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**Newsletter 6 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

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 enjoyed learning about The Gruffalo. We have been up to the forests school's area and made different houses for the different animals in the story, including a nest for owl and a log pile house for snake. In maths we have been comparing size, mass and capacity. We have all used the balance scales to compare the mass of different objects and have used the vocabulary heavier and lighter. In art we have continued to learn how to make a good rubbing, again, using our forest school area to practise making rubbings on natural materials.

**Class 1** – We have had a fun packed week in class 1, writing information leaflets and texts about ladybirds and working hard in maths lessons with year 1 concentrating on ordering numbers and year 2 beginning their work on addition and subtraction. In art children have really focussed on the skill of drawing and tried a "blind" drawing, a continuous line drawing, where you cannot take your pencil off, and a really detailed drawing of autumn leaves. In history we have been thinking about why Alfred Wight's books were so important and why he wrote them. In our PE lesson all of our practise at passing and catching is really paying off as we were able to play a game of "end game" with everyone supporting each other and really thinking strategically as they played.

**Class 2** – This week in Class 2 we had our first Forest Schools lesson with Miss Hunter. We loved exploring our school grounds, building dens and using tools to create jewellery and other tools. We can't wait for next week's lesson. In science we looked in more detail at the muscles and organs that make up our digestive system and labelled pictures. In English we have continued our work on poetry, looking at figurative language and analysing the poetry of John Lyons. In Art we used our new drawing skills to think about different scenes that we could draw and in maths we have all moved onto learning about addition and subtraction.

**Class 3** – Class 3 have had a great week this week. They have been journalists in English, busy researching newspaper articles and analysing their features. In maths, the children have been learning about the four operations (adding, subtracting, multiplication and division). We have learnt about ancient Egyptian's beliefs about the afterlife and found out a little bit more about Egyptian Gods. The children challenged themselves in football on Monday, dribbling and shooting and some of the children learnt about netball positions as they completed various games related to netball.

## **School Council**

Our school council members have been elected for the academic year and they are as follows:

<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Jax and Connie</b>
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Penelope and Bibi</b>
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>Katie and Dacian</b>

## **Netball**

Good luck to our netball squad who are playing in a festival on Wednesday at Boroughbridge High School against other local schools.

## **Parent / Carer Consultations**

Parent / Carer Evening is week commencing the 23<sup>rd</sup> October. A confirmation slip will be sent home with the date and time for your appointment. Appointments are strictly for 10 minutes only. If there are further areas you would like to discuss with the teacher, please make another appointment so that we can ensure the evenings run to time – thank you.

There will be no Tchoukball or clubs run by teachers during the week of parents evening.

## **Reverend Dianne Gambles**

We warmly welcomed Reverend Dianne Gambles to school this morning who led our Collective Worship on the theme of generosity.



## **Harvest**

**EYFS and Class 1** children will celebrate Harvest Festival on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am which will last approximately 15 minutes.

**KS2 (Class 2 and 3)** will celebrate Harvest Festival on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm

Due to the size of the hall, please can a maximum of two people from each family attend Harvest - thank you.

## **Flu Immunisation – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Attached to this week's newsletter is information regarding the flu immunisation programme for this year. All children in Reception to Year 6 can be immunised. Please see below for the E-consent link for parents/carers.

<https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/northyorkshire>

## **Black History Month**

In the UK, October marks the beginning of Black History Month. This national celebration aims to promote and celebrate the contributions of those with African and Caribbean heritage to society and to foster an understanding of Black history in general. Through Black History Month, we learn so

much about ourselves and our abilities to overcome challenges both big and small. We learn to reason and wonder about things morally. We also learn from mistakes people made in the past and learn the importance of treating others with compassion – we learn to be givers and helpers. Through this month we are using a number of Collective Worships to learn about significant people in history.

### **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 is making super progress in everything that we do. They are enthusiastic and always ready to share ideas in maths. They are making super progress in their reading. Well done Ollie!

**Class 1** - The ribbon in class 1 goes to someone who has shown a great deal of maturity since starting the new school year. They have really improved their focus and concentration and are seeing fantastic progress in their lessons. On top of this they have also been working on being a great friend and have been spotted in several acts of kindness. Well done Edmund!

**Class 2** – The ribbon in class 2 this week goes to someone who has worked really hard on their maths work. They find the subject tricky, but that does not stop them from persevering and working with a smile on their face to overcome challenges in maths. Well done Lara!

**Class 3** - The ribbon is going to someone who listens carefully and respectfully throughout all lessons. They have a positive and growth mindset toward their work even if they find it challenging. Well done, Florence! Keep up the great work.

#### **Values in Action**

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

This person has been nominated because when we were swimming they saw I was struggling and asked if I was ok.

The award goes to Hollie who was nominated by Katie.



Well done, Hollie!

## Attendance

<b>Weekly Attendance</b>			
<b>Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.</b>			
<b>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:</b>			
<b>Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023</b>			
<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Class 3</b>
98.6%	88.7%	98.6%	98.2%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>October 2023</b>	
<b>9/10/23</b>	Class 2 – Forest Schools afternoon
<b>11/10/23</b>	High 5 Netball competition Y5/6 - one team girls only (at Boroughbridge High School)
<b>13/10/23</b>	Open the Book – Collective Worship
<b>16/10/23</b>	Class 2 – Forest Schools afternoon
<b>21/10/23</b>	Halloween Disco – Dishforth Village Hall EYFS and Class 1 – 3.30pm-5pm Class 2 and 3 – 5.30pm-7pm
<b>23/10/23</b>	Parent / Carer Evenings
<b>25/10/23</b>	
<b>26/10/23</b>	EYFS and Class 1 Harvest – morning 9.15am
<b>27/10/23</b>	Class 2 and Class 3 Harvest – afternoon 2.30pm
<b>27/10/23</b>	Break-up October half term
<b>November 2023</b>	
<b>6/11/23</b>	School open
<b>8/11/23</b>	Number Fun Day – whole school
<b>10/11/23</b>	Individual Photograph morning

<b>13/11/23</b>	Anti-bullying week
<b>15/11/23</b>	Cross Country competition (at Boroughbridge High School)
<b>17/11/23</b>	Children in Need Day  Year 6 at Crucial Crew event in the afternoon – back later around 3.25pm
<b>December 2023</b>	
<b>1/12/23</b>	Flu Immunisation afternoon  Open the Book – Collective Worship
<b>5/12/23</b>	EYFS Nativity – morning – time TBC
<b>13/12/23</b>	Class 1 Nativity 2pm and 5.30pm
<b>14/12/23</b>	Last swim for Class 3
<b>15/12/23</b>	Christingle at Baldersby St James Church 1.45pm – families welcome
<b>19/12/23</b>	Class 3 theatre trip to Leeds Playhouse to see 'Oliver!'
<b>20/12/23</b>	Christmas School Dinner
<b>21/12/23</b>	Christmas Party afternoon (children bring party clothes to change into)
<b>22/12/23</b>	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm (no after school club)
<b>January 2024</b>	
<b>8/1/24</b>	Training Day
<b>9/1/24</b>	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