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Dear Parents / Carers,

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 Uniform

A polite reminder that children need to wear school shoes as part of their uniform. In summer, girls can wear checked dresses – either blue or red. Again, school shoes are part of the summer uniform as opposed to sandals or flip flops. Children still need practical footwear for school that protects their feet and allows them to move about.

PE Kit

Please ensure your child has a PE kit with them **every day** – white t-shirt, black / navy shorts and trainers. A plain, dark tracksuit is also acceptable and children can also bring a cap in for the sunny days. PE days are scheduled as follows:

EYFS – Wednesday and Friday

Year 1 / 2 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 / 4 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 5 / 6 – Wednesday and Friday this week, next week Thursday and Friday

Class News:

EYFS: This week Early Years have been busy learning about and creating their own versions of Aboriginal Australian art, designing science posters, joining in with the whole school biscuit dunking science experiment and perfecting their bike riding skills. Not to mention planting seeds and learning about how to look after them. They will need a rest this weekend!



Year 1/2: This week year 1/2 we have had a fantastic first week back with our Science day on Monday - making paper rockets, dunking biscuits and exploring materials. We continued our weeks with printing activities to create spring art work. We have made slime and explored the instructions and the bossy verbs.

Year 3/4: In Year 3/4 we have really enjoyed coming back together as a class this week. We have planned and carried out lots of Science investigations in celebration of British Science Week and we have enjoyed writing some spring themed rhyming poetry in our literacy lessons.

Year 5/6: We have had a wonderful week back as a class in year 5/6. We have been fine tuning our reporting skills this week and we wrote a newspaper report linked to our class text 'The Explorer'. We were learning about direct and reported speech and pretended to be the characters in our book.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place next week either via Zoom or by telephone. Class teachers will send times to parents via the class email system. Appointments are for 10 minutes.

Staffing Update

At the end of term we say goodbye to Mrs Haynes in Year 1/2 as she is moving abroad with her husband and daughter. Mrs Kestell will increase her teaching time in class and Mrs O'Connell will teach Year 1/2 each Thursday.

Dandelions – Breakfast Club

Mrs Qica is leaving Breakfast Club at the end of term and Mrs Taylor will replace her.

Balance Bikes – EYFS

On Tuesday, the children from Early Years were lucky enough to take part in a cycling taster session run by Pro Ride Coaching. Everyone enjoyed using balance and pedal bikes to complete a series of challenges including tackling some ramps and testing their speed in races.

The children were fantastic and all took on new challenges. For some this was using a balance bike with their feet off the ground, for others it was riding a bike without stabilisers for the first time.

A big thank you to Mrs O'Connell for organising the sessions and to Phil from Pro Ride for running them.



British Science Week and Whole School Poster Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in the science poster competition last week. The winners were:
EYFS – Chloe
Year 3 /4 – Camden
Year 5 /6 - Joseph

Bronze Age workshop – Year 3 and 4

On Monday 22nd March, Year 3/4 will be taking part in a Bronze Age Workshop for the full day in school. It is going to be a fantastic way for the children to experience what life was like in the Bronze Age and ties in wonderfully with our learning in history over the last few terms. The children will be developing their fire lighting techniques, will be making and cooking a traditional Bronze Age Bannock, will explore Bronze Age tools, will try on Bronze Age clothing and will make their own Bronze Age shelters! We are really looking forward to a day of bringing our history learning to life!

Letter from Public Health England – attached

North Yorkshire's Director of Public Health has a message for families in North Yorkshire as many children and young people returned to settings last week. It is a reminder of the measures that everyone can do to help prevent the spread of Covid 19 as well as information for families about the opportunities for testing that are now being offered. Please refer to the letter attached.

Easter – break-up Friday 26th March

School closes at the following staggered times for the Easter break on Friday 26th March:

Year 3/4/5/6 at 2.20pm
EYFS and Year 1 and 2 at 2.30pm

Siblings can be collected at the earlier time.

Hard-boiled eggs – Friday 26th March

On Friday 26th March 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!



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!



School Dinners – Summer Term menu

Attached to this newsletter is the summer term menu for school dinners.

Promotional School Dinners

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.

Sun Cream

Please can I ask parents to ensure the children have sun cream applied to them before they come to school in the morning when the forecast is due to be sunny and also please do send into school a bottle of sun cream labelled with your child's name on it so that they can apply it when necessary over the summer months – thank you.



AWARDS

Celebration Assembly

On Friday, 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 both in school and virtually. This person takes time to process information, respond and make changes to their learning in order to be the best they can be. They are a pleasure to teach and an amazing friend.

Congratulations and well done to

Violet!



Ribbons



EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone who only joined us recently but who has settled in beautifully and is already making great friends. We are very happy to have them as part of our class. Well done to Audrey!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has a fantastic attitude to learning and has tried really hard with every aspect of our learning. We are so proud of all your hard work and effort. Well done Ernie!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has really impressed me with their can-do attitude! It has been wonderful to see this person tackle new challenges with confidence and resilience. Keep up the great work, Ryan!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has continued to work hard in his group sessions with Mrs Taylor. We have both been impressed with his enthusiasm to improve his learning and he has shown determination to challenge himself. We are really proud of the progress he has made, and we hope he continues to enjoy these sessions because they're really paying off! Well done to Ewan!

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon, Head Teacher



Diary Dates

March	
19/3/21	Comic Relief Day – non-uniform day £1 donation
21/3/21	Census Day
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: Year 3/4/5/6 at 2.20pm EYFS and Year 1 and 2 at 2.30pm
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

