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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have had a super weekend. We continue to have a busy couple of weeks ahead before the summer break so please do keep checking the newsletters and diary dates.

We are hoping to carry out Sport Day next Monday (17th) at 1pm – fingers crossed!

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 been learning about special books as part of our work in Religious Education. We have learned that the bible is the special book for Christians and have listened to and retold the story of Jesus calming the storm. We will be learning about the Muslim special book, the Qur'an, next week. In maths, we have been looking at repeating patterns. Nursery have made simple AB patterns and Reception have made more complicated ABCD repeating patterns.

Class 1 – We've had a fabulous trip this week in Class 1. The children were incredible and really showed great manners and behaviour at Ripon Cathedral. We really enjoyed finding out about different artefacts and how they are used in a Church, and have begun comparing these with artefacts found in a Mosque and thinking about what makes different places of worship special. In writing we have been learning how to describe different places and have been writing postcards as if we have visited lots of different places. In maths Year 1 children have begun telling the time and Year 2 children are busy honing their problem solving and explanation skills in preparation for class 2.

Class 2 – This week we have had a lovely week in Class 2. We have enjoyed finishing off our mod roc sculptures in Art. Decorating our sculptures with paint to look like our favourite characters. In maths year 4 have looked at position and direction, plotting points and shapes on grids, while year 3 have been looking at 3D shapes. In English we have finished writing our story on the flight of a robin and in Geography we looked more closely at the weather and climate in Brazil.

Class 3 - Class 3 have been planning and drafting poems this week. The children analysed narrative poems and sonnets in relation to our topic. They have really enjoyed trying to manipulate rhyming schemes and use figurative language to influence the audience. In maths, Y5 children have been sequencing decimals using their knowledge of addition and subtraction. Y6 children have been looking at fractions and decimals, using investigations to practise their reasoning. In computing the children have designed their webpage and thought carefully about the audience they are trying to attract. In art, we have been using work from Michelle Hughes to cut the lino for their prints. We

have also learnt about Victorian crime and punishment, whilst recapping Ancient Rome, Anglo-Saxon and Tudor crime and punishment.

Class 1 Trip

Class One went on a very special trip to the Cathedral in Ripon. We learned about special places and the symbols that are found in a Church. We made our own crosses, saw lots of symbols and visited the crypt. All of the children behaved very well and learned a lot.



Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – Wednesday 19th July

The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly is taking place on Wednesday 19th July at 1.45pm in the school hall. Please can we ask that no more than two family members join us for this assembly due to the limited space in the hall – thank you.

Class 2 Trip – Ripon Museum

On Tuesday 18th July, Class 2 will be visiting Ripon Workhouse museum where they will be taking part in a rich and poor day. During the day the children will get to experience a mock trial in the courtroom, a tour of the prison cells and meet the very stern matron from the workhouse. Please make sure the children have packed lunch, a waterproof jacket, a hat and sun cream on the day.

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.

Summer Holidays

School breaks up at 2.30pm on Friday 21st July for the summer break. There will be no after school club on this day.

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

Summer Holiday Provision

Please click on the link below to find local camps and activities for children of all ages from our local Early Help Consultant.

<https://harrogate.mumbler.co.uk/school-holidays/holiday-care-fun-clubs/>

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

Autumn Term Lunch Menu

Attached is the menu for the new Autumn term.

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 blossomed into a very mature and helpful member of our class. They can always be trusted to carry out a job for a grown up. They are kind and considerate to others and are ready for moving up into Reception – Well done Polly!

Class 1 – The ribbon this week for Class 1 goes to someone who is always kind and thoughtful. They are always looking to support others whilst working hard themselves and they are really growing in confidence. Well done Josephine!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who always shows exemplary behaviour in the classroom. They always show other children around school respect and set a good example. Well done Rupert!

Class 3 – The ribbon is going to someone for their communication during PE, trying to encourage some of his peers as they ran races during athletics. Well done, Joshua!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because in Computing and English they were helping everyone with the computer.

The award goes to Seth who was nominated by Jacob K.

Well done, Seth!

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 3rd July 2023

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
83%	98%	98%	96%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

July 2023	
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 1.45pm
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
14/9/23	First swim for Class 3 (Year 5 and 6) children at Thirsk swimming pool
21/9/23	Class 2 trip to Aldborough Roman Site
25/9/23	Music Service assembly
27/9/23	Class 3 NSPCC workshop
October 2023	
2/10/23	Class 2 – Forest Schools afternoon
9/10/23	Class 2 – Forest Schools afternoon
13/10/23	Open the Book – Collective Worship
16/10/23	Class 2 – Forest Schools afternoon
23/10/23	Parent / Carer Evenings
25/10/23	
26/10/23	EYFS and Class 1 Harvest – morning (TBC)
27/10/23	Class 2 and Class 3 Harvest – afternoon (TBC)
27/10/23	Break-up October half term
November 2023	
6/11/23	School open
8/11/23	Number Fun Day
10/11/23	Individual Photograph morning

December 2023	
1/12/23	Open the Book – Collective Worship
14/12/23	Last swim for Class 3
19/12/23	Class 3 theatre trip to Leeds Playhouse to see ‘Oliver!’
22/12/23	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm (no after school club)

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