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## Newsletter 23 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

It is lovely to have all the children back together in school. I would also like to say a huge thank you to all the families who have supported remote learning over the last eight weeks as I know how challenging it has been for everyone.

Just a couple of reminders to make everyone aware of: please ensure the children are here at their designated start time – **no earlier**:

**Year 3/4 and Year 5/6** 8.35am – 3.05pm

**Year 1/2 and EYFS** 8.45am – 3.15pm (only if these children have a sibling in Years 3-6 can they come at the earlier time and be collected at 3.05pm)

Also, a reminder to stay safe on the walk to and from school – please stick to the footpaths and, where possible, walk to school to minimise traffic.

We have a busy few weeks ahead before the Easter break with a lot to fit in starting with our Science week competition this week – please read ahead for further details!

### Class News:

**EYFS:** As well as enjoying a lovely World Book Day this week, Early Years have been learning about the continent of Africa by looking at landmarks and retelling some traditional tales.

**Year 1/2:** This week year 1/2 have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties and part whole model. We have planned and are writing our own stories for world book day and have a poetry workshop with a poet. In Science this week we had an amazing zoom meeting with Johnathon and he talked to us about different animals and habitats on the North Yorkshire Moors and it was really interesting - he even showed us some stuffed animals that you could find on the Moors.



**Year 3/4:** In Year 3/4 this week we have been practising using inverted commas for speech in our writing. We have also been learning about the Bronze Age and how artefacts can tell us about the way people lived their lives in this time.

**Year 5/6:** We have had a busy week in year 5/6! This week we have been continuing our history topic about crimes and punishment through the ages. We have been learning about how policing was first introduced in England and how it developed over the years. We're really enjoying our new topic!

### **Parents Evening**

Parents Evening will take place the **week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> March** either via Zoom or by telephone. Class teachers will send information to parents via the class email system from today so that a mutually convenient time and method can be organised. Appointments are for 10 minutes.

### **Balance Bikes – EYFS – tomorrow**

We have a visiting cycle coach coming into school tomorrow morning 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.

### **British Science Week and Whole School Poster Competition**

This week we are celebrating British Science week in school! The whole school are carrying out an important investigation which involves testing biscuits and their dunkability. We will be sharing our results in a virtual assembly on Friday. Each class will also be carrying out their own science investigations over the course of the week to develop their science enquiry skills.

To continue celebrating Science week, we are running a **whole school poster competition** and we have some very exciting Science kits up for grabs as prizes! Children in EYFS, Key stage 1 and Key stage 2 are invited to take part in our poster competition. The brief is for the poster to link to the theme 'Innovating for the Future'.

You could:

- Draw your own invention and explain how it will change the world.
- Research an innovators/ inventors and write about them.
- Draw/write about some everyday innovations/inventions and how your life would be without them.

You might be inspired by looking at last year's entries: <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/poster-competition-2020-winners-announced/>



Please can any entries be handed into your child's class teacher by **Thursday 11th March** ready for prizes to be awarded on Friday. Please could all posters have the children's names, ages and class clearly written on them. There will be a prize for EYFS, a prize for key stage 1 and a prize for key stage 2. We can't wait to see all of the posters!

### 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](https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken_PrimaryUK.pdf)

If you are unable to access this voucher, school has now received the vouchers – please get in touch with Miss Wright in the school office if you require any.

### Comic Relief – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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!

### Easter – break-up Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

School closes at the following staggered times for the Easter break on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> March

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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!



## Promotional School Dinners

### Easter Lunch – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> March the following children were given our weekly awards;

### Ribbons



**EYFS** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is always kind, works hard and sets a great example to other children. Well done to Zofia!

**Year 1 / 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked really hard with their Fred talk and is able to sound out the spellings of words. We are so proud of you. Well done, Devin!

**Year 3 / 4** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has really impressed me with their hard work and handwriting. Well done to Connor!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has produced a wonderful piece of writing. We have been finding out about the different layers in the rainforest and we carried out some research about each of the four layers. This person has taken thorough notes and has gone on to produce a super information text with detailed diagrams. Well done to Nicole!



Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon, Head Teacher

**Diary Dates**

<b>March</b>	
8/3/21	<b>All children in school</b>
9/3/21	EYFS - Balance Bikes
19/3/21	<b>Comic Relief Day – non-uniform day £1 donation</b>
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
<b>April</b>	
12/4/21	Training Day
13/4/21	School open for the summer term
<b>May</b>	
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
<b>June</b>	
7/6/21	School open
25/6/21	Training Day – school closed
<b>July</b>	
19/7/21	School Reports home
22/7/21	Leavers' Assembly
23/7/21	School closes for summer holidays at 2.30pm
<b>September</b>	
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

