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Newsletter 21 Monday 14th February 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have made it to the end of a very busy and challenging half term. I think we are all ready for a rest and we are looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday 28th February. Thank you all once again for your support and understanding over the last six weeks.

The carpark next to school continues to be largely out of action over this week as the play equipment in the park is being replaced. Please can I ask that where possible, families walk to and from school as parking will be limited – thank you

Parent / Teacher / Child Consultations

Parent / Teacher / Child consultations take place this week tomorrow and Thursday in the school hall. Appointments are for 10 minutes.

Class News:

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

EYFS – This week in the EYFS we have shared the story "Once there were Giants". We have been talking about how we have changed since we were babies and what we can do now that we could not do before. We have also been sharing our ideas of the future and what we think it will be like when we are adults. In our maths work this week we have been learning about measuring and have been using our hands and feet to measure how tall our friends are and find out who is the tallest and who is the smallest.



Year 1 and 2 – This week in Year 1/2 we have been investigating the Great Fire of London and we have been learning about non-fiction writing. We have explored the different features and what we need to put in our own writing. This week in Maths we have been learning to share equally and have learnt the division sign. We have continued to explore structures in DT and have added masking tape to add strength. In Music we have learnt two keys on the glockenspiel and have been playing alongside the song I am in the Groove!

Year 3 and 4 – This week we have been investigating soils in Science and used our observational skills to find out what soil is made up of. We have also investigated which soils were the best soakers and drainers of water. In literacy we have been busy writing persuasive letters to the pirates in our whole class reading book, 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'.

Year 5 and 6 – This week we have been learning about the moon and the different phases the moon goes through. We have learnt that the moon is like a giant mirror in the sky which reflects the sunlight. We have been finding out about how the moon appears to change shape and why it may look different from day to day. We are keeping a moon diary to look at the changing shape over the next week.

Year 3 / 4 Maternity Leave Teacher

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed a teacher to cover Mrs Armstrong while she is on maternity leave. On Friday we interviewed and appointed Mrs Stephanie Fiveash who will begin straight after the half term holiday where she will have a week with Mrs Armstrong getting to know the children before Mrs Armstrong leaves on Friday 4th March.



Mrs Dixon – baby news

I am also delighted to announce that on Thursday last week Mrs Dixon had a baby boy! Oberon Alexander Dixon (Ronnie for short), was born at 11.43am weighing 7lb 8oz. Congratulations to the Dixon family.

Year 3 and 4 Trip to Murton Park

Today Year 3 and 4 children are having a fantastic day out making pottery and writing like Romans at Murton Park! The children set off at 9am and will return at 4pm.



Music for Life

On Thursday 17th February we will be welcoming a Jazz band in school for the afternoon for the children to listen to courtesy of Sowerby Music for Life.

Reading

Advance notice that we are celebrating World Book Day after February half term on **Thursday 3rd March** – children are welcome to come to school dressed up as a character from a book.

Promotional Dinner – World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

Positivity Pizza
Or
Marvellous Mackesy Mac and Cheese
You Can Do It Diced Potatoes, Brave Broccoli and Courageous Carrots

Mole Mud Muffins (Chocolate Muffins)



Comic Relief – Red Nose Day Friday 18th March

On Friday 18th March we will be supporting Comic Relief with a non-uniform day where the children can donate £1 towards the charity – red noses are also welcome!



School Dinners February

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of February is £41.25. Please ensure your Parent Pay account is up to date.

Sport Wear for All Thirsk

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the organisation Sport Wear for All Thirsk is to help ensure children can participate in sports by loaning and swapping sports boots and equipment. If you have any sports trainers or boots that your children have grown out of then there is a collection box at school if you would like to support this.



Carlton Lodge – February half-term

Please see below for information from Carlton Lodge:

Hello from Carlton Lodge Activity Centre

We are pleased to be able to offer Activities for the **Half Term Holiday, February 2022** to take place on:
Tuesday, 22nd February
and
Wednesday, 23rd February

Activities are aimed at children **aged 8-14 yrs. Covid safe measures are in place.**
[Registration is from **9.10am**] Activities start at **9.30am** and finish at approx. **4.30pm.**

Children will be allocated into a group of up to 8 individuals and given instruction throughout the day by one or two instructors.

Activities will be arranged by the Carlton Lodge Team and will be dependent on group sizes, staffing levels and weather conditions. Activities will include a combination of 4 from following list:- Archery, Bushcraft, Climbing Tree, Climbing Wall, Challenge Course, Crate Stack, Bridges, Problem Solving, Scavenger Hunt or Orienteering.

Particular activities cannot be prebooked, these will be decided by our staff a day or two before the event

You can book places for your child[ren] individually or as multiple numbers at a cost of **£40 per child + booking fee.**

Places are limited, so please visit the EventBrite site to check availability.

To book your child[ren] for Activities please go to the Eventbrite site: <https://bit.ly/ActivityDaysFeb22>

Don't forget to bring a **packed lunch, shower kit & towel** and a **change of clothes** and come prepared for the season's weather conditions!

If you have any additional queries, please contact gillian@nyy.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you!! 😊

Thirsk Community Library and Boroughbridge Library

Please find attached to this newsletter information regarding activities that are taking place at Thirsk Library and Boroughbridge Library over the half-term break.



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 pleasure to teach. This person always works so hard in lessons and is always willing to support their peers with their learning too. This person is a kind friend and has a great sense of humour. This person radiates all of our school values and we are so lucky to have them in our class and our school.



Congratulations and well done to

Alyssa!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been working hard in their learning and shown a can-do attitude. They have listened carefully to follow instructions and shown great independence when faced with a challenge. They have also been a good friend, helping others in the class. Congratulations Lily!

Year 1 / 2 – In Year 1/2 the ribbon this week goes to someone who is an excellent friend. They can share their skills and knowledge to support other children in class. They can work systematically in maths and see patterns as they appear. Well done Lucas!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has really impressed me with their work on calculating the perimeter of shapes in maths. It has been great to see their confidence grow and for them to be contributing so much to our maths lessons. Keep up the great work, Tess!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled back into life at DAPs so smoothly. This person is hard working, kind and considerate of her peers. We are so pleased to welcome this person back into our school and we can't wait to see what she achieves this year. Well done to Romika!



Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated our school value of compassion because they encourage me to do swimming and say positive things to help me.



The values award goes to Evie who was nominated by Eliora.

Well done, Evie!

Attendance

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

Week Commencing 7th February 2022

Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
100%	97%	94%	95%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

February	
14/2/22	Year 3 and 4 trip to Murton Park
14/2/22	Valentine's Day promotional school dinner
w/c 14 th February	Parents Evening Tuesday 15 th February and Thursday 17 th February
17/2/22	Music for Life afternoon - 6Pac Jazz
18/2/22	Break-up for February half-term
28/2/22	School open
March 2022	
3/3/22	World Book Day – dress up as a character from a book
16/3/22	Road Safety Talk with Lauren Doherty
18/3/22	Comic Relief Day - £1 non-uniform – red noses welcome!
24/3/22	Workshop PE
April 2022	
8/4/22	Break-up for Easter at 2.30pm
25/4/22	TRAINING DAY
26/4/22	School open for the summer term
May 2022	
2/5/22	May Day – school closed for the day
9/5/22	Year 6 SAT week
27/5/22	Break-up for May half term
June 2022	
6/6/22	School open
13/6/22	EYFS Balance Bikes
16/6/22	Workshop - PE
24/6/22	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ONE DAY
27/6/22	School open
July 2022	
22/7/22	Break-up for summer holidays 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

