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Newsletter 20 Monday 5th February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I can't believe we are at the end of another half term this week as we break-up on Friday at 3.15pm. We will look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 19th February.

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 been learning about Chinese New Year. We have learned how Chinese New Year is celebrated in the family home, we have made and decorated Chinese lanterns and enjoyed exploring dry and cooked noodles. In maths reception have been recognising representations of 6, 7, and 8.

Class 1 – This week Class 1 have begun a new text, 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London'. It links with our history topic this term. The children have really enjoyed reading the story and getting to know the characters. They have already made a time line of events from the story, written questions and answered those questions with historical knowledge. In maths Year 1 children are continuing their topic of addition and subtraction and have been looking at doubles and near doubles, the Year 2 children are enjoying learning about multiplication using grouping to help them to understand. In our PSHCE lessons we have been learning about belonging, how we are similar and different to each other and the roles and responsibilities of different groups within our community. In our geography lessons we are continuing to learn about the seaside, this week labelling different coastal features.

Class 2 - In class 2 this week we have really enjoyed writing poetry based on the Wind in the Willows. We thought about our previous learning on character development and scene setting to draw on. In Maths we have learnt all about length and perimeter. Looking at regular and irregular polygons. In Geography we looked at the Earth's different layers and in computing completed our Google Slides presentations by adding videos to our presentations.

Class 3 – Class 3 have been busy this week with a range of exciting activities in geography and PE. The children have been doing fieldwork in geography when creating their own biomes using things that they have found in our school environment. They have also tried out some new balanced that are more advanced so that they can incorporate them into their routines in gymnastics. In maths, the children have finished multiplication and division

in Y5 and the Y6 children have moved onto scale factors and drawing enlargements in maths related to ratio. In English we have been planning, drafting and writing a setting description of the Galapagos Islands.

Open the Book

On Friday we welcomed Toby and his team for Open the Book where the Parable of the Lost Coin was shared with us.

Today we welcomed Rev Dianne Gamble who led our Collective Worship on the theme of compassion.

Children's Mental Health Week 5th – 11th February

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5-11 February 2024. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. This year, we want children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to be empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing.

During Children's Mental Health Week, we want all children and young people to be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters."

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2024 takes place on the 6th 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.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this newsletter the February edition of our monthly Online Safety newsletter.

PhoneSmart Licence – for information only

Mrs Chester has come across a scheme which supports children in learning how to stay safe and be kind online which she has shared with me. It is designed for children age 10-13 who have a smartphone and if you are interested in further information, please use the link below:

<https://eephonesmart.co.uk/about/#:~:text=That's%20why%20EE%20have%20partnered,p hones%20for%20good%2C%20not%20hate>

Parent / Carer Consultations

Parent and Carer / Teacher / Child consultations are this week on Monday and Wednesday in the school hall. Appointments last for 10 minutes. Due to parents' evening, there are no clubs this week – clubs will resume week commencing Monday 19th February.

Scholastic Book Fair

On **Thursday 29th February, Friday 1st March and Monday 4th 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 7th March

BFG Beefburger in a Bun

Danny’s Champion Cheese Pasty (V)

Witches Wedges

Mrs Bucket’s Baked Beans and Sweetcorn

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 1st 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 19th 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 19th, 26th February and the 4th 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

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 or 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 is showing a very mature attitude to their learning. They challenged themselves in their writing and wrote 5 sentences independently – well done Martha!

Class 1 - The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been quietly working hard to improve their writing skills. They are also working very hard during phonics lessons. Keep up the great work Edward!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown great maturity in their learning. They have worked hard on their areas for improvement and are really reaping the rewards. Well done Charlie!

Class 3 - The ribbon is going to someone this week for being considerate and using their initiative when volunteering to help with various tasks around school. Well done, Ash!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because when we were doing precision teaching, this person got a word wrong but then made a remember rhyme and got it right.

The award goes to Jack who was nominated by 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 29th January 2024			
EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
90%	94.7%	94.1%	85.1%

I hope you have a lovely half-term and we shall look forward to seeing the children on Monday 19th February.

Kind regards,

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

February 2024	
5/2/24	Rev. Dianne Gamble – Collective Worship
w/c 5th February	Parent /Carer / Child / Teacher consultations
6/2/24	Safer Internet Day (safer internet week)
9/2/24	Break-up for February half term
19/2/24	School open
19/2/24	Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon
26/2/24	Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon
29/2/24	Scholastic Book Fair 3.15pm
March 2024	
1/3/14	Scholastic Book Fair 3.15pm

4/3/24	Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon Scholastic Book Fair 3.15pm
5/3/24	Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements
7/3/24	World Book Day – pyjama day! World Book Day promotional school dinner
8/3/24	Muslim Learner Service workshop for Class 3 on Zoom – ‘What is it like to be a Muslim living in Britain today’
15/3/24	KS2 science workshops – Professor Bubbleworks Open the Book Collective Worship
19/3/24	Year 5 Curriculum Enrichment Day at Thirsk School
20/3/24	Class 2 Production ‘The Wind in the Willows’ Afternoon performance 2pm Evening performance 5.30pm (children to arrive back at 5.15pm please)
21/3/24	Class 2 last swim Class 1 – Great Fire of London workshop
22/3/24	Baldersby St James Church – whole school - 1.45pm Break-up for Easter at 3.15pm (no after school club)
April 2024	
8/4/24	Training Day
9/4/24	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