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**Newsletter 25 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Dear Parents,

There is a definite spring feeling in the air and we are all looking forward to some nice weather this week! On Thursday we are having a Big Brunch Day for school dinner – no pre-ordering necessary as children can choose this option on the day.

### **Welcome**

A very warm welcome to Kiera English who has joined us today in Reception.

### **Coronavirus update**

As outlined in the letter I sent home last week, please ensure you are signed up to the school Facebook page in case we need to contact and communicate with families in the event of a forced school closure.

I spoke to the children in assembly today to reassure them that we are following advice from the government and that if this changes we will let our school community know. We are carrying on as usual but have a plan in place should we need it.

The work folders will be sent home tomorrow. They are sealed – please keep them sealed and don't open them unless they are needed as we would like them returning if school doesn't have to close. I have explained this to the children and that the folders need to be put somewhere safe at home. If we have to close then teachers would use Facebook to tell the children exactly which work they need to do on each day of the closure.

### **Class News**

**FS1/FS2** – This week we have been learning all about jungle animals and have been writing our jungle poems.

**Y1** – This week we have written non-fiction books about the Queen. We have also been developing our sketching skills.

**Y2** – This week we have been writing poems based on George's Marvellous Medicine.

**Y3/4** – This week we have been writing final drafts of our own time travel stories and have shared them with Year 5/6.

**Y5/6** – This week we have been writing an explanation text for the Pancakeomatic!

### **Sport Relief**

Thank you to all the donations brought into school for Sport Relief, we raised £78.95.

### **British Science Week**

From 6<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March 2020, schools celebrated British Science Week. Our celebrations were kick started by visitors from Sublime Science, who came in to school last week to deliver a host of exciting Science workshops for Reception through to Year 6.

As an extra Science week celebration, each class would like to invite parents in to join them in some Science based activities and investigations. These may link to the Science week theme of 'Our diverse planet' or could link to the children's Science learning in class. It would be fantastic if parents could join their children on the following dates:

FS1/2: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm

**Year 1: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2:15pm**

**Year 2: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2:15pm**

Year 3/4: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2:15pm

**Year 5/6: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2:15pm**

### **Virtual Reality**

On Friday, key stage 2 children had a visit from James from Prime VR. This was our second virtual reality session this year and the children absolutely loved it! Year 3/4 made some super observations, asked lots of questions and found out some historical facts out all about Ancient Egypt to add to their learning in the classroom. Year 5/6 enjoyed exploring the 7 wonders of the world. It is always such a unique and powerful learning experience for the children to be able to immerse themselves into these other places and historical eras. We can't wait for our next session in Summer!

### **High 5 Netball tournament**

The schools that were due to take part in this tournament have cancelled and therefore Dishforth Airfield is the only remaining team. This means that we automatically qualify for the next round of the competition. As we were taking two teams to the tournament, Sporting Start (who run the fixture) are coming to school here on Wednesday and the two teams will play against each other after school on our netball court to decide which team progresses to the next round. Therefore, the children who are taking part in this will not be travelling and the event will finish earlier than scheduled.

### **Trips to Fountains Abbey**

We have two trips planned to Fountains Abbey this half term: Year 5 and 6 are going on Wednesday to experience a day in the life of a monk and Year 1 are visiting on the 24<sup>th</sup> March to have a den building session.

### **Year 3 and 4 trip to Boroughbridge**

Year 3 and 4 children are going to carry out a local study in Boroughbridge involving map work on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

### **Food Bank Donations**

The PTA has started a collection for non-perishable food items and household/cleaning items to donate to local food banks. This would be a great way to support members of the community who are not able to get out or do not have the means to stock up in this period of uncertainty. A contribution brought into school by this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, however big or small will be of great help – just 1 tin, a pack of tea bags or biscuits, a box cereal or essential cleaning and hygiene items are just a few suggestions – all would be a huge support.

### **Special School Dinners – no pre-order necessary**

**Future special events include:**

**This Thursday – Big Brunch Day!**

Yorkshire Sausage  
Bacon  
Baked Beans, Hash Brown  
Tomato and Bagel

Jacket Potato option available

Crispy Cereal Bar



## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Easter Lunch



Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding  
Stuffing  
Roast Potatoes  
Carrots and Peas  
Gravy

Jacket Potato option available

Chocolate Easter Nest

## Makaton in school

We have a growing number of children in school who are using Makaton to support their communication. During assemblies, we are continuing on developing some basic signs.

This week's sign is: Sensory Room



Here is a link to the Makaton site. <https://wetalkmakaton.org/>

## New FS1 children taster session

We are looking forward to welcoming our new nursery children for a transition session between 9.30 and 11.30 on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. This will be a great opportunity for your child to experience what life in nursery is like while you have a well-earned break! Please drop your child at the main EYFS entrance at 9.30 with a coat, wellies and change of clothes. The children will be provided with a snack and a drink mid-morning, please let the EYFS staff know of any dietary requirements. If you have any further questions about starting nursery or the transition period please feel free to speak to Mrs Dixon.

## Break-up for Easter Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2.30pm

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April we would like all the children in school to bring in a hard-boiled egg to decorate (I recommend they each bring in two eggs to allow for breakages!) – there will be prizes on the day for the best decorated eggs! **We also break-up for Easter at the slightly earlier time of 2.30pm.**



## Library Days

Please ensure your child has their library book in school for their library day.

Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3/4	Tuesday
Year 5/6	Thursday

## PE days

Please can you ensure your child has their PE kit in school on the following days:

EYFS – Monday & Friday

Year 1 – Wednesday (swimming) and Thursday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3/4 – Wednesday (swimming) and Friday

Year 5/6 – Tuesday and Friday

### **PE Kit for colder weather**

We try to do PE outside as often as possible. Please send in a black or navy track-suit for your child to keep them warm when they go outside.

### **Earrings during PE, Sport and Swimming sessions**

Please can we remind parents, if children have their ears pierced they must take out their earrings for P.E. lessons. Children are advised to take their earrings out before coming to school on the days when they have P.E. lessons or swimming lessons. We also advise that children get their ears pierced at the beginning of the summer holidays to allow for them to heal over the 6 week break.

### **Parent Volunteers**

We always welcome parental support and help in school. If you feel that you may be able to help in school in any way such as: hearing readers, making resources, taking a small group for sewing or craft activities, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### **School Dinners update for March.**

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of March is £60.50 (for meals). Please ensure your Parent Pay account is up to date and we advise that credit is put onto the account at the start of each month.

### **Packed Lunches**

A polite reminder that there should be no sweets or chocolate bars in packed lunches or fizzy drinks. Also, we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. We do have children with allergies to nuts so please refrain from any sort of nut products in packed lunches – thank you.

### **Parent Away**

Please do let your child's class teacher know if a parent is away from home so that we can offer additional support. Parent Away Club is run by Mrs Cunane on Thursday lunchtime and is available to children if they wish to attend.

### **Emotion Coaching drop-ins with Mrs Dixon – next date this Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 3.15pm**

In school we use emotion coaching to support children to develop their emotional literacy and navigate problems independently. This approach is founded in research and has proven to be very effective at supporting children to regulate and recognise their own emotions and behaviours. Previously the whole staff team was lucky enough to receive training in emotion coaching from the North Yorkshire County Council Educational Psychology department which has been tailored specifically to support service children and the challenges they may face. We are delighted that we are able to continue to pass this training on to you. Mrs Dixon has run a successful programme for parents in the past and is happy to continue to provide 'drop in' support for anyone who feels that they might benefit from emotion coaching at home. The dates are listed below and all sessions will be held in the EYFS classrooms. All are welcome, if you have any questions or would like to arrange another meeting then please feel free to speak to Mrs Dixon at any point.

### **Emotion coaching drop-ins are scheduled at 3.15pm on the following dates:**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May and  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

### **30 Hours Funding for Nursery**

Please be aware of the deadlines for parents to apply for 30 hours funding if your child is currently in Nursery or will be starting Nursery.

For the Summer Term 2020 you must apply and have received your eligibility code before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

Please note, it is recommended that you apply for your code at least a month before the deadline and before any holiday periods to allow time for queries to be dealt with and places to be allocated.

## Leavers

If you know you are due a posting away from Dishforth Airfield before September, please can you inform the School Office as soon as possible so that we know accurate numbers for the new academic year – thank you.

## Diary Dates

<b>March</b>	
17/03/20	YR 2 Science with Parents Session 2.15pm
18/03/20	Yr 5 and 6 Fountains Abbey Trip – Grand Designs
18/3/20	High 5 Netball Tournament – New finish time 4.15pm at school.
19/3/20	Big Brunch Day!
19/03/20	YR 5/6 Science with Parents Session 2.15pm
20/03/20	YR 1 Science with Parents Session 2.15pm
23/03/20	YR 3 and 4 Boroughbridge Geography Trip
24/03/20	Yr 1 and 2 Fountains Abbey Trip – Den Building
25/03/20	New Nursery starter session - morning
27/3/20	Clubs finish
	<b>Sponsored Walk – this will now take place in the summer term</b>
<b>April</b>	
1/4/20	Easter School Dinner
3/4/20	All children to bring a hard-boiled egg into school to decorate Break-up for Easter at 2.30pm
20/4/20	Training Day
21/4/20	School open for summer term
<b>May</b>	
7/5/20	VE 75 Celebrations in school
8/5/20	May Day – school closed for the day
w/c 11/5/20	SAT week
20/5/20	Class photos
22/5/20	Break-up for half term

## AWARDS

### Celebration Assembly

On Friday afternoon, we have our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;

### Celebration Cup

The cup this week goes to someone who has amazed us with their determination, resilience and hard work. They have such a positive attitude towards their learning and they are always keen to help other children. They are a friendly member of our class with a kind and caring nature. We are so pleased you are a part of our class and school! Congratulations and well done to Jacob Gough!



### Ribbons



**FS1** –The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working really hard on listening carefully to others. Well done, Amelia-May!

**FS2** –The ribbon this week goes to someone who has wowed us all with his fabulous poetry writing. Well done, Seb!

**Year 1** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has a fantastic attitude to learning, who can be relied upon to always try their hardest and is willing to help others. Well done, Violet!

**Year 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is demonstrating super comprehension skills in their reading. Well done, Harry!

**Year 3** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has worked hard in maths to measure mass and carefully read scales. Well done, Bella!

**Year 4** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has worked so hard to write a fantastic time travel story. Well done, Rayz!

**Year 5** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had a brilliant first week at school! She is settling in well and trying hard! Well done, Victoria!

**Year 6** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been trying really hard to make progress in maths. Well done, James!

### Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Lottie for her shining example of compassion, responsibility and respect. Lottie was nominated by Willow. Willow said Lottie helped everyone no matter what, leaving no one behind and concentrating on helping with their work. Well done, Lottie!



### Attendance

Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.

Week Commencing 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
96%	96%	97%	98%	98%

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon

Head Teacher