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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Trust'

Saying thank you and farewell to Mr Hurworth our school caretaker of 36 years Last week we said good bye and thank you to Mr Hurworth in our weekly Special Mentions Assembly. Each class made a card and he received gifts which we hope he will enjoy in his extra free time. Pictured below are some of the children who made presentations and thank you speeches.



Class and group photographs

You will have received an email link which allows you to access the class photos taken in the first week of term. Please order and pay directly online. School receives commission on any orders. Please note that there was a deadline for orders to be placed with a reduction in price for delivery to school.

Sporting success Congratulations to our Tennis Teams in KS2 who competed in the area competitions last week. Our Y5/6 Team finished 3rd and our Y3/4 Teams finished in 2nd and 3rd place. Well done to everyone. Tennis is a popular playtime activity too!

Geography Fieldwork and data handling As part of their 'Transport' topic, Class 2 have conducted a traffic survey outside school. They have been busy analysing the data they collected.



Clubs this half term Our popular clubs continue to run until half term; there will be new club choices for after half term. All clubs are free and are open to children in Y1 to Y6 (some age variation in each club). **All Clubs run to 4.15pm** (apart from SATs Club with a 4.30pm finish).

Tuesday: Choir and Cricket (KS2)

Wednesday: Y6 SAT's and Dance (Y2-4)

Thursday: KS1 and KS2 Eco Clubs

Friday: Recorders (Y1-Y6) 8.15am to 8.45am

Lunchtime Clubs We are proud of our children who take on responsibility running lunch time clubs which others can attend and enjoy. These include: **Art Club; Book Club and Happy Club** (for Service pupils and their friends). **Weekly lunchtime football skills** - is run by one of our Sports Coaches.

Assessment and National Statutory Tests

Year 6 complete their SAT tests in the week beginning Monday 13th May. The children are very well prepared for these and have been working hard. Thank you for your ongoing support from home.

Year 1 complete their Phonic screen check in the week of Monday 10th June. **Year 1 children have a phonics pack sent home before Easter which they can continue to use to practice.**

Year 4 will complete the National Times Tables test in the week of 10th June. Thank you for continuing to practice tables to x 12 with your child. Regular practice really does help. Year 4 children need to know all their Times Tables to x 12. For example $6 \times 9 = 54$; $7 \times 8 = 56$.

Your class teacher regularly shares information on what you can do to help your child with their learning.

Reading, learning times tables and completing all homework tasks carefully remain top of the list. If you have any queries at all please do speak to your child's teacher.

Year 5 Bikeability/Cycling Proficiency Course

Year 5 children will take part in a cycling safety course during school time in May. They will need a working bike and cycle helmet. They will complete the cycling course in 2 groups and dates and further information have been sent home. If you need to borrow a bike or helmet or have any concerns, please speak with us asap. You may leave your bike at school overnight on the days of the course if this helps. The bikes will be brought into the hall overnight for security. **Please return your consent forms asap.**

Swimming this term All children in Y1-Y6 continue with their block of 10 swimming lessons this term at Richmond pool with instructors. They swim in ability groups. Payment should be made in Parent Pay in one or two instalments. **In terms of planning ahead, our children have a block of 10 weeks swimming every summer term from Y1-Y6.**

Year 1 and Year 2 children swim on Tuesday

Class 3 children swim on Wednesday

Class 4 children swim on Thursday

Children should wear PE kit on their swimming days.

PE kit days continue to be:

Class 1: Monday and Tuesday

Class 2: Monday and Tuesday

Class 3: Tuesday and Wednesday

Class 4: Tuesday and Thursday

Diary Dates for the summer term These were sent home in paper form in the first week of term and can be found on the school website.

Summer term visit dates (more details to follow):
To support their Transport topic, Class 1 and 2 will visit Locomotion Railway Museum, Shildon on Wednesday 19th June.

To support their Science topics and History work on Ancient Civilisations; Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece, Class 3 and 4 will visit the Life Science Centre and Hancock Museum in Newcastle on Monday 10th June.

Entitled to Free School Meals If you think this is something you may be entitled to, you can check on:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

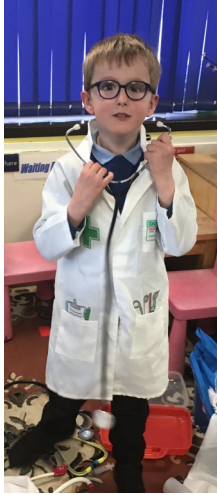
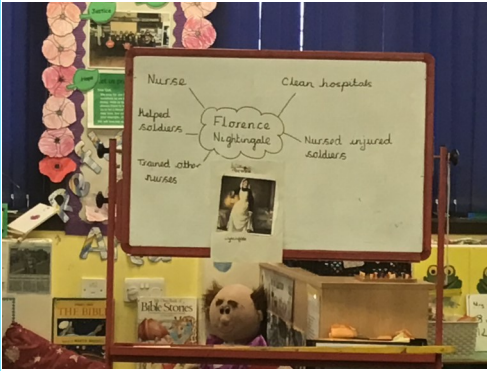
Please speak to me if you need any help with this.

Safer Internet Guides for Parents with top tips on setting up your child's devices safely can be found on the safeguarding page of our school website or following this link. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

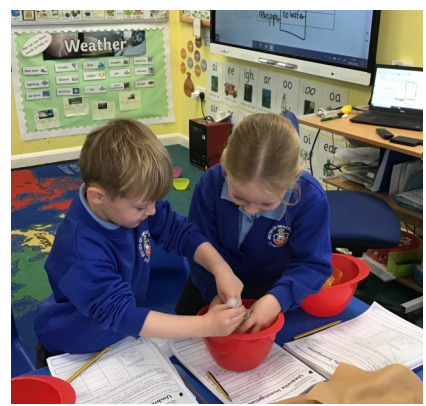
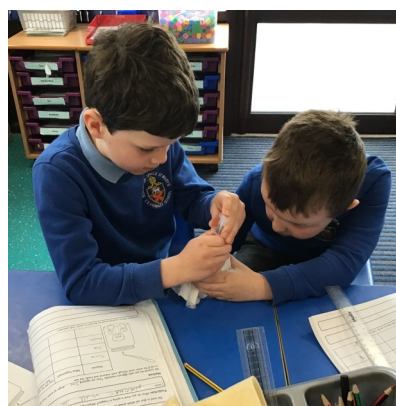
Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries.
With my best wishes,
Nicola Dobson

Photos on the next page are highlights from your child's work in their class this half term.

Class 1 have enjoyed their Florence Nightingale History topic and have their role play area set up as a hospital. Outdoors they have a Vets set up linking to their Science work on living things. In Maths they are working hard on number and problem solving. They are all developing their cricket skills and Year 1 children are enjoying their weekly swimming.



Class 2 are also enjoying their cricket and swimming. In Science they conducted an investigation into waterproof materials and have been exploring living and non living things.



Class 3 have been working hard to recall their Times Tables rapidly. They have also been working on equivalent fractions. In English they are taking inspiration from the text, 'The Rainbow Bear' by Michael Morpurgo to develop their persuasive writing about freeing a bear in captivity. Some of Class 3 represented school in the recent tennis tournament and helped to lead Collective Worship with the Open the Book Team. In Music they are starting to learn about the composer Peer Gynt.



Class 4 have been working hard to edit their mystery stories and to develop an 'ending with a twist'. They have completed their Victorian topic and created posters to summarise the impact of the Victorian era on Britain. In RE they are researching the 5 Pillars of Islam. In Science they have researched making healthy lifestyle choices. Work in Maths has focussed on Algebra, Area, Perimeter and Volume. Pictured here, our Tennis team who finished in 3rd place overall.



Eco Team leaders from Class 4 have taken the lead on our Polar Bear adoption with the World Wildlife Foundation. On Thursday and Friday, 2nd and 3rd May they are running a 'Guess the Name of our Polar Bear Competition'. Please bring 50p to enter. Proceeds to the charity WWF.

