

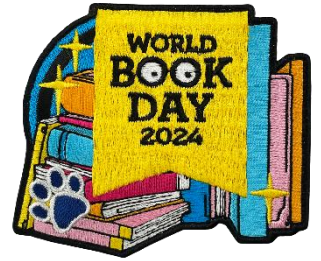


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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have a lovely week to look forward to in school this week with World Book Day on Thursday along with our promotional school dinner and vegetable book character competition! A huge thank you as well to everyone who has supported the book fair – last day today!

As you know, I am leaving Dishforth CE Primary School at the end of this term and a new headteacher has been appointed, Mrs Lacey. I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Lacey will be visiting school on Thursday morning where we will carry out meet and greet together and then we will be with the children for Collective Worship.

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 continuing to learn about the story of The Three Little Pigs. We have looked at the different materials used to build houses. We have been learning about tall and short in maths and have been comparing the height of different objects and towers that we have built. In literacy we have been finding more interesting words to use instead of happy and sad, and have been writing sentences using these words.

Class 1 – It has been a great week in Class 1. We have been thinking about the signs of spring and have written a poem, taking care to write in sentences. In maths Year 2 have begun learning about measuring using cm, mm and m and Year 1 have been practising their partitioning skills with numbers up to 50. In geography we have used maps to name the countries of the UK, the surrounding seas and the different islands around the UK. In science we learned about our senses and matched each sense with a different body part.

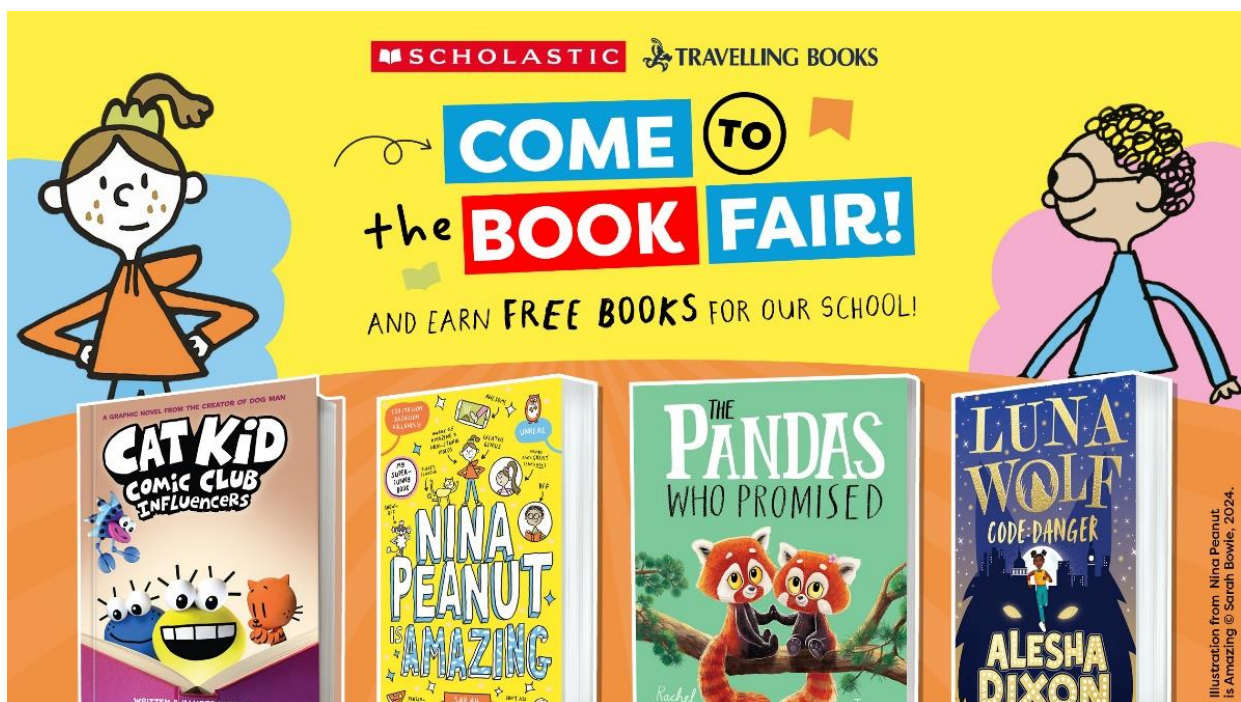
Class 2 - In Class 2 this week we have really enjoyed writing our explanation texts on how bees make honey. We have looked through the process of how bees collect nectar and then produce the honey before storing it. In Science, we completed our unit on Forces and magnets. Mrs McKelvey was really impressed with how everyone performed in our quiz. We took to the stage in our rehearsals for our play for the first time this week which was a big step in getting ready for our performance in a few weeks' time and we all enjoyed our trip to the swimming pool on Thursday.

Class 3 – In maths this week we have been looking at some arithmetic questions relating to percentages and fractions. We have also been recapping some of the algebra in Y6 as well as

learning about decimals. In English we have started to learn more about cohesion using relative clauses with and without the relative pronouns. We have looked at when it is appropriate to use passive voice rather than active voice and we have played games relating to the editing process. The children have been testing different materials and their properties in science. They have also investigated which substances dissolved in water. We have been designing our bird hides in DT this week, thinking carefully about the features they will need.

Scholastic Book Fair – last day today!

Today is the last day we will be holding the Scholastic Book Fair in the hall at 3.15pm. 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 - Thursday

World Book Day will be taking place on **Thursday**. This is an annual celebration of author 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 children brought home a vegetable to turn into a favourite book character – please can these be returned as their vegetable character on World Book Day for a whole school display, and the possibility of winning a small prize!



Comic Relief Day – Friday 15th March

On Friday 15th March school will be supporting the Comic Relief Day where children can wear red noses and non-uniform for a £1 donation.

Mrs McBride has set the donation up on ParentPay which can be accessed through the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13732>

Professor Bubbleworks

We are looking forward to having the company 'Science Professors' visit our school on Friday 15th March in the afternoon to celebrate British Science Week 2024. To kick-start the visit, the whole school will be treated to a fun-filled Science demonstration which is promised to bring awe and wonder! In addition to this, our key stage 2 classes will take part in science workshops based on the British Science Week theme, 'time'. We are looking forward to sharing what we get up to with you!

Forest Schools – Class 3

This is the last week for Miss Hunt to take Forest Schools with Class 3. Miss Hunt will be returning on the 20th May to take EYFS.

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

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 Tuesday 19th March – good luck to the squad!

Year 6 Parent / Carer information

Attached to this newsletter is government information for Year 6 parents / carers regarding the SAT assessments which will take place in May.

Online Safety Newsletter

Also attached this week is the March edition of the online safety newsletter for your information. This month's newsletter has articles about Fortnite and advice on managing devices.

Summer Term School Dinner Menu

The summer term school dinner menu has been circulated with this week's newsletter for your information.

Easter School Lunch – Wednesday 20th March

Roast Chicken and Yorkshire Pudding

(V) Veggie Sausages and Yorkshire Pudding



Roast Potatoes

Gravy

Broccoli and Sweetcorn

Celebration Biscuit

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 work very creatively in the making area. They have used a range of materials to make very detailed pictures and have persevered until they have achieved what they set out to do – well done Olivia!

Class 1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working hard to listen and join in with lessons. They have really improved their confidence when completing work independently. Keep up the great work Fallon!

Class 2 - The ribbon this week goes to someone who shows a real passion for maths learning. They are always determined to complete work to a high standard and show a real aptitude in the subject. Well done Samuel!

Class 3 - The ribbon is going to someone for their determination in Forest Schools. They have respected the equipment and environment when carving different tools. They have also shown respect towards others when playing team-building games with friends. Great work, Kingsley!

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 invited me to join in their game when I was playing by myself.

The award goes to Ivy who was nominated by Elodie.

Well done, Ivy!

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 26th February 2024

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
100%	90%	95%	92%

Kind regards,

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

March 2024	
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’
11/3/24	Rev Dianne Gamble – Collective Worship
15/3/24	Comic Relief Day KS2 science workshops – Professor Bubbleworks
19/3/24	Year 5 Curriculum Enrichment Day at Thirsk School High 5 Netball final
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
16/4/24	Skipping / Boxercise Day
18/4/24	Class 2 trip to Newcastle Theatre Royal with Dishforth Airfield to see ‘The Wizard of Oz’ – children will be late back approx. 6.30pm
May 2024	
6/5/24	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for the day
w/c 13th May	Year 6 SAT week
20/5/24	EYFS Forest School afternoon (plus 3rd and 10th June)
24/5/24	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