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Dear Parents / Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to fill in Parent View, speak to inspectors and use the text service during our inspection last Thursday. The inspectors had never come across such a positive parent response in a school and we all really appreciate the comments that were made and the recognition of how hard we work and how dedicated the team are to providing the best school experience for the children. We found the inspection a very positive experience and the report will follow in due course later on in the term.

A reminder about staff training this week on Wednesday after school which means that there is no Dandelions childcare and no Mindfulness Club or Drama Club.

As a school we always take the time to reflect and remember the importance of Remembrance and this year the children will be learning about remembrance in a variety of ways within our classrooms.

Class News:

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

EYFS – In EYFS this week we have enjoyed learning about all things Halloween! We have read 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson and have been busy learning about the language of capacity to help us make potions. In Art we have made fantastic bubbling cauldrons which we will be putting on display soon!

Year 1 and 2 – This week we have been learning about instructions and have written instructions on how to decorate a biscuit using imperative verbs (bossy verbs). We have also been looking at addition skills on a number line and using dienes. We have also started our topic in Design Technology looking at the pop features in books in preparation for making pop ups.



Year 3 and 4 – This week we have enjoyed planning our very own time travelling stories based on our whole class reading text, 'The time travelling cat and the Egyptian Goddess'. We have also been working hard to develop our confidence in written methods for addition in maths. Mrs Armstrong has been very impressed with our hard work!

Year 5 and 6 – We have had a busy week in year 5/6! We started our geography topic and we're learning all about South America. We have been using atlases and online maps to locate the different countries in South America. We also had our first Forest Schools session which was great fun!

Promotional School Dinners

Ashes Cricket Meal – Wednesday 1st December

Chicken and Vegetable Pie Or Macaroni Cheese With Creamy mashed potato and a medley of vegetables

Fruit Flapjack

Poppy Appeal

We are selling items for the Poppy Appeal again this year. Last year the school was very successful and gave one of the highest donations in the local area.

Alongside the traditional poppy there are snap band rulers, reflectors, zip pulls and wristbands. Suggested donations are 50p for a zip pull, 50p for a reflector, £1 for a wristband and £1.50 for a snap band.

Please come to the school office before or after school if you would like to donate to the Poppy Appeal.

<u>Poppy Run</u>

Maddy in year 4 is taking part in the Poppy Run again this year to raise money for the Royal British Legion. This year she will be completing 12.5km. If you would like to sponsor Maddy please follow the link below:

https://mypoppyrun.britishlegion.org.uk/fundraising/MyPoppyRun2021-MaddisonCane





Billy Bob Buttons – author visit 10th November

The award-winning, bestselling children's author, Billy Bob Buttons, will be visiting this school on the AFTERNOON of Wednesday 10th November.

He is the author of sixteen very popular children's books including Felicity Brady and the Wizard's Bookshop, the bestselling Muffin Monster, Tiffany Sparrow Spook Slayer, The Cool Kids Book Prize winner, WIDE AWAKE, and the UK People's Book Prize winner and bestseller, I think I Murdered Miss. Last year, this book sold over 40,000 in the UK alone and won the 2014 UK People's Book Prize.

Every year, he meets with approx. 50,000 primary school children to deliver his popular literacy workshops. Throughout the afternoon, he will be delivering the workshops to KS1 and KS2 children focusing on Planning a Story, Adventure Writing and Characters.

There will also be an opportunity for your child to meet Mr. Buttons and buy a signed and dedicated book. Attached to this letter is a price list plus lots of information on the different books they can pick from. If you wish your child to buy a signed book, simply put the money (the author will have change with him) in an envelope (with your child's name and class written on the front) and hand it to the school office / class teacher as soon as possible.

Mr. Buttons will be doing the book signing at the end of the school day, so if parents wish to meet him and help their child pick a book, they can do so then.

Anti-Bullying Week – week commencing 15th November

The Anti-Bullying Alliance asked more than 400 young people, parents, and teachers what they wanted from this year's Anti-Bullying Week. The answer was clear – they wanted it to be about hope and the positive and kind things we can do to combat bullying and spread more kindness.

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons that '**One Kind Word**' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week taking place from 15th to 19th of November 2021 and the children will undertake a variety of learning activities around this theme.

Children in Need – Friday 19th November



We will be supporting Children in Need day on Friday 19th November, so if you 'spot' any of the fundraising items on sale and want to buy in advance please feel free to do so. Children will get a chance to wear/use them on the day in school as we are holding a non-uniform day and ask that children bring in £1 donation.



School Dinners November

The price for dinner is $\pounds 2.75$ per meal ($\pounds 13.75$ per week). The cost for the month of November is $\pounds 60.50$. 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!

Applying for a School Place for September 2022 – Moving from Nursery to Reception

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 they are due to start school in 2021-22. The primary school application round is now open and the deadline to apply is 15th January 2022.

The Sleep Charity North Yorkshire

Please find attached to this newsletter information regarding The Sleep Charity.

North Yorkshire County Council courses for parents and carers

Did you know North Yorkshire County Council have PRE-PAID for every parent and carer in North Yorkshire to access a range of courses for parents/carers? Please find attached a leaflet with further information.

Makaton sign of the week

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 the letter X.

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





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 is a wonderful member of our class they

have a great attitude to learning and show resilience and commitment to their learning.

You are an amazing role model. We enjoy your personality and how much you have grown in confidence and maturity. You are a super star – keep up all your hard work.

Congratulations and well done to Lucas!



Ribbons

EYFS - In EYFS the ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed us with her attention to detail and her hard work with both her reading and writing. You are doing a really great job, well done Tiana!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shone in their attitude, behaviour and learning. They have impressed us all in their focus and determination and their participation in class discussion. You have been a star. Well done Emily-Rose!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has impressed me with their Geography skills when identifying and naming UK rivers using a map. They have shown super resilience! Well done to Felicity!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled into life at Dishforth Airfield really well. This person has really impressed us this week with their hard work and determination in our maths lessons where they have secured a method for division. Well done to Miley!



Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Lexey who has shown compassion and respect by being kind and listening. Lexey was nominated by Tess.



Well done, Lexey!

Attendance

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

Week Commencing 1 st November 2021						
Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6			
100%	94%	97%	86%			

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon Head Teacher

Diary Dates

November				
10/11/21	Billy Bob Buttons author visit for KS1 and KS2			
10/11/21	No Dandelions after school childcare club due to staff training			
w/c 15/11/21	Anti-bullying week			
17/11/21	FLU IMMUNISATION			
19/11/21	Children in Need Day			
December				
15/12/21	Christmas School Dinner			
16/12/21	Christmas Parties			
17/12/21	School closes for Christmas at 2.30pm			

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





















