

“The roots to grow
and the wings to fly”



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Headteacher's Message

Last week was Safeguarding Week in school. The children learnt lots of different ways that they can keep themselves safe, including taking part in an assembly about the importance of wearing seatbelts when they are travelling in a car, even if only for a very short distance. Our reception children have had a fantastic time completing their second session learning how to use a balance bike. Their skills have been very impressive and it has been lovely to see them grow in confidence and for some of them to shine and show their balance skills in a different context to their usual PE lesson. Perhaps we have a future Laura or Jason Kenny in our midst?

This week we are very excited that class 3 will be performing their production of Oliver on Wednesday at 2pm and then again at 6pm. They have worked very hard and can't wait to show it to you all. They will be performing a selection of songs for the younger children in school, so that everyone can see their amazing talent in action.

I also have to inform you that as of September we will be raising the cost of our schools meals from the current £3.13 per meal to £3.28. A rise of 15p. This is entirely due to a price rise from our school meal provider NYES Catering Service, who have seen a huge increase in staffing costs and the price of food. We do not make a profit on meals. The price charged to school for each meal matches the price we charge to you. The governors and I do not take the decision to ask parents for this lightly, everyone understands that the cost of living has increased greatly in recent times and that times are tough for lots of families. If you are concerned about your circumstances or would like support around this issue, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Free school meals for KS1 children will continue as usual.

What have we been learning this week?

EYFS

This week in Early Years we have been learning about how to keep ourselves safe. We have learnt about how to be safe when we are close to water, and the importance of learning how to float on our backs. We have talked about how to phone for the fire brigade and the importance of knowing our own address. When we talked about keeping safe around dogs we learned a song to remind us how to approach a dog if we want to pat them.

Class 1

It has been a great week in Class 1. All of the children have worked hard to show everything that they have learned during the assessments and had lots of fun along the way. We have enjoyed learning how to keep safe when we are near dogs, near water, on line and if we see a fire. The children made some fabulous posters and really enjoyed explaining to each other how to keep safe.

Class 2

In Class 2 this week, we have been doing assessments. The children have worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of the effort they have put into all of their tests. This week, we have also been completing activities for our 'Safeguarding Week'. We have learnt about water safety, fire safety and dog safety and designed informative posters to demonstrate our learning. In science, we had a very exciting time exploring the different kinds of seed dispersal. The children were very enthusiastic to look around the school grounds to find more examples. They have also been keen to check on the growth of their plants. In DT, the children have started their new topic on Levers and Linkages

Class 3

Class 3 have had a nice week this week. They have been writing a formal email using persuasive techniques. They have also been looking at their new unit of work in maths focussing on multiplying decimals and problem solving. The children have been conducting their own experiments in science. In music they have finished a fantastic (but very fast) piece of music, well done children! We have also looked at safeguarding and how to keep safe at school in PSHCE.



Ribbon awards

Celebrating our Success

The Values Award

EYFS

This week the ribbon goes to Martha for her kind and considerate behaviour at all times. She really tries hard to follow our classroom and school rules and she perseveres in everything that she does.

Class 1

The ribbon for this week in Class 1 goes to Richard. He has shown such a mature attitude this week, completing assessments very sensibly and working very hard to achieve his personal best. Keep up the fab work Richard.

Class 2

The ribbon is going to Oliver this week for his excellent attitude towards assessment week but also for his lovely manners. Mrs McKelvey described him as "a model Dishforth pupil". Well done!

Class 3

The ribbon is going to Ellie for the fantastic example she has set in class, trying her best to listen to instructions and being kind and respectful to everyone.



Hollie nominated Lily for perseverance. This was because she has noticed her trying really hard to learn her lines for Oliver Twist and she's learnt almost all of them. Well done Lily!

Attendance last week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
98%	92%	97%	98%



Did you know?

The primary school attendance rate published by the Department for Education (DfE) for the academic year up to 24.5.24 was 94.6%. Our school attendance for the same period was 96.06%



Friday Celebration Assembly Dates

Friday 28 th June	EYFS and class 2
Friday 5 th July	Sports Day – no celebration assembly unless Sports cancelled for wet weather
Friday 12 th July	Class 1 and class 3
Friday 19 th July	EYFS and class 2 Celebration assembly at 2.10 School closes at 2.30

The gate at the KS2 side of school will open at 2.45 for parents and carers to make their way into the hall.

We look forward to welcoming you.

It is forecast to be a beautiful, sunny and hot week this week. Please ensure that your child has a sun hat, is protected by sun cream and has a refillable water bottle with them when they come to school. We are very fortunate to have lots of shady areas to play in and we will be encouraging the children to make sure that they take full advantage of these during breaktimes and lunchtimes.



Safeguarding

Attached to this newsletter is an online safety advice sheet produced by the National College. This week is advice about Social Media and Mental Health.

DON'T FORGET

We are a nut free site. No nuts or products containing nuts are to be brought into school under ANY circumstances. Thank you!



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Summer dates for your diary



June 2024	
Mon 24th June 4pm	Reception new starters meeting
Mon 24th & Tues 25th June	Outwood Academy Easingwold Year 6 Transition days
Wed 26th June 2pm & 6pm	Class 3 Production of Oliver
Thurs 27th & Fri 28th June	Year 6 Bikeability
July 2024	
Wed 3rd & Thurs 4th July	Boroughbridge High School Year 6 Transition days
Thurs 4th July	Reception new starters transition morning
Fri 5th July morning	Ripon Cathedral Year 6 Leavers Service
Fri 5th July afternoon	Sports Day (no celebration assembly)
Mon 8th- Fri 12th July	Thirsk High School Year 6 Transition days
Thurs 11th July	Reception new starters transition morning
Mon 15th July	End of Year School Reports sent home Alternative Sports Day date
Thurs 18th July morning	Leavers Assembly
Fri 19th July 2.30pm	School closes for Summer (no After School Club, celebration assembly at 2.10)