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'Developing the whole child'

Newsletter Friday 27th September 2019 Our Christian value this half term is 'Friendship'

Congratulations to everyone who completed the Library Service Summer Reading Challenge 2019 'Space Chase' We welcomed our local librarian who presented children with certificates which had come directly from the library. Pictured below are those who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge.



What can I do to support my child's learning in school ? At our Parent Teacher consultations in October and November we will discuss further your child's progress and targets with you. There is no doubt that the more you support your child at home with their learning the more progress they will make. You can support your child on a daily basis by:

- Listening to your child read at home as often as possible; even if they are fluent readers, discussing the meaning behind the text. Please sign their reading diaries and planners
- Taking time to support their homework activities
- For children in Y1 upwards, learning their times tables so that by the end of Y4 they know all their tables to x12. We recite tables saying: '1 times 2 is 2; 2 times 2 is 4; 3 times 2 is 6. In our maths lessons we explore the meaning behind this but the ability to recall times tables rapidly is an important skill. You can also login to Times Tables Rock Stars. Ask your child's teacher if you need help with this.



Homework Challenge -Learn a Nursery Rhyme or poem by heart This is our whole school challenge and children have more details about this in their homework books and bags. We also have poetry books in school to help you with ideas. We look forward to sharing our poems.

Whole School Performance of 'The Railway Children' Thursday 3rd October We are all looking forward to our whole school theatre performance during the morning. Following the performance, as we do each year, our Year 5/6 children will take part in a stagecraft workshop led by the actors. **Thank you to Friends of the School for funding this event.**

Book Fair will be open before and after school starting after school on Friday 4th until after school on Thursday 10th October. Commission from sales of books supports the re-stocking of our class and school libraries.

Class 3 Danelaw Viking Village Living History Experience Tuesday 1st October Children in Class 3 have received letters about their exciting day living in a Viking Village. Please complete the consent forms and return to school. Payment can be made by ParentPay.

Cross Country Competition for KS2 Wednesday 2nd October This competition is held at Richmond School and allows us to enter 5 boys and 5 girls from each year group. We have all been practising hard. Children who have been selected have received letters.

Class 3 Music Each year children in Year 3 and 4 receive a free cello or violin on loan for the year. They play this in their whole class music lessons and perform in a concert at the end of the year. They will be able to take their instruments home after half term.



Instrumental lessons in school In addition to music lessons in class we are also able to offer individual and small group piano, violin, cello, flute and clarinet lessons. **Mrs Jameson** wants to remind everyone to take their instruments home to practice and to check their music record books as some children require new music books.

Clothing for the autumn season As the weather changes, children will need to bring waterproof/ tracksuit trousers to wear on the field at playtimes. Please bring a coat every day and ensure you have a pair of indoor shoes, separate from those you use at playtimes.

Fundraising with Bags2School Friends of the School organise this fundraising activity. Bags should be returned by 9.00am on Wednesday 9th October.

Class 1 Parental Assembly reminder Parents and carers of children in Class 1 are invited into school on Thursday 17th October at 9.30am to share in this with us.

School closure and texting service Thank you for your understanding on Monday when we were forced to close at short notice due to problems with our water supply. Our texting service - Parent Mail picks up contact numbers from our data base. These are the contacts you gave when your child started school or in updates since then. If we phone you directly about your child, we can make choices about which numbers are best to use. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

Community news - Harvest Festival at Scorton Methodist Church this Sunday 29th September at 10.30am. All welcome to this child friendly service. Children from our school who attend the Monday Cool Club at the Methodist Church will be taking part.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email please email the admin address above.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Your sincerely,

Nicola Dobson