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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Creation'

Welcome back to the summer term We are delighted to welcome everyone back for the summer term. We have all been enjoying our beautiful school grounds and sunshine with lots of outdoor activities, games and sport on offer. Our new Christian value of Creation is helping us all to value our created world and take care of our plants and school grounds. All our classes have planted their potatoes!

HRH The Duke of Edinburgh - A Life Well Lived Everyone in our school community was sad to hear of the death of Prince Phillip and we remembered the Queen and the Royal Family in our prayers during Collective Worship this week. Many of our children are keen to send cards and letters to the Queen to express their care and concern for her and to say thank you for all that Prince Phillip did. We are working on these and hope to send them next week.

Class Newsletters Each class teacher has sent home a newsletter this week with their new topic and learning in each subject. Class 1 and 2's topic is The Seaside; Class 3 are exploring Whitby, the RNLI and Whitby Abbey; Class 4's topic is Captain Cook and his explorations.

Outdoor PE In PE Classes 1 and 2 are focusing on Athletics, Football and Cricket and Classes 3 and 4 are enjoying Athletics, Tennis and Cricket. We are delighted to have been invited to participate in Yorkshire County Cricket's Chance to Shine programme once again.



Pictured here are Class 4's Eco Team cleaning our pond habitat and wildlife area.



Class 1 enjoying outdoor learning this week



Class 2 have worked brilliantly together



Class 3 have displayed their excellent Whitby homework research and enjoyed cricket



Class 4 enjoyed outdoor learning this week– cricket, basketball, caring for our school grounds and even tidying the gardening shed!



Special Mentions in Class 1 this week:

Mrs Reynolds is delighted with how hard Class 1 have worked this week. They have enjoyed role play in their flower shop and garden centre; planting their potatoes and lots of outdoor activities. They have loved all their PE: cricket, football and athletics.

Special Mention certificates are for:

Maisie for amazing number work and great enthusiasm for number challenges; **Caeden** for excellent problem solving and being so enthusiastic with this week's maths challenges; **William H** for working hard with counting and problem solving; **Betsy** for being kind and helpful; **Aurora** for being an amazing artist with super creative ideas; **Theo** for brilliant reading this week.

Special Mentions in Class 2 this week:

Mrs Dutton has been very impressed with how well her class have settled back into routine and how much they are enjoying their new topic: 'The Seaside'.

Special Mention certificates are for:

Sophie for excellent work with her handwriting; **Ethan, Freya and Emma** for demonstrating good team work skills during football and scoring a great goal!; **Francesca** for skilled work in computing when successfully navigating between a website and word document to research and record information about Grace Darling; **Hattie** for confident work in maths when using a 'make ten' strategy.

Special Mentions in Class 3 this week:

Mrs Wright has been extremely impressed with the very high standard of Easter holiday homework to support our new topic on Whitby and the RNLI. 'We have proudly displayed your homework in our classroom for us all to share.'

Special Mention certificates are for:

Isabelle for being so thoughtful and kind in thinking of others and donating her hair from her haircut to a charity which supports children who have lost their hair through cancer treatment.

Sophie for excellent cricket skills and always giving 100%; **Emily** for a super effort with the shot put in athletics; **Ruby** for displaying such a positive attitude to her work and starting each day with a smile on her face; **Patrick** for excellent ideas relating to what to include in your letter to the Queen regarding the death of The Duke of Edinburgh - you explained how we had lowered our flag at school as a mark of respect.

Tate for excellent ideas relating to what to include in your letter to the Queen regarding the death of The Duke of Edinburgh - you thought about his legacy in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and explained how your elder sister was taking part in this; **William** for displaying excellent geographical knowledge about the UK.

Special Mentions in Class 4 this week:

Mr Ramsbottom has been particularly impressed with the high standard of research homework, often very creatively presented, which his class completed over Easter in preparation for their topic on Captain James Cook.

Special Mention certificates are for:

Emma for marvellous maths displayed when solving tricky word problems; **Sophie** for a brilliant piece of research on Captain James Cook, creatively and beautifully displayed; **Dan** for super cricket skills in P.E.; **Aila** for a great understanding on how religion can help people through good times and bad in our new RE topic; **Ben W** for an excellent understanding of the process of pollination in plants in Science; **Isla** for a superb first week back in school in all areas.



CHANCE TO SHINE
Spreading the power of cricket

Chance to Shine Cricket School's Programme

As part of our commitment to excellence in PE and sport all our children from Reception to Year 6 are taking part in this national programme each Thursday. Our school experiences high quality curriculum cricket coaching, training and resources for our staff and school and the promotion of links with local cricket clubs. Cricket develops a broad range of skills, is very inclusive and very popular with our children!

Parent Teacher telephone consultations

We are committed to keeping our parents regularly updated on their children's progress in school. This has been an exceptional year and we continue to do our utmost to achieve this. In the autumn and spring terms we provided the opportunity for a telephone catch up with your child's class teacher (in a normal year these would be face to face in school).

At the end of this academic year, you will as we normally do, receive a written annual report on your child highlighting their attainment and progress in all subjects in addition to their attitude to learning and their contributions to wider school life.

During this half term we would like to offer you another telephone catch up with your child's class teacher.

Class 1's telephone consultations with Mrs Reynolds will be on Wednesday afternoon 21st April - sign up for a time on the list at Class 1's drop off area or phone the office.

Times and dates for other classes in the next few weeks will be confirmed shortly.

Please remember that you can contact school and your child's class teacher at any time if you have a question or concern.

After School Clubs Thank you for signing up for these on Parent Pay (no cost) for this half term. There will be new clubs after half term and you will need to sign up again. Clubs run for Year 1 children upwards and this half term there is a choice of a sports club or Eco Gardening Club. We are currently focusing on outdoor learning and activities. The sports clubs are now full (current restrictions limit these to 15). There are still one or two places on Eco Gardening Club.

Free Milk for Children under 5 years

For several years now, the government has provided children under the age of 5 with free milk. This means that when your child reaches their 5th birthday they no longer receive this. Keeping you updated on this has been tricky due to lockdowns. **If your child is aged 5 or over we can explain how you can pay for milk for them which is delivered to school on a daily basis. Please contact the office for more details.** There is no requirement for children to have milk; all our children bring a water bottle to school daily.

Free fruit for all children in Classes 1 and 2

A range of fruit and vegetables are provided through the government fruit scheme on a daily basis and our children enjoy this at break times.

Break time snacks for KS2 children

Older children can bring a healthy snack, fresh or dried fruit, for break time. **Please do not bring any items containing nuts as we have children in school with nut allergies.**

Class 4 Captain Cook Workshop in school

This Wednesday 21st April Class 4 will take part in a workshop delivered by the Captain Cook Museum. They will explore aboriginal culture and legends and take part in creative art activities. We are asking parents for a donation of £3 payable on Parent Pay to support the cost of this.

Other Summer term events

We are working hard to determine what range of experiences we will be able to offer our children as the summer term progresses. We will keep you updated on this.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

With my very best wishes,

Nicola Dobson