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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Creation'

Celebrating and remembering the 80th Anniversary of VE Day We have enjoyed marking this important occasion today with lots of red, white and blue, bunting and flags. In our lessons and collective worship we have learnt about the significance of the day; looking at how our country celebrated and remembered in 1945 and sharing in the celebrations in London and around the country this week. We had fun taking this whole school photograph.



Diary Dates for this term These have been emailed to parents. They are attached again here and paper copies will be sent home in book bags tonight. They can also be found on our website. They include whole school events such as Sports Day.

Year 6 SAT Tests We wish our Year 6 children the very best as they take their statutory tests this week. They have all worked incredibly hard and are ready to show case their best selves. A huge thank you to Mr Ramsbottom and to parents who have supported them so well in preparing for these.

Year 5 Bikeability /Cycling Proficiency Our Year 5 children will complete this cycling course in 2 groups in the week of **12th May**. 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.

Tennis Tournament success Our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Tennis Teams have competed in area tournaments recently; finishing in 2nd and 3rd places overall. Tennis is a very popular playtime activity too!



Assessments and National Statutory Tests

Year 1 complete their Phonic screen check in the week of Monday 9th June.

Year 4 will complete the National Times Tables test called the **Multiplication Tables Check** in the weeks of 3rd and 9th June. Thank you for continuing to practice tables to x 12 with your child.

Help for parents of Y4 to practice Times Tables with your child ready for the National Times Tables Test. Mrs Wright has already shared lots of information about this. There are also links to practice the test in the same way as the children will complete it in June. The link below takes you to a **practice Multiplication Tables Check**.

www.timetables.co.uk

Swimming rearranged Thank you for your understanding around swimming and the closure of Richmond baths. As you will be aware, at such short notice, we were only able to find spare swimming slots at nearby baths for Year 1 and 2 to continue swimming. **Year 1 and 2 children only will have an 8 week block of swimming on a Tuesday morning at Catterick baths. Their last session will be Tuesday 1st July.** Swimming payments will be reimbursed.

PE Kit days for Summer Term

Class 1: Tuesday and Thursday

Class 2: Tuesday and Wednesday

Class 3: Tuesday and Wednesday

Class 4: Tuesday and Thursday

School Clubs will continue until half term when new choices will be available.

Term dates and holidays are on our website for this year and next Please check these carefully when organising your own holidays.

Half Term reminder We finish for half term on Friday 23rd May and return to school **on Tuesday 3rd June** (we have a staff training/inset day on Monday 2nd June).

'Raise the Roof' Funding for our new school roof

As you will be aware we have received funding from the DfE and Diocese of Leeds for a much needed new school roof. This replaces the original roof dating back to when the school was built 50 years ago. The total cost is £227,000. **As a school we need to make a contribution of £10,000.** We expect the roof to be completed over the summer holidays this year. **A huge thank you to Friends of School and all our children and parents for making a great start with fundraising.**

Raise the Roof 2025 - £20.25 May Challenge!

Please see the information sent home already and attached again. Our children have really risen to the challenge with lots of wonderful fundraising ideas. These include: sponsored events, table top sales, talent shows, items to make and sell. Any amount you can raise will be gratefully received. We are hoping to complete our challenge during the month of May.

Friends of the School Summer Disco Thursday 22nd May. £3 payable in cash on the door. 6.00-7.00 pm Classes 1 and 2; 7.15-8.15pm Classes 3 and 4. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Summer Term Learning All classes are enjoying their new summer term topics. **Class 1 and 2** are both enjoying their Seaside topic and the 'Lighthouse Keeper' stories by David and Ronda Armitage. They have used our beautiful school grounds to look for signs of Summer. In Science they are exploring plants. In RE Year 1 and 2 are learning about Islam and Reception are exploring the wonders of Creation and the nature of God for Christians. **Class 3** have made a great start with their Class reader: Mr Skip by Michael Morpurgo and their Science topic, Rocks and Fossils. Mrs Wright has been very impressed with their creative homework; lighthouses and creating a ship in a bottle. In Art they have really enjoyed sketching and still life drawing. **Class 4** are researching great explorers; Ernest Shackleton and his expedition with the Endurance to the Antarctic. Also, Ellen MacArthur the sailor and her record breaking fastest solo circumnavigation of the globe.

Highlight photos from around school on the next page.

Sun Safety Thank you for sending your children with hats and sun cream. Applying sun cream before coming to school is a good idea and we can help children reapply during the day as required. We also have lots of shaded areas around the school site where we encourage our children to play.

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

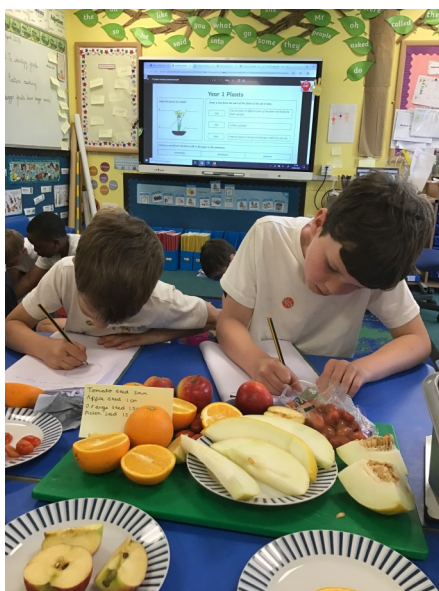
<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

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

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

With my best wishes, Nicola Dobson

Enjoying Summer term in school Investigating seeds and fruit in Science



Maths and number outdoors:



Eco work: planting our seeds, repairing the greenhouse and cleaning the pond

