequently performed with guitarist James Girling, as Meraki Duo and they were finalists in the 2019 Royal Overseas League competition. Competition successes include first prize in the Royal Academy of Music Flute Competition and Dutch International Flute Competition. She graduated with Distinction in her Masters, studying with Michael Cox at the Royal Academy of Music. In 2017, she graduated from the Royal Northern College of Music (first class honours). Meera has played at the Southbank Centre, Wigmore Hall, Kings Place and Royal Albert Hall at the BBC Proms. She is Co-principal Flute of Chineke! Orchestra.

www.meeramaharaj.co.uk

Recent Hathor Duo Recordings:

L'après-midi d'un faune - Debussy (arr. Loman): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RwHC1xdn5ic)

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Malaika - Trad. (arr. Hathor Duo):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TP6PPfG9CQQ>

Nocturne - Sibelius (arr. Hathor Duo):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VODiUXtvc1M>

Mental Health Awareness Week 15th – 21st May – information from Mental Health UK

Mental Health Awareness Week takes place from Monday 15 – Sunday 21 May 2023. The official theme for this year, as set by the Mental Health Foundation, is 'anxiety'. The **'Just Anxiety?'** campaign aims to help people and organisations to understand the difference between anxiety and anxiety disorders and to confidently seek and signpost each other to the right support.

Anxiety is a common emotion that we've likely all experienced at some point in our lives. People living with an anxiety disorder will feel intense levels of anxiety frequently, which can deeply impact their quality of life.

Anxiety disorders affect over 8 million people in the UK – that's a little over 1 in 10 of us – and there are lots of different types of them.

When we talk about anxiety, we might dismiss or invalidate it as someone *"just worrying"* or *"just being stressed"*. These common phrases can be harmful. That's why we want to challenge the notion that it's 'just' anxiety, and share the truths about the condition.

Further information can be found through the following link:

<https://mentalhealth-uk.org/mental-health-awareness-week/>

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find the May edition of the Online Safety newsletter for families attached to this week's newsletter.

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

Key Stage 2 Assessments – Year 6

Next 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 12th 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 two-week window commencing on the 5th June. The outcome of this check is reported to parents by the end of the summer term. Please refer to the parent / carer information document which is attached to this newsletter.

Fakeaway Day – promotional school dinner – Thursday 18th May

Pizza Baguette

Chips

Salad

Cookie

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!

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 Days

EYFS: Friday

Class 1: Thursday and Friday

Class 2: Monday and Wednesday

Class 3: Monday and Thursday

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.

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

Fashion Show

Friends of Dishforth have organised a Ladies Fashion Show and Pop-up Shop which will take place on the 24th May 2023, please see leaflet attached for more information.

Numbers are limited so please buy your tickets as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Tickets can be purchased through your ParentPay account.

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 really shown a mature attitude to learning recently. She is beginning to really take an active part in group activities. She listens well on the carpet and is answering questions more. Well done, Polly!

Class 1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working hard to improve their presentation and hand writing. They always have excellent ideas, share their knowledge with others and work hard to understand new learning. Keep up the great work Rosie H!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to somebody who has shown a great increase in maturity recently. They are conscientious with their learning, polite and work well to support others. Their work on decimals this week has been outstanding and they continue to work hard in all subject areas. Well done, Seb!

Class 3 – The ribbon is going to someone who consistently sets a great example during lesson time. They are always contributing to class discussions and listening carefully to others as they are speaking. This child is respectful and patient when working in pairs or groups with others. Well done, Thomas!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they were being inclusive by letting others join in when building a bug home on the field.

The award goes to Florence who was nominated by Sophie.

Well done, Florence!

Attendance

Weekly Attendance			
Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.			
Good attendance is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. Nationwide research has shown that the pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have had higher rates of attendance throughout primary school, compared to those with the lowest attainment. The government aims for all pupils to have a minimum of 95% attendance across the school year, and any child with less than 90% attendance is recorded as a persistent absentee. Here is our school's current overview of attendance:			
Week commencing 24th April 2023			
EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
97%	93%	93%	93%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

May 2023	
3/5/23	EYFS Balance Bike morning
4/5/23	Music for Life – whole school concert and workshop for class 2 (afternoon)
5/5/23	Coronation school dinner School assembly to mark the King's Coronation – families welcome – 2.15pm Children can wear red, white and blue
8/5/23	Bank Holiday Monday – King's Coronation – school closed
9-12 May 2023	Year 6 SAT week Tuesday – Friday
17/5/23	Year 3 and 4 multi-skills festival at Outwood Academy Ripon
24/5/23	Friends of Dishforth – ladies Fashion Show and Pop-up Shop Dishforth Village Hall – door open at 7pm show starts at 7.30pm
26/5/23	Break-up May half term 3.15pm
June 2023	
5/6/23	School open Year 4 Multiplication Check window begins

9/6/23	Open the Book Collective Worship
12/6/23	Phonic Screen Check window
23/6/23	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR THE DAY
26/6/23	Parent Information Session – Reception children in September 5pm
27/6/23	CLASS 3 PRODUCTION OF MACBETH 2pm and 6pm
28/6/23	Class 3 – Game of Actual Life Day
29/6/23	Year 5 Enrichment Day Thirsk School Day 2
July 2023	
5-7 July 23	Boroughbridge High School transition days
10-14 July 23	Thirsk High School transition days
13/7/23	Whole school transition morning (TBC)
17/7/23	School Reports home
19/7/23	Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly – afternoon
21/7/23	Break-up for summer holidays at 2.30pm (no after school club)
September 2023	
4/9/23	TRAINING DAY
5/9/23	School open for the 2023-24 academic year
October 2023	
27/10/23	Break-up October 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