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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend.

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 reading the story of 'The Colour Monster goes to school' and looking at school routines as we settle in to our own school week. We have also thought of questions to ask the monster. In Reception we have been learning to say and write the new sounds 'a, m, s, d, t'. We have been singing the songs of 'Five little ducks' and 'When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears' and counting along. We also used colour by numbers to create a colourful bear. In Nursery we have been identifying the sounds objects make in mystery socks. We have been singing One two three four five once I caught a fish alive as well as recognising the primary colours yellow, red and blue.

Class 1 – It has been another fantastic week in class 1 with lots of hard work from everyone. We have enjoyed writing about the story of A Squash and a Squeeze, practised ordering numbers and discussed the vocabulary greater than and less than. In Geography we have been looking at maps of Dishforth and planned a route from the village hall to the school. In science we began learning about different materials, looking carefully at items and noticing what material they were made from. We also discussed the different properties of materials.

Class 2 – In Class 2 this week we have been working really hard. We have planned and written an alternative chapter for our class text "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane" using setting and character description. In Maths we have worked hard on our place value and in History we learnt all about the story of Romulus and Remus. Our RE this week was all about how God created the world and in PE we have enjoyed learning more Netball skills.

Class 3 – Class 3 have had a brilliant week. We have been learning about the power of ten in maths and we have found out more about the fascinations of ancient Egypt in our book during English. The children have written some fantastic descriptions about our main character Lilian using similes, metaphors and personification. In PSHE we have discussed the NSPCC and worries. They also designed some bold and exciting posters for our school expectations and values. The children enjoyed their first football PE lesson and tournament.

Early Reading and Phonics Session for Reception Parents

Mrs Chaplin will be holding a meeting about our phonics scheme, Read Write Inc. on **Friday 22nd September at 2.30pm.**

Class 2 trip to Aldborough Roman Site – this Thursday

On Thursday 21st September Class 2 will be taking a trip to Aldborough Roman Town near Boroughbridge as part of our History Topic of "The Romans, a local history study". During the day we will look at what life was like in an important Roman Town and investigate how historians today search for relics from the past. Please could children have wellington boots, a coat, hat and sun cream to ensure we are ready for every eventuality weather wise!

NSPCC – Speak out, stay safe programme

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* Programme** this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age-appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom-based activities, alongside NSPCC volunteer led face to face workshops for children in Class 3 on Wednesday 27th September. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Feedback survey for pupils aged 7-11

The NSPCC would like to gather feedback from pupils aged between 7-11 about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme to gauge their learning. **This will be voluntary and children can still take part in the programme if they don't take part in the survey.**

UK Parliament Outreach Programme

On Tuesday 26th September we are delighted to welcome Rachael Dodgson to school. Rachael is Parliament's Senior Education & Engagement Outreach Officer for Yorkshire & Humberside, working across the region to help young people develop their understanding of democracy and Parliament. Rachael will be delivering an assembly to children in key stage 2 giving an introduction to Parliament with an overview of the three key parts of Parliament and how they work together to make laws.

Information for Parents of Year 6 children

Information regarding applying for secondary school is attached to this newsletter from North Yorkshire County Council. Applications need to be submitted from 12th September and by 31st October.

Key Stage 2 football competition

On Wednesday Mr Duffy took teams from Classes 2 and 3 to Boroughbridge High School for a football tournament run by Sporting Influence. Every game was keenly contested and our children put in some fabulous performances. A great time was had by all. Congratulations to both teams for really showing our school values of perseverance and respect throughout the tournament.



Promotional School Dinner – Thursday 5th October

Hot Dog & Chips

Or

(v) Pizza & Chips

Peas

Sweetcorn

Ketchup

Jelly & Ice-cream

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 for a great effort in phonics and some good independent learning in the areas of provision. You have become a super friend to many other children, well done, Gracie!

Class 1 - The ribbon for class 1 this week goes to someone who has been a fantastic role model and all-round super start since starting the new school year. They have shown determination to be their best and support for others. Keep up the great work Connie!

Class 2 – The ribbon in class 2 this week goes to someone who always has a smile on their face. They work hard to listen and make sure they understand what is required in each lesson and they make sure they try their best. Well done to Bobby!

Class 3 - The ribbon this is going to someone for their sensible attitude when learning and for setting a good example on the playground. Well done Sophie McCue.

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 every lesson this person has persevered with their injured arm and it is getting stronger and stronger.

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.

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 11th September 2023

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
95.9%	97.3%	98.6%	95.6%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

September 2023	
21/9/23	Class 2 trip to Aldborough Roman Site
22/9/23	Reception Parents Information Session regarding Read, Write, Inc at 2.30pm
25/9/23	Music Service assembly
26/9/23	UK Parliament outreach programme – assembly for KS2 children – An overview of Parliament and how laws are made
27/9/23	Class 3 NSPCC workshop
October 2023	
2/10/23	Class 2 – Forest Schools afternoon
5/10/23	Promotional school dinner
9/10/23	Class 2 – Forest Schools afternoon
11/10/23	High 5 Netball competition Y5/6 - one team girls only (at Boroughbridge High School)
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 – whole school
10/11/23	Individual Photograph morning
15/11/23	Cross Country competition (at Boroughbridge High School)
December 2023	
1/12/23	Open the Book – Collective Worship
5/12/23	EYFS Nativity – morning – time TBC

13/12/23	Class 1 Nativity 2pm and 5.30pm
14/12/23	Last swim for Class 3
15/12/23	Christingle at Baldersby St James Church 1.45pm – families welcome
19/12/23	Class 3 theatre trip to Leeds Playhouse to see 'Oliver!'
20/12/23	Christmas School Dinner
21/12/23	Christmas Party afternoon (children bring party clothes to change into)
22/12/23	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm (no after school club)
January 2024	
8/1/24	Training Day
9/1/24	School open for the spring 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