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Dear Parents / Carers,

The first half term seems to have come around very quickly with us breaking up on Friday for a week at 3.15pm. We hope you all have a lovely week off school which this year includes both Halloween and Bonfire Night and we look forward to seeing the children on Monday 6th November.

Harvest Festivals

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

KS2 (Class 2 and 3) will celebrate Harvest Festival on Friday 27th 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.

Harvest Collection

This year for Harvest, the school council are collecting donations of tinned, dried or long-lasting foods to help Ripon Community House food bank. If you would like to donate any goods, please leave them in the box outside the main school door. Thank you

Class News:

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

EYFS - This week in Early Years we have been looking at Autumn. We have been on a walk around the school grounds, looking for signs of autumn – in particular looking for leaves that have change colour. We have read the story “Leaf man” and have thought about what Leaf man might have seen when he got blown into the forest. We have had a go at writing CVC words such as fox and log. In maths we have been recognising, sorting and subitizing 1,2 and 3. We have been developing our vocabulary about farming within our small world area.

Class 1 – This week in class 1 we have been thinking about Harvest. We have made a harvest bread for our celebrations in school and each child made a hedgehog bread to take home, I hope that you enjoyed eating it! In maths both year groups have been adding and subtracting using part whole models to support. In English lessons we have continued with our poems, both performing poems and writing our own. In other lessons we have been thinking about how people of different religions

can work together and have been looking for signs of Autumn. We have been to look at our trees in the school grounds and have noted the changes that have happened since September.

Class 2 – We have had a lovely week in class 2. We had our final Forest Schools session where we built, dens and inspected our school field in detail. In computing we looked at green screen technology and began thinking how we can use it. We have written Harvest poetry in English and in Art we have illustrated a story.

Class 3 – Class 3 have been creating their own toys in computing, using their micro-bits to add finishing touches. They have also been finishing their units on multiplication and division before starting fractions next week. The children have also begun redesigning their food packaging in art, using their chosen medium. In French, we learnt about famous French people and had a go at describing their features using complex sentences. The children have also finished their newspaper reports and will begin writing their harvest sonnets.

Parent / Carer Consultations

Parent / Carer Evenings are this week in the school hall – today and Wednesday. 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 this week. Clubs resume week commencing the 6th November with a new Sporting Influence Multi-skills club on Monday 6th November.

Friends of Dishforth AGM

A huge thank you to Friends of Dishforth for holding Halloween Discos for the children on Saturday – much fun was had by all!

As the mornings and evenings are getting darker, Friends of Dishforth have a glow in the dark bracelet for all the children in school – these will be distributed this week.

Friends of Dishforth are also holding an AGM on Monday 6th November in the School Hall at 3.30pm – all are welcome.

Reception Starters for September 2024

Attached to this newsletter is information for parents and carers who have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2024. The deadline to apply is the 15th January.

Year 6 Pupils transferring to Secondary School in September 2024

If you haven't already made an application for a secondary school for September 2024, please don't forget to apply by the 31 October 2023. Applications can be made online at:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions

PE Kit

A reminder that now the weather is turning a bit cooler, the children can wear a tracksuit for PE in either black or navy (plain).

PE Days after half term

- EYFS: Friday**
- Class 1: Wednesday and Thursday**
- Class 2: Monday and Thursday**
- Class 3: Monday and Thursday (swimming)**

Tuesday 7th November - Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Elizabeth Smith from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission will be in school on Tuesday 7th November to deliver a 20 / 30 min presentation on the CWGC. Afterwards, Elizabeth and Class 2 will walk to the war graves where Elizabeth will have prepared an activity for them to participate in, then they will return back to the classroom where the children will carry out a research activity on local casualties using an online database. Thank you to Mrs Chester for organising this.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies are on sale in school. If your child would like to purchase a poppy then please can they bring a donation into school in a named envelope and poppies will be brought round to the classrooms every day.



Alongside the traditional poppy there are snap band rulers, reflectors, zip pulls and wristbands. Suggested donations are 50p for a zip pull, 50p for a reflector, £1 for a wristband and £1.50 for a snap band. Again, please put money in a named envelope or come to the school office before or after school if you would like to purchase any of the items to donate to the Poppy Appeal.



Individual School Photograph Day – 10th November

On Friday 10th November it is school photograph day. As with previous years the family photographs are to be taken first from 8.30am, these are for children in school who have siblings who are **not** at school. If this applies to you, please come to school for 8.30am to have your children photographed together. Individual photographs and siblings who come to this school will be taken during the school morning.



Children in Need Day – Friday 17th November

As a school we will be supporting Children in Need Day on Friday 17th November. Please find a link below if you would like to make any donations for Children in Need on ParentPay

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11667>

Flu Immunisation – Friday 1st 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 Worship 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 somebody who we have noticed is really helping others in the classroom. They are using their imagination in the making area and have gained confidence in their maths work – well done Lily!

Class 1 - The ribbon for class 1 this week goes to someone who has been working incredibly hard during maths lessons. They can be relied upon to

work confidently and independently and are beginning to explain their mathematical thinking. Keep up the great work Levison!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked really hard all half term. They have put in real effort across the curriculum and always strive to get better at what they do. Well done Felicia!

Class 3 - The ribbon is going to someone for their hard work in art. This person has been perfecting their graphic design skills during art lessons and has even gone home to create a prototype of their product. Well done, Sophie Muir!

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 Maths they were struggling and then they didn't give up and nailed it!

The award goes to Jack who was nominated by Ella and Hollie.

Well done, Jack!

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 16th October 2023

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
100%	98.2%	97%	97.9%

We hope you all have a lovely half term break and we shall look forward to seeing you all on Monday 6th November.

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

October 2023	
23/10/23	Parent / Carer Evenings
25/10/23	
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 Friends of Dishforth AGM – School Hall 3.30pm
7/11/23	Commonwealth War Graves Commission presentation
8/11/23	Number Fun Day – whole school
10/11/23	Individual Photograph morning
13/11/23	Anti-bullying week
15/11/23	Cross Country competition (at Boroughbridge High School)
16/11/23	Class 1 trip to James Herriot Museum Thirsk - morning
17/11/23	Children in Need Day Year 6 at Crucial Crew event in the afternoon – back later around 3.25pm
December 2023	
1/12/23	Flu Immunisation afternoon 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