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**Newsletter 19 Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a great weekend. We had a busy week in school last week with the cross-country event and hedge planting. There are a few new events to look out for in this week's newsletter so please read carefully!

Thank you to everyone who completed our autumn term parent / carer survey – I have attached this to the newsletter for your information.

#### **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 learning about how penguins live in Antarctica. We have followed instructions for drawing a penguin and then carefully painted our penguins, displaying them all in a penguin huddle. Nursery have been learning about the number 4 in maths and reception have been learning about mass and balance scales.

**Class 1** – Class 1 have particularly enjoyed their art lesson this week! The children looked carefully at different artists work and noticed the different types of brush strokes, then experimented with brushes that they had made to see if they could make the same effect. In their writing lessons the children have been writing a description of the Witches house using adjectives and expanded noun phrases. In Maths Year 2 have completed their unit about money and begun learning about multiplication, they are really enjoying chanting their times tables at every opportunity! and Year 1 have begun learning how to add numbers up to 20. This week we have focussed on the "counting on" method where we put the larger number into our head and then count on from there.

**Class 2** - This week in Class 2 we have had a lovely week. In English we have designed our own anthropomorphic characters that we are going to add into our own versions of The Wind in The Willows. In Science we used magnets to test what items in our classroom are magnetic. In History we learnt that famous periods of history actually overlap, such as the Greeks, Romans and Mayans. We loved going swimming on Thursday where we have some excellent swimmers. Also, on Thursday we had a fantastic assembly from the staff at Meadfleet who taught us all about conservation and what we can do at home to help protect wildlife.

**Class 3** – Class 3 have been busy this week, with cross-country and planting hedges with Meadfleet. The children went on Wednesday to compete in a cross-country competition at Boroughbridge Highschool. They chose Lily and Dacian for their determination awards. The children also got the opportunity to meet two men from Meadfleet and plant some hedges and flowers around school. We have learnt about why the Maya were so significant and concluded which reason was more important (in history). In art, the children have done their first layer of their layered portrait in the

style of Mike Barrett, using fine liner and water. We also created a journey of life drawing in RE to link to why the Islamic faith builds their 'house' and life around the five pillars.

### Cross Country

A huge thank you and well done to the children in Class 2 and 3 who took part in the cross-country event last Wednesday. Congratulations to Eliza who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in her race and Dan who came 4<sup>th</sup> in his race from Class 3. Congratulations to Alex who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the boys' race and Lara who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in girls' race from Class 2. The event was well organised and Mr Sherwood praised everyone for their determination.

### Meadfleet – hedge planting

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024, we had the opportunity to meet some people from Meadfleet. They gave us an insight into wildlife and habitats and how to protect them. With help from the two men, Class 3 planted hedges and flowers on the school grounds for wildlife. We will be observing the plants over time to see how they grow and which animals benefit from them. You might be able to spot some in the car park.



### Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2024 takes place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme '**Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online**'.

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year we highlight this using the safer internet day resources which cover an online issue or theme that speaks

to the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day will be focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

As a school, we will hold an assembly on safer internet day and the children will have some lessons focusing on the identified theme.

### Parent / Carer Consultations

These 10-minute appointments take place next week.

### Scholastic Book Fair

On **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the hall at 3.15pm each day. The fair will be selling a range of books suitable from Early Years to Year 6. More information can be found on the attached leaflet. Payment for books can be made on the day, either by cash, or through a QR code online payment link that will be available in the school hall.



### World Book Day 2024

World Book Day will be taking place on **Thursday 7 March 2024**. This is an annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading. This year the School Council have collaborated with Mrs Chaplin and, as a result, we are inviting all children to come to school on World Book Day dressed in their pyjamas, and to bring along their favourite book, ready for a day of bedtime stories! (Children in Class 2 may choose to change into their pyjamas after swimming). There will also be a special World Book Day school lunch on this day.



## World Book Day promotional school dinner – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

BFG Beefburger in a Bun

Danny's Champion Cheese Pasty (V)

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Witches Wedges

Mrs Bucket's Baked Beans and Sweetcorn

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Charlie's Chocolate and Vanilla Swirl Muffin

### Book Character Competition

Have a go at turning a vegetable into your favourite book character! Could you turn a carrot into Harry Potter or a potato into Where's Wally? On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March children will be able to take home a vegetable to turn into a favourite book character, returning their vegetable character to school on World Book Day for a whole school display, and the possibility of winning a small prize!



### Forest Schools – starting after half term on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February for Class 3

Miss Rachel Hunt is back at Dishforth CE Primary School as our Forest School teacher.

Forest Schools will take place on a Monday afternoon for the full afternoon for three weeks for each class at some point in the year.

Here is a message from Miss Hunt:

*Hello! I am delighted to be able to deliver Forest School sessions to all year groups over the course of the 2023 - 24 academic year. Forest School is child led, outdoor learning where children can learn a variety of skills from wood craft to fire lighting and challenge themselves to take risks whilst learning to respect and care for the natural world around them.*

*You can expect your child to get messy as we will be outdoors in all weathers so, please make sure that they 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. I will provide safety gloves, but warm preferably waterproof gloves should be sent in the colder months.

**Class 3 will have Forest Schools first on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> February and the 4<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon. Please bring the outdoor clothing and footwear above in a named bag.**

### **Worried about the cost of living? – information from North Yorkshire Council**

If you're struggling to pay for food and other essentials, there are local schemes and organisations in North Yorkshire which may be able to help or point you in the right direction. You'll find information about emergency financial support, managing debt, benefit entitlement, energy bills and staying connected all in one place at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/costofliving)

North Yorkshire Council's cost of living web page also has information about pension credit, schemes to help families and local community-based support including Warm Welcome spaces as well as advice on staying safe and well.

### **Swimming Class 2 – Thursday**



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 3 and Year 4 children go on Thursday.** Please ensure your child has swimwear, goggles and a towel (named). It is helpful if girls wear socks and not tights on swimming days. Due to the layout and number of cubicles at Thirsk swimming baths, some children need to share a cubicle in order to change before and after the lesson. If any parents have questions or queries about this then please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Lyon.

The cost of swimming will be **£5.00 each week.** Payments are through your Parent Pay account. School has subsidised the cost of swimming due to rising prices from the bus company and constraints imposed by Thirsk Pool.

### **PE Days this half term**

Children can wear a plain black of navy tracksuit or shorts, plain white t-shirt and trainers. PE days are as follows for this half term:

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

### **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 with the letter formation and handwriting. They have persevered with forming letters correctly – well done Zach!

**Class 1** - The ribbon for Class 1 this week goes to someone who has been working really hard during writing lessons. They have really begun using their phonics knowledge well and are beginning to spell many more common exception words correctly. Keep up the Great work Matthew!

**Class 2** – The ribbon in class 2 this week goes to someone who has really increased their productivity in all areas of the curriculum. They produce high quality work and work hard to show their learning. Well done to Matthew!

**Class 3** - The ribbon is going to someone for their determination and perseverance with their handwriting. This person has not only been practising at school, but they have written a story and focussed on their presentation and handwriting at home too. Well done Rupert!

### **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 cross country this week, this person showed great perseverance and resilience to keep running and complete the course.

The award goes to Katie who was nominated by Teddy.

Well done, Katie!

## 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:

<b>Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024</b>			
<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Class 3</b>
<b>96%</b>	<b>83.6%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>93.7%</b>

Kind regards,

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

### Diary Dates

<b>February 2024</b>	
<b>2/2/24</b>	Open the Book Collective Worship
<b>5/2/24</b>	Rev. Dianne Gamble – Collective Worship
<b>w/c 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Parent /Carer / Child / Teacher consultations
<b>6/2/24</b>	Safer Internet Day (safer internet week)
<b>9/2/24</b>	Break-up for February half term
<b>19/2/24</b>	School open
<b>19/2/24</b>	Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon
<b>26/2/24</b>	Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon
<b>29/2/24</b>	Scholastic Book Fair 3.15pm
<b>March 2024</b>	
<b>1/3/24</b>	Scholastic Book Fair 3.15pm
<b>4/3/24</b>	Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon Scholastic Book Fair 3.15pm
<b>7/3/24</b>	World Book Day – pyjama day! World Book Day promotional school dinner
<b>8/3/24</b>	Muslim Learner Service workshop for Class 3 on Zoom – ‘What is it like to be a Muslim living in Britain today’
<b>15/3/24</b>	KS2 science workshops – Professor Bubbleworks  Open the Book Collective Worship

<b>20/3/24</b>	<b>Class 2 Production ‘The Wind in the Willows’</b> Afternoon performance 2pm Evening performance 5.30pm (children to arrive back at 5.15pm please)
<b>21/3/24</b>	Class 2 last swim Class 1 – Fire of London workshop
<b>22/3/24</b>	Baldersby St James Church – whole school - 1.45pm  Break-up for Easter at 3.15pm (no after school club)
<b>April 2024</b>	
<b>8/4/24</b>	Training Day
<b>9/4/24</b>	School open for the summer 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