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Dear Parents,

Sport Relief

We will be supporting Sport Relief on Friday this week. Children can come to school in a sports kit of their choice for a donation. There will be other sporting activities taking place throughout the day.

World Book Day

We had a fantastic day in school last Thursday celebrating World Book Day – the children looked fabulous dressed up as different characters and so did the staff! It was very hard to choose winners in each year group as everyone looked superb, however the following children were chosen as winners on the day:

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| FS1 - | Chris Boateng - Pirate |
| FS2 - | Ernie Graham – Peter Pan |
| Year 1- | Eliza Fuller - Goldilocks |
| Year 2- | Camden Rawstrone – WW1 soldier |
| Year 3- | Oscar Miles – Boy in a Dress |
| Year 4- | Elsie Dunn – Cruella De Vil |
| Year 5- | Pearl Hawley - Matilda |
| Year 6- | Kieran Francique – Fox (Finding the Fox – Shapeshifter books) |



Welcome

A very warm welcome to Samantha and Victoria Tamang who have joined us today in Years 2 and 5.

Class News

FS1/FS2 – This week we have been learning all about hibernation. We had great fun making our own hibernation dens.

Y1 – This week we have been learning all about numbers to 50 and their place value. We have been counting in 2's and 5's.

Y2 – This week we have been learning all about 2D and 3D shapes.

Y3/4 – This week we loved our 3D printing workshop. We can't wait to use the printer more in our DT lessons!

Y5/6 – This week we enjoyed designing a wheel for a race car in our 3D printing workshop!

Sublime Science

British Science week has been kick started at Dishforth Airfield by our super Science visitor 'Rocket Ross' from Sublime Science. Rocket Ross started the day with an action-packed scientific assembly involving air, fire and smoke. Throughout the day, each class joined Rocket Ross for a science workshop where he gave some fascinating demonstrations and encouraged the children to make predictions which were investigated through testing. The children also enjoyed using science to make some of their own creations including slime and sweets! We are looking forward to continuing our British Science week fun with parent sessions in each class over the course of the next 2 weeks.



British Science Week

From 6th-15th March 2020, schools will be celebrating British Science Week. Our celebrations will be kick started by visitors from Sublime Science, who will be coming in to school on Monday 9th March to deliver exciting Science workshops for Reception through to Year 6. We know the children will love this and we are sure they will be very excited to tell you all about their workshops!

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 11th March at 2.15pm
Year 1: Friday 20th March at 2:15pm
Year 2: Tuesday 17th March 2:15pm
Year 3/4: Thursday 12th March at 2:15pm
Year 5/6: Thursday 19th March at 2:15pm

Virtual Reality – this Friday

Children in Key Stage 2 are looking forward to their second visit from Prime VR this year where they will be able to experience a virtual reality workshop on Friday 13th March. The children loved this experience in the Autumn term as it is a really exciting and different way of delivering aspects of our topic curriculum. Year 3/4 will be taking part in an Ancient Egyptian reality where they will explore some of the grand designs and architecture created during this Ancient civilisation era. Year 5/6 will be taking part in an 'Explore the Wonders' reality where they will be exploring the 7 Wonders of our World. We know the children will be really excited to tell you all about it!

Trips to Fountains Abbey

We have two trips planned to Fountains Abbey this half term: Year 5 and 6 are going on the 18th March to experience a day in the life of a monk and Year 1 are visiting on the 24th 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 23rd March.

Ballet Success

Well done to Ellie Bell of Year 6 who has been chosen to perform in the English Youth Ballet production "Cinderella in Hollywood". Ellie will take part in performances at The Darlington Hippodrome on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th April 2020. If anyone would like to see this enchanting new ballet, tickets can be booked at www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk.

Special School Dinners – no pre-order necessary

Future special events include:

Thursday 19th March – Big Brunch Day!

Yorkshire Sausage
Bacon
Baked Beans, Hash Brown
Tomato and Bagel

Jacket Potato option available

Crispy Cereal Bar



Wednesday 1st 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: **rabbit**



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

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 Thursday 19th 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 19th March, Thursday 14th May and
Thursday 9th 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 31st 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.

Diary Dates

March	
w/c 9/3/20	Science Week
11/03/20	FS1/2 Science with Parents Session 2.15pm
12/03/20	YR 3/4 Science with Parents Session 2.15pm
13/3/19	KS2 Virtual Reality
13/3/20	Sport Relief – non-uniform – come in a sport kit for a donation
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 3pm-5pm

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
27/3/20	Clubs finish
	Sponsored Walk – this will now take place in the summer term
April	
1/4/20	Easter School Dinner
3/4/20	Break-up for Easter at 2.30pm
20/4/20	Training Day
21/4/20	School open for summer term
May	
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 a fantastic attitude to learning. They have been working really hard on learning their speed sounds and we are all very proud of his achievement. We are really pleased to have him in our class. Well done and congratulation to Anshil.



Ribbons



FS1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working really hard on recognising her phonics sounds. Well done, Chloe!

FS2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled into our school really well. We love having you here. Well done, Gabriel!

Year 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who always has a smile on their face and a fantastic attitude to learning. Well done, Alyssa!

Year 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been working hard to be more resilient when faced with a challenge. Well done, Mia!

Year 3 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has done some super geography work by identifying OS symbols on maps. Well done, Phebie!

Year 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has worked really hard to find fractions of quantities in Maths. Well done, Jasmin!

Year 5 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who always works hard, shows determination and is a kind and caring friend. Well done, Maizi!

Year 6 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is showing resilience and determination in sewing club. Well done, Hayden!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Jacob Prasad for his shining example of resilience and respect. Jacob was nominated by Elliot. Elliot said Jacob is a great friend and is always helping him. Well done, Jacob!



Attendance

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

Week Commencing 2nd March 2020

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
88%	94%	96%	99%	97%

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon

Head Teacher