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**Newsletter 25 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Dear Parents / Carers,

I have written many newsletters home to families over time but this is without doubt the most difficult of them all as I leave the school at the end of this week.

I would like to thank you all for your support over the last three and a half years as it has been both a privilege and a pleasure to have been head teacher here and work with so many wonderful children, families, staff and governors.

We have children who are full of compassion, who care for one another and live out our school values every single day. They make me extremely proud and I know they will all go on to do great things in later life.

The staff have shown dedication and commitment throughout my leadership and I know they will respond with the same positive attitude and will ensure the ethos of the school and the commitment to developing each child in the future.

Your children will continue to thrive and be successful and I wish everyone who is part of the school all the very best for the future.

On Friday we break up for Easter and I wish you all a very peaceful two weeks off school. Mrs Lacey and the staff team will look forward to seeing the children for the summer term on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**.

### **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 how to keep our teeth healthy. We have talked about food and drink that is good for our teeth. In maths Reception have continued our work on 9 and 10, learning about 1 more. Nursery have been learning about height. In RE we have started to learn the Easter story, thinking about why a donkey and palm leaves were important on Palm Sunday.

**Class 1** – We have had another fun packed week in Class 1 with lots of learning. We are all learning about mass, capacity and temperature in maths and have been enjoying using balances. In writing we have been honing our sentence skills and focussing on extending our sentences using the connective and. In our DT lessons we have begun building the furniture for our rooms, putting into practise the joining skills learned previously.

**Class 2** - This week in Class 2 our preparation for the production has really ramped up! We have rehearsed our dances with Sam and introduced the beautiful props made by Mrs Chester, we are looking forward to performing for you all next week. In science this week we have been celebrating British Science Week. In our lesson we investigated vibrations with a range of different musical activities and on Friday we had a really fun afternoon with Professor Bubbleworks. In Maths Year 4 have begun to look at decimals and dividing single digit numbers by ten and year 3 have been looking at mass and capacity. In Geography we looked at the impact of the eruption of mt. Vesuvius in Pompeii.

**Class 3** – Class 3 have been writing their biographies about Charles Darwin, using their knowledge of relative clauses (with and without relative pronouns), pronouns and cohesive devices. They have also been focussing on multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1000, and have been learning how to multiply decimals by integers. We have also started looking at mean, median, mode and range too. The children have started their final projects in computing, filming to advertise our play for the summer term. In rugby, we have been working on attacking and defending, whilst working together to keep a strong line of defence. In music, we learnt how to play hot cross buns for their Easter music finale.

### **Year 5 Enrichment Day – Thirsk High School**

Tomorrow Year 5 have been invited to experience a day at secondary school at Thirsk. Children will need to be at school for 8.30am, ready to leave on the buses at 8.40am. They will return to school for home time. Children are to come in their PE kits and they will need a packed lunch, water bottle and a warm coat.

### **High 5 Netball Final**

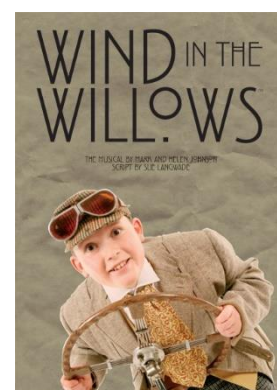
The High 5 Netball final which was postponed due to the weather before Christmas has been re-scheduled to take place on tomorrow – good luck to the squad!

### **Class 2 Production – Wind in the Willows – 1.30pm and 5.30pm**

We are looking forward to seeing Class 2 perform 'Wind in the Willows' on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at **1.30pm** and then at the later time of **5.30pm**. For the evening performance, please can children return to school at 5.15pm.

School will be filming the dress rehearsal which the whole school will watch and then this will be put securely on the school website with a password.

There is to be no filming on mobile phones or any other device at the performances – thank you.



## **Easter School Lunch – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Roast Chicken and Yorkshire Pudding

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(V) Veggie Sausages and Yorkshire Pudding

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Roast Potatoes

Gravy

Broccoli and Sweetcorn

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Celebration Biscuit



## **Easter Service- Baldersby Church - Friday**

On Friday, we are taking the children to Baldersby St James Church to take part in an Easter Service which will be led by Year 5 children performing 'Roll Back the Stone'

The Service will begin at 1.45pm and parents / carers are welcome to join us. The children will then return to school where we close at 3.15pm for the Easter holidays.

The children can be collected straight from church for the Easter break if parents / carers would like to do this – please let Mrs McBride know by email so that we have a list of children who we know are leaving directly from church – thank you.

Please note the following:

- Children being picked up from church need minimal bags/lunch boxes/water bottles – it would be preferable if your child brings a packed lunch that this could be a disposable one
- At end of service all children will remain seated. Parents from each class will be invited one-year group at a time up the aisle to collect children who are going home. Teachers will hand over.

## **FEAST – Food, Entertainment, Arts, Sport, Together**

**FEAST brings the fun to the school holidays, offering lots of different activities for everyone to take part in.**

FEAST partners with leading holiday playschemes, clubs and activity providers from across North Yorkshire to offer a wide range of session for children of all ages from 4 to 18.

For further information please see the poster attached to this newsletter.

## PE Days after Easter

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:

<b>EYFS:</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Class 1:</b>	<b>Wednesday and Thursday</b>
<b>Class 2:</b>	<b>Monday and Friday</b>
<b>Class 3:</b>	<b>Monday and Wednesday</b>

## 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 continues to make super progress in all areas of our learning. They have had some imaginative ideas whilst working in the making area and has been independently writing words and short sentences – well done Jace!

**Class 1** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is really enjoying learning and working well. They work hard to listen and join in with lessons and are seeing great improvements in their maths work in particular. Keep up the great work Zachary!

**Class 2** - The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really stepped up this term. They have a fantastic understanding of the play and help out with dances and in other subject areas they have shown a real desire to learn. Well done Katie!

**Class 3** - The ribbon is going to someone who has been practising their reading in and outside of school. This person has become a more confident, fluent and passionate reader. Well done, Casey!

## 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 day he is full of hugs for everyone and always has a big smile on his face.

The award goes to Tyler who was nominated by Dacian.

Well done, Tyler!

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
98.6%	98.1%	100%	98.9%

Kind regards,

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

March 2024	
19/3/24	Year 5 Curriculum Enrichment Day at Thirsk School High 5 Netball final
20/3/24	<b>Class 2 Production 'The Wind in the Willows'</b> Afternoon performance 1.30pm Evening performance 5.30pm (children to arrive back at 5.15pm please)

<b>21/3/24</b>	Class 2 last swim Class 1 – Great 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
<b>16/4/24</b>	Skipping / Boxercise Day
<b>18/4/24</b>	Class 2 trip to Newcastle Theatre Royal with Dishforth Airfield to see 'The Wizard of Oz' – children will be late back approx. 6.30pm
<b>May 2024</b>	
<b>6/5/24</b>	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for the day
<b>w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SAT week
<b>20/5/24</b>	EYFS Forest School afternoon ( <b>plus 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June</b> )
<b>24/5/24</b>	Break-up May half-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