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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a super weekend. What a week we had in school last week with the Class 3 performances of Macbeth which were absolutely fantastic – once again a huge thank you to the staff for all their hard work and of course a thank you to the children who were superb!

We have another busy week this week with our Sports Day today and tomorrow Class 1 are going to Ripon Cathedral for a visit.

Good luck as well to the Year 6 children who are going for their transition days to different secondary schools over the course of this week and next week.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Penelope who is starting this week in Year 2.

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 continued our topic on going on an adventure. Reception children had an adventure, travelling by minibus to Minskip Farm Shop, to see the animals and buy baking ingredients in the shop. We have all been learning about the adventures pirates had in the past. We have dressed up as pirates, made pirate hats and eye patches and treasure maps.

Class 1 – What a fantastic week we have had in class 1. We really enjoyed watching Class 3 perform Macbeth! We have been showing off our reading and maths skills this week by solving problems and answering questions about the texts that we have read. We have also planned and begun writing our own story linked to Meerkat Mail. We have evaluated our fruit desserts, thinking about the things we found the most difficult and what we could do to improve them if we were to make them again.

Class 2 – It has been assessment week in Class 2 this week. We have worked really hard to show off all of our learning from this year. In History we looked at schools in the Victorian era and how they differ from our classroom today. In Geography we looked at the different climate zones within Brazil. We loved practicing for sports day in our PE lesson and in Art this week we began painting our mod rock sculptures.

Class 3 - Class 3 have had a lovely start to this week, sharing our performance with school and our families. What a wonderful way to showcase all of their hard work and determination, well done to all of the Y5/6 children! We have also been working on our leavers' assembly for Y6 children. In maths, children have learnt all about place value and we have recapped fractions, decimals and percentages. In English, the children have recapped some of their spelling, punctuation and grammar skills in preparation for the Y5 tests this week. In athletics sessions, we have practised

some of the races, ready for sports day and in DT we have continued making our noughts and crosses bags.

EYFS – Reception children trip

On Tuesday the children in Reception enjoyed a trip to Minskip Farm Shop. We visited the shop to buy ingredients for baking, fed the pigs and walked the farm trail. We had a very interesting walk around the allotment, looking at all the different vegetable and fruit plants that were growing. Finally, we all enjoyed our snack sat on the straw bales.



Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this week's newsletter the July edition of the Online Safety Newsletter for your information.

Class Structure – academic year 2023-24

Please see below the staffing structure for the next academic year. The children in school will get the opportunity to spend time with their class teacher on the transition morning of Thursday 13th July.

Head Teacher: Mrs Lyon

EYFS and Senior Teacher: Mrs Chaplin

Class 1: Mrs Cawood

Class 2: Mr Duffy

Class 3: Miss Ungerechts

Mrs Blyton will be working in Class 2 and 3 covering PPA each week.

Swimming – September



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Class 3 children start on Thursday 14th September.** Please ensure your child has swimwear, goggles and a towel (named). It is helpful if girls wear socks and not tights on swimming days. Due to the layout and number of cubicles at Thirsk swimming baths, some children need to share a cubicle in order to change before and after the lesson. If any parents have questions or queries about this then please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Lyon. After Christmas children in Years 3 and 4 will go swimming.

The cost of swimming will be **£5.00 each week**, this still has to be paid even if your child misses a swimming lesson as we still have to pay for the bus, pool hire and swimming instructors. Payments must be made on your Parent Pay account. School has heavily subsidised the cost of swimming due to rising prices from the bus company and constraints imposed by Thirsk Pool.

Ear-rings in PE

Please can I remind parents of the policy regarding the wearing of ear-rings in PE? Guidance was updated by the Association for PE a number of years ago.

All personal effects should be removed including earrings.

Newly pierced earrings can be removed after a 6-week healing duration. During this period students should be given alternative tasks within physical education such as officiating.

Students unable to remove earrings were previously permitted to make them safe by taping. The guidance on the aforementioned has now changed based on national advice issued by the Association for Physical Education (afPE) 2019. It is now felt that the taping of earrings 'creates a perception of safety and is not recommended', as there have been several incidences within the local authority where children's ears have been injured from earrings being pulled out from under the tape.

Teachers/TAs are not permitted to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves, therefore, it would be helpful if earrings could be taken out at home on PE days.

If a child has recently had their ears pierced and is unable to remove their earrings, they will not be permitted to take part in the practical aspect of PE lessons for six weeks, after which time they will be expected to remove their earrings in order to participate in PE lessons. During this six-week period the child will be able to take on the role of umpire, referee or coach where appropriate.

Please be aware that this policy will be followed by school staff and Sport coaches.

If your child is going to have their ears pierced, please do so at the start of the summer holidays rather than during term time.

Sports Day – Rescheduled for Monday 17th July at 1pm

Our traditional Sports Day is on the afternoon of Monday 17th July starting at 1pm.

Families are welcome to join us and please feel free to bring your own chairs!

Friends of Dishforth will be selling raffle tickets, refreshments and nearly new uniform after the event.



Summer Holidays

School breaks up at 2.30pm on Friday 21st July for the summer break.

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

Summer Holiday Activities

Reading Challenge Summer 2023



Get active with the Summer Reading Challenge 2023!

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Ready Set Read! and is all about the power of play, sport, games and physical activity.

The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited-edition Ready Set Read! medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 15th July until Sat 9th Sept.

There will also be a fantastic programme of activities in libraries all summer, many of them free, to go with the challenge – look out for flyers with more details which have been sent to schools for children to bring home.

FEAST: Food. Entertainment. Arts. Sport. Together

Please see the information below regarding the FEAST programme in North Yorkshire over the summer holidays.

FEAST brings the fun to the school holidays, offering loads of different activities for everyone to take part in.

All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of sessions, with free places and a free lunch for those on benefits-related Free School Meals, thanks to funding from the Department for Education.

To see all the fantastic activities on offer and learn more about how to claim a free place, <https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/>

There is so much to choose from – come and take a look at what's on!

The FEAST programme is provided by North Yorkshire Together, commissioned by North Yorkshire Council and funded by the Department for Education.

If you have any questions, please contact us at hello@northyorkshiretogether.co.uk

School Dinners - September

We have been informed by County Caters that due to rising costs there will be a price increase on school dinners for children in Years 3-6 from September. The cost in September will be £3.13

Nursery meals will also increase to £2.10

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 continued to use their imagination in the creative area. They always think carefully about what they are making and work with great care – Well done Olivia!

Class 1 – The ribbon for class 1 this week goes to someone who always works incredibly hard. They persevere when they find things tough and they celebrate when they achieve. They have been working particularly hard recently to improve their phonics, reading, spelling and writing. Keep up the fantastic work Bobby!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who throughout the year has quietly gone about working really hard to achieve great things. They have really flourished this half term. Well done Katie!

Class 3 – The ribbon is going to someone for their determination when practising their handwriting. They have tried incredibly hard to use joined handwriting throughout every lesson, as well as English lessons. They know how important presentation is. Keep it up, Jacob 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 in our production they have learned all their lines and have worked hard on their acting. They also tried really hard to improve.

The award goes to Josh who was nominated by Abigail and Evie.

Well done, Josh!

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 26th June 2023

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
100%	97.5%	99.3%	91.3%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

July 2023	
03/07/23	Sports Day – Cancelled, now the 17 th July at 1pm
4/7/23	Class 1 visit to Ripon Cathedral
5-7 July 23	Boroughbridge High School transition days
10-14 July 23	Thirsk High School transition days
10/7/23	Reading Challenge assembly by Boroughbridge Library
11/7/23	PCSO Liam Bradbury-Monk – Stranger Danger talks
13/7/23	Whole school transition morning
17/7/23	School Reports home Sports Day 1pm
18/7/23	Class 2 visit to Ripon Museum
19/7/23	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – afternoon
20/7/23	Year 6 Treat
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