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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all managed to have a lovely week last week, despite the weather! We have a very busy half term ahead of us with much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season – please keep checking diary dates.

This week our thoughts are very much about Remembrance and taking time to reflect. The children have worked on an installation to mark Remembrance – thank you to Mrs Cawood for organising this. Poppies are still on sale from the school office if you would like to donate to the Poppy Appeal.

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 about why we celebrate harvest and getting ready for our harvest festival. We have used wax crayons to make leaf rubbings, and have then cut these out to make Leaf man collages. In RE we had a visit from Rev Dianne, who came into our classroom to baptise one of our babies. We learned about what happens in a baptism service. We have enjoyed practising our harvest songs and poems.

Class 1 – Class 1 this week have been enjoying preparing for our harvest celebration. In maths we have been focusing on addition and subtraction, with year 2 crossing 10 and year 1 learning about fact families and number bonds to 10. In English lessons we have completed our own poem about birds flying and have really enjoyed watching videos of murmurations and pretending to be birds swooping and diving in the sky. In other lessons we have created our own compositions on glockenspiels and produced some poppy art work for remembrance.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 we have really enjoyed our computing project. We have been collecting information to use when we present a news bulletin using a green screen app. In Maths Year 4 have moved onto learning about area while year 3 are looking at increasingly tricky addition and subtraction questions. We have also been writing an alternative ending to our class text "The Miraculous journey of Edward Tulane" in our English lessons. We have been learning all about Harvest in preparation for our Harvest festival on Friday.

Class 3 – Class 3 have had a fantastic end to the first half-term, celebrating the Harvest Festival! They have written poems for Harvest and finished their unit on newspaper report writing. The Y5 children have nearly finished their maths unit on multiplication and division, whilst the Y6 children have begun their unit on fractions. In computing, the children have finished their toys that have been programmed to make a noise using a micro bit. They have also thought of how God shows love, through the gift of creation and Jesus Christ. In art, they have finished their improved food packaging in our graphic design unit.

Friends of Dishforth AGM

Friends of Dishforth are holding an AGM today in the School Hall at 3.30pm – all are welcome.

Number Fun

On Wednesday, we are welcoming Dave Godfrey to school who will be working with each class throughout the day delivering maths! Dave is an experienced primary school teacher and mathematics consultant from York. Having taught across the primary age range, Number Fun is the expression of Dave's ongoing passion for the teaching of primary mathematics through a number of ways including music. Dave is also going to be delivering professional development to the staff after school.

Anti-bullying week

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 is coordinated in England, Wales and Northern Ireland by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year it has the theme 'Make A Noise About Bullying' and will take place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November. The week will be kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, where adults and children can wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

If you would like any further information regarding anti-bullying week, there is a dedicated part on the anti-bullying alliance website through the link below:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/parents-and-carers>

James Herriot museum – transport funded by FODs

Class 1 are looking forward to a trip to the James Herriot Museum in Thirsk on Thursday 16th November as part of their history learning. A huge thank you to Friends of Dishforth for subsidising the trip.

Cross Country

On the 15th November, Key Stage 2 children who have chosen to take part in the cross-country festival will be going to Boroughbridge High School for the morning to participate in the event.

Online safety newsletter

Please find attached to this newsletter the November edition of the online safety information we share with families on a monthly basis.

Crucial Crew

On Friday 17th November, Year 6 are spending the afternoon at Carlton Lodge undertaking activities in Crucial Crew which is an event organised by North Yorkshire Police. The children will see various scenarios which they may encounter in everyday life, each one posing problems or dangers to them. The children, working in small groups and under close supervision will tackle each scenario with feedback given as they complete each one.

All children need to bring a coat.

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.

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 this half term

- EYFS: Monday**
- 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 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 where the children can come to school in non-uniform. 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 – Now **Wednesday 29th November (morning) and not Friday 1st December**

All children in Reception to Year 6 can be immunised as long as your child / children are signed up using the link below.

Please see below for the E-consent link for parents/carers.

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

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 always tries their very best in everything that they do. They work with enthusiasm and are always practising their writing, by making notes and cards for other people. Well done Martha!

Class 1 - The ribbon for class 1 this week goes to someone who has been showing great enthusiasm in lessons. They have been making great vocabulary choices when writing poetry and made a fantastic poppy. Keep up the great work Richard!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had a brilliant half term, working really hard and settling in to a new class. They have made great friends and impressed us with their attitude to learning. Well done Ronnie!

Class 3 - The ribbon is going to someone for their excellent behaviour throughout the first half-term back at school. This person always listens carefully to instructions and tries their best in everything that they do. They are kind and respectful to the children and adults in the class. Well done, Ella!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they sat with their friend at lunchtime and made them feel happy and welcome.

The award goes to Dacian who was nominated by Isla.

Well done, Dacian!

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 23rd October 2023

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
84%	95.7%	95%	91.7%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

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 – trip subsidised by Friends of Dishforth
17/11/23	Children in Need Day Year 6 at Crucial Crew event in the afternoon – back later around 3.25pm
29/11/23	Flu Immunisation morning
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