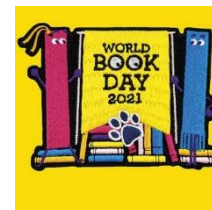


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Newsletter 22 Monday 1st March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend and managed to enjoy the beautiful weather? We are all very much looking forward to next Monday when the school will fully open for all the children. Further information is in the newsletter.

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March

On Thursday 4th March it is World Book Day. We would like all the children to dress up as a character from a book, whether they are at school or at home – please send us photos. There will be special activities to do on the day

World Book Day vouchers

Children can access their voucher for £1 or get one of the free World Book Day books by clicking on the following link:

https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken_PrimaryUK.pdf

Class News:

EYFS: This week Early Years have been looking for signs of spring and continuing their trip around the world by looking at landmarks from North and South America.

Year 1/2: This week Year 1 and 2 have been learning about measuring and symmetry. We have explored different materials in Science looking at what different objects are made of and whilst using scientific vocabulary to describe them. In art we have begun to explore the work of the artist Lowry ready to be creative.



Year 3/4: In Year 3/4 this week we have enjoyed writing our own poems in literacy and paid really close attention to the rhythm in them. We enjoyed a workshop with local poet, Olivia Mulligan who shared some of her poems with us and also listened to and enjoyed our poems too!

Year 5/6: In Year 5/6 this week we have started our new science topic. This term we are going to be learning about materials and their properties. On Monday, we were looking at the different properties of various materials and the children were carrying out investigations at home and at school.

Whole school return – Monday 8th March

We are very much looking forward to seeing all the children in school from next Monday. Please see below a reminder of procedures and timings:

Please note the following measures are in place and need strictly adhering to:

- **Only one parent to drop off and pick up at the designated time. Please ensure that children are dropped off promptly – to ensure social distancing can take place, it is really important that children do not arrive before or after their allocated time. Parents of children in Y1-Y6 are to drop children off at the playground with their teacher. Children in EYFS are to be taken to the EYFS unit by a parent.**
- **Where possible walk or cycle to school.**
- **Any need to speak to office staff please telephone – do not come into the school building.**
- **Parents to adhere to social distancing between themselves – please leave the school grounds once the children have been dropped off.**
- **If your child is unwell do not send them to school.**
- **If you or your child displays symptoms of coronavirus please do not come to school but inform us of the symptoms and arrange to have a test. Please inform school of the outcome.**

Following guidance, we are continuing with a staggered start and finish to the school day – please see the timetable below. Parents are to drop off and collect their child as indicated:

Year group	Location	Start and finish times
Nursery – (FS1) *	EYFS unit	8.45am – 2.45pm – Nursery children – an additional 30 minutes can be paid for through Parent Pay.
Reception (FS2)	EYFS unit	8.45am – 3.15pm – Reception children
Year 1 and 2	School playground	8.45am – 3.15pm



Year 3 and 4	School playground	8.35am – 3.05pm
Year 5 and 6	School playground	8.35am – 3.05pm

Nursery sessions: if your child attends a morning session only then this is from 8.45am – 11.45am
 If your child attends an afternoon session only then this is from 11.45am- 2.45pm
 All day session 8.45am – 2.45pm

Siblings

If you have more than one child attending the school then please note the following: where there are siblings in different year groups, parents should **drop off and collect all children at the agreed time for the earlier child.**

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place the **week commencing 22nd March** either via Zoom or by telephone. Class teachers will send information to parents via the class email system so that a time and method can be organised. Appointments are for 10 minutes. Information will be sent regarding this when school has fully opened next week.

Breakfast and After School Club

If you would like to book your child / children into Breakfast or After School club for week commencing the 8th March and the rest of term, please ensure you have booked places by **THURSDAY 4TH MARCH.**

Balance Bikes – EYFS Tuesday 9th March

We have a visiting cycle coach coming into school the afternoon of Tuesday 9th March to work with children in Nursery and Reception. The children will be doing lots of exciting cycling activities using balance bikes that will be provided by the company, Pro-Ride Coaching Ltd.

Activities will include skill games, challenges and a series of mini races. Children in EYFS are to come to school with some suitable clothes for the activity. We recommend a track suit and a warm sweatshirt/hoodie, sensible shoes (trainers or strong school shoes, not boots or pumps) and a waterproof coat in case it rains. You may also want to send a pair of gloves if it's cold on the day. If your child has their own bike helmet they may bring it. Helmets will be provided for those that don't have one.



Poetry Workshops

We are very lucky to have been offered free virtual poetry workshops for the children in key stages 1 and 2 by local poet, Olivia Mulligan. Olivia has recently published her first poetry book which she wrote during the first lockdown. She wrote a poem every day for 70 days and often shares performances of her poetry on her Facebook page called 'Olivia Mulligan Poetry' should you wish to hear some of them! Olivia's book is called 'Poems on the Gate Post' and is available to buy in some local bookstores and on Amazon via this link <https://www.amazon.co.uk/POEMS-GATE-POST-Olivia-Mulligan/dp/1913170667>

We have really enjoyed taking part in the in the workshops with Olivia. The remaining workshop is:

- Year 1/2 - 11am on Thursday 4th March

Class teachers will email details of the workshops with a zoom link to ensure that children at home can join in too.

Poetry Workshop – Year 3/4 - last Thursday

On Thursday, year 3/4 really enjoyed taking part in a virtual poetry workshop with local poet, Olivia Mulligan. We enjoyed listening to some poems from Olivia's book called 'Poems on the gate post' and even shared some of our own poems that we had written, based on life as a child in 2021. The children performed their poems beautifully and Olivia was so impressed! The children asked some excellent questions about poetry and were left inspired to write more!



Comic Relief – Friday 19th March

On Friday 19th March, it is Comic Relief Day. On this day children can come into school in non-uniform for a £1 donation and they can also wear a red nose!

School Dinners **March**

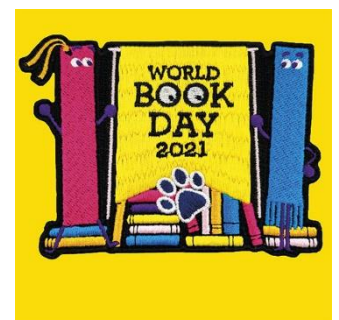
The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of March is **£55.00**. Please ensure your Parent Pay account is up to date. It is possible to put credit onto the account to help with budgeting for the month!

Promotional School Dinners

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March

Bird Pie (Chicken Pie)
George's Marvellous Mashed Potato
Peter Rabbit's Favourite Vegetable Medley
Gangsta Granny's Gravy

Mr Fox Fruity Flapjack



Easter Lunch – Wednesday 24th March



Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding
Stuffing
Roast Potatoes, carrots and peas
Gravy

Easter Biscuit

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.

AWARDS

Celebration Assembly

On Friday, we have our Celebration Assembly. On Friday 12th February the following children were given our weekly awards;

Ribbons



EYFS – The ribbon goes to someone who has been a really kind friend to a new starter. They have shared with their new friend beautifully and showed them what to do around the setting. Well done to Alice!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to some who has been trying really hard with reading and writing. We are so proud of their achievements. Well done to Lewis!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has really impressed me with their home learning. I have loved seeing this person's confidence grow within their work and have been very impressed with their writing. A big well done to Harry - keep up the excellent work!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had a super week! We have been really impressed with their attitude towards their learning over the past few weeks and they continue to thrive on the challenges they face. This person particularly enjoys maths and has been working hard to secure their fraction knowledge. Well done Joseph and keep up the great work!



Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon, Head Teacher

Diary Dates

March	
4/3/21	Thursday 4th March – World Book Day – dress up as a character from a book – Special School Dinner Year 1/2 poetry workshop with Olivia Mulligan
8/3/21	All children in school
9/3/21	EYFS - Balance Bikes
19/3/21	Comic Relief Day – non-uniform day £1 donation
w/c 22/3/21	Parents Evening week
22/3/21	Year 3 and 4 Bronze Age workshop
24/3/21	Easter School Dinner
26/3/21	Break-up Easter holidays at 2.30pm – staggered finish
April	
12/4/21	Training Day
13/4/21	School open for the summer term
May	
3/5/21	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
20/5/21	Skip 2 Be Fit Day
28/5/21	Break-up May half-term
June	
7/6/21	School open
25/6/21	Training Day – school closed
July	
19/7/21	School Reports home
22/7/21	Leavers' Assembly
23/7/21	School closes for summer holidays at 2.30pm
September	
6/9/21	Training Day
7/9/21	School open for the autumn term

Mrs Lyon's working week:

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

