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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely weekend. Over the next few weeks in school there are a number of events happening so please read the newsletter carefully for dates and times and keep checking diary dates as new entries are being added.

Class News:

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

EYFS - This week we have been learning the poem "Little Rabbit Foo Foo". We have been imagining what a "goonie" looks like and have drawn our own goonie, orally describing it. In maths we have been making sets of objects and have used the vocabulary fewer and more. We have explored textures outside by making rubbings of different objects.

Class 1 – This week in class 1 we have been busy writing our own stories linked to the book "What the Ladybird heard". We have really enjoyed drawing story maps, speaking our stories, investigating new language and then finally writing our stories. In maths year 2 have been practising counting in 2,3,5, and 10 and year 1 have been comparing and ordering numbers using the greater than and less than symbols. In art we have continued looking at natural objects and have learned how to make continuous line drawings. In music we wrote our own compositions and performed them using glockenspiels.

Class 2 – In Class 2 this week we have been very busy! We have been writing up our experiments in science, all about the digestive system. In English we have been learning all about a poet called John Lyons and we have created fact files about his work and life. In Maths we have continued our place value learning and in History we looked at the Roman Invasions of Britain.

Class 3 – This week we have had the pleasure of being involved in some exciting workshops, involving visitors from the music service, parliament outreach and NSPCC. In the mornings we have been drafting and editing our final piece for our narrative writing. In maths, the children have begun their unit about addition and subtraction. We have also been practising our football skills in PE on Monday (dribbling, passing and having control over the ball). In geography we have researched about human and physical features of Europe before trying to locate some countries and cities in Eastern Europe.

Forest Schools

Children in Class 2 begin a three-week block of Forest Schools starting today and the two following Mondays – the 9th and 16th October.

Please make sure that the children bring clothes for every weather for every session. Ideally: wellies or walking boots; waterproof jacket and trousers or all in ones and a sun hat or woolly hat dependent on the temperature.

UK Parliament Outreach Programme

Last week, the KS2 children had a session with a visitor, Rachael Dodgson, to learn all about parliament. We found out lots of information about how parliament works and what the MPs do. We found out about the process of creating new laws and we even got to vote ourselves using a handy little device!



Class 1 – village walk

Class 1 have been for a walk around the village to investigate the human and physical features. We have been looking at maps of Dishforth and have really enjoyed walking the route that we planned. We saw lots of human features and a few physical features! The children were excellent at spotting and describing different features.



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.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this newsletter the October edition of the parent online safety newsletter, which is a guide for families as to how to keep children safe online.

Promotional School Dinner – this Thursday

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 who has made super progress in all areas of the curriculum. She has gained confidence in speaking out in front of the class. She is making super progress in her phonics and in trying to write words – well done Daisy!

Class 1 - The ribbon in class 1 this week goes to a super star writer. They have been listening well during lessons and really challenging themselves to complete their work to the best of their ability. Super work Noah!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown excellent listening skills in class. They are always willing to offer great answers in whole class discussions and their writing is going from strength to strength. Well done to Ivy!

Class 3 - The ribbon is going to someone for their work in English when drafting and editing their narrative writing. This person went above and beyond to improve some of their vocabulary and spellings to develop the opening of their story. Great work! Well done, Layla!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because every break and lunchtime this person helps to tidy up the playground by picking up equipment that people have left out and putting it away.

The award goes to Bobby who was nominated by Lara.

Well done, Bobby!

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 25th September 2023

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
98%	98.7%	97.3%	94.4%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

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
21/10/23	Halloween Disco – Dishforth Village Hall

	EYFS and Class 1 – 3.30pm-5pm Class 2 and 3 – 5.30pm-7pm
23/10/23 25/10/23	Parent / Carer Evenings
26/10/23	EYFS and Class 1 Harvest – morning 9.15am
27/10/23	Class 2 and Class 3 Harvest – afternoon 2.30pm
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)
17/11/23	Year 6 at Crucial Crew event in the afternoon – back later around 3.25pm
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

[NHS Guidance for other illnesses](#)

Follow this advice for other illnesses:

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

High temperature

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#).

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#).

Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school.

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

[What to do if your child has tested positive](#)

Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

Ear infection

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has [hand, foot and mouth disease](#) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

You can treat [head lice and nits](#) without seeing a GP.

Impetigo

If your child has [impetigo](#), they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics.

Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment.

Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm

If your child has [ringworm](#), see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP.

It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has [scarlet fever](#), they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks.

Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [slapped cheek syndrome](#) because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.

But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#). But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.

A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of [tonsillitis](#).

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [threadworms](#).

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).