

NEWSLETTER 13th September 2024

“Rooted and grounded in love”
Ephesians 3:17



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Headteacher's Message

Another super week in school this week with lots going on. The children had a visitor into Collective Worship on Wednesday from the North Yorkshire Music Service who played and shared a variety of different brass and woodwind instruments to the children. If you are interested in your child having instrument lessons in school please follow these links to find out more. We would be delighted to have as many children as possible playing an instrument – it would be fantastic to think we could have enough players to make up our own school band.

[Information about music lessons available in schools | North Yorkshire Council](#)

[Home - North Yorkshire Music Hub](#)

As I mentioned last week, our lovely Mrs McBride in the office is leaving us on Tuesday (17th September). We are holding interviews next week but there will likely be a period of time before the new person is able to start. Mrs Pilmoor, one of our teaching assistants, has kindly agreed to help me out in the office from 9.30 in the mornings in the meantime. It would be incredibly helpful for the time being, if you can possibly manage it, to try and contact the school office with messages, requests etc. in the morning rather than the afternoon. You may also find that during this time you have to leave an answerphone message rather than speak to someone, or that emails do not get responded to as quickly as they have been previously. Thank you for your understanding and patience, we shall endeavour to keep things running as smoothly as possible until we can welcome our new School Administrator into our team.

What have we been learning this week?

EYFS

This week in EYFS we have been thinking about how we have changed since we were a baby. We have order pictures from being a baby to an adult, as well as sorted toys we played with as a baby with toys we play with now. In maths we have been learning about colours in nursery and prepositions in reception. In art we have learned about primary colours using the book Mouse Paint.

Class 1

We've had a lovely week in Class 1. We have begun reading the story of Stanley's stick and are really enjoying imagining all of the things that a stick can be, making books and writing stories about sticks. In our DT lessons we have been learning about wheels and axles and everyone is working hard to try to make a vehicle with wheels that move! In our maths lessons this week we have been learning how to write numbers as words.

Class 2

In Class 2 this week we have been very busy. In our guided reading sessions we have been looking at classic children's texts including Paddington Bear and Alice in Wonderland. In DT this week we deconstructed boxes and looked at how nets fit together to create boxes. In Science we looked around the site for different types of rocks and in Geography we looked at aerial photos of Dishforth over time to see the change in land use.

Class 3

Class 3 have had an exciting week this week, learning about trading for our geography topic and for fairtrade fortnight. The children have played a very complex trading game and thought about the ethics of trading, in relation to the G8 countries. They loved this activity and worked extremely well as a team together. We have had our first swimming lesson for some children, and we have practised our hockey and rounders skills in school. The children have sketched a design for their own art gallery, ready to use Computer Aided Design next week in computing.

Celebrating our Success



Stars of the Week

EYFS	Our Star of the Week in EYFS is Violet. Violet has had a super week. She always listens well and shows that she is ready to learn. She has been a very kind friend to others.
Class 1	The star for this week in Class 1 is Martha. Martha is a true super star in the classroom, ready and excited to learn, producing her best work all of the time and being really brave trying all of the different areas. Keep up the great work Martha.
Class 2	The star this week goes to Ivy. Ivy has been fantastic in all lessons and her work ethic has shined through. Keep up the good work Ivy!
Class 3	The star of the week is Katie M for her determination and effort in writing and maths in her new class.

The Values Award



Elodie nominated Penelope for trust for always playing with her at playtime.

Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
91.6%	95.2%	100%	98.2%

Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates

Friday 20 th September	Class 1 and 3
Friday 27 th September	EYFS & Class 2
Friday 4 th October	Class 1 and 3
Friday 11 th October	EYFS & Class 2
Friday 18 th October	Class 1 and 3
Friday 25 th October	EYFS & Class 2

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.

Illness

We are starting to get into the time of year where children start to come down with Autumn bugs. Please find below the Government guide on how to decide if your child should be in school.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival and would always ring you if they became unwell in school.

Harvest Festival

We are delighted to invite you to a Harvest Festival Service for the whole school, their families and the wider community at the village hall on Friday 25th October at 2.30pm



More details will follow but please add the date to your diary.

Parent/Carer

Consultation evenings

Parents evening will be on the evenings of the 14th and 16th October. Information about how to book a time will be sent home nearer the time.

INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate ££s to schools.



Friends of Dishforth News

Don't forget to sign up for the Asda rewards app to help raise money for school. If you have any family or friends that shop at Asda, please ask them to select our school for the Asda Rewards. Thank you!

Safeguarding

Attached to this newsletter is an online safety advice sheet produced by the National College. This week is advice about Parental Controls.



We have updated our 'Safeguarding' page on the school website, please have a look under the 'About Us' tab.