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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Friendship'

Class 1's Parental Assembly A special well done to Class 1 who shared their learning this half term with the rest of school and their parents and carers in their parental assembly. They spoke and sang so confidently and we enjoyed sharing in their poetry, songs and rhymes. We also enjoyed meeting their Year 6 buddies who are doing such a fantastic job helping them to settle into school life.



Class 3's day at the Viking Village Class 3 had a wonderful day spent in a Viking Village. They dressed as Viking villagers and took part in role play in authentic Viking houses. They made clay pots, ground flour to make bread, played Viking games and listened to stories around the fire. An important job was guard duty and defending the village from attack by the nearby Saxons!



This week in Class 1: Mrs Reynolds says, 'a huge well done for your Class Assembly. We have also been enjoying preparing for our Harvest Festival and another performance of 'Big Red Combine Harvester' in Church. We continue to enjoy learning indoors and outdoors. Thank you to everyone for attending our Parent Teacher Consultations.'



This week in Class 2: Mrs Dutton and Mrs Smith say, 'we have been comparing and grouping animals in our Science. We have also studied Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. In Art we have enjoyed exploring printing and pattern. We are preparing our Harvest song and completing our Weather Poetry.'



This week in Class 3: Mrs Wright says: 'I continue to be very impressed with your homework linked to the Vikings and the wonderful Viking shields. We were able to apply all our historical knowledge on our visit to the Viking village. We have also been preparing our dramatisation of the Feeding of the 5,000 for our Harvest Festival Service and exploring Forces and friction in Science.'



This week in Class 4: Mr Ramsbottom says: 'we have been working hard on multi step addition and subtraction problems in Maths. In RE we have considered the meaning of diversity and interfaith issues. Our Science work on Forces and gravity has involved research on Isaac Newton and our marble ski jump investigation. In Music we have explored Elgar's 'Enigma Variations' and created our own musical compositions. Our netball team competed well in the area competition.'



Congratulations to our KS2 Cross Country Teams We entered teams in the area Cross Country Competition attended by over 25 local schools. Our children competed against over 100 children in their races. Mr Ramsbottom said: 'Well done to all those children who represented our school. Everyone should be extremely proud. All our children completed the course and supported one another so well.' He identified some 'stand out' individual performances.

Year 3 Boys Asa D 2nd in his heat and 3rd overall. Henry B 5th in his heat and 9th overall.

Year 3 Girls Indie J 19th in her heat.

Year 4 Boys Tommy L 16th in his heat.

Year 4 Girls Constance M 13th in her heat. Beatrice G 14th in her heat. Amelia- Rose H 19th in her heat.

Year 5 Boys Theo H 18th in his heat.

Year 5 Girls Harriet B 12th in her heat. Maisie W 14th in her heat.

Year 6 Boys Tom B 19th in his heat.

Year 6 Girls Emma S 10th in her heat. Sophie G 16th in her heat.

Congratulations to all our children pictured below who were chosen to represent our school



Vacancy for Parent Governor We have a vacancy for one Parent Governor on our Governing Body. This is an important role supporting the work of the school in its strategic direction, in ensuring accountability and financial value for money. Please see the letter attached to this newsletter email. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Dobson directly to discuss this further.

Friends of the School Thank you A huge thank you to our FoS Committee and parents for providing refreshments following our Harvest Service. Thank you also for organizing and running our pre loved uniform sale.

Fundraising to support the work of our school Thank you A huge thank you to everyone in our school community and in the wider community for the amazing support we received when fundraising for our new school roof. **We reached our £10,000 target and our new roof is complete!**

We celebrated with a big cheque presentation for £10,000 received by School Council on behalf of everyone at the end of our Harvest Festival Service.

We were also delighted to receive an additional **£6,000** from Friends of School to support the running of our school and enrich experiences for all our children. This is money raised throughout the year by you as parents; in raffles, the Summer Fair and fundraising across the year.

Friends of School AGM Tuesday 11th November at 7pm in school Everyone is welcome at this meeting. We will be celebrating the work of FoS across the past year and looking forward to how you can get involved. We will also be nominating our new FoS Committee. Nomination forms are available from the FoS noticeboard in the KS2 office entrance area.

Parent Teacher Consultations Thank you for supporting these before half term and for working with us to ensure your child makes the best possible progress. If you were unable to attend before half term please contact the office to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church Many thanks for sharing in this celebration with us. It was wonderful to see St Mary's Church full and the children were delighted to share their songs, readings, prayers and drama with you. **Thank you for donating to our Harvest Charity, Farm Africa—we raised over £200. Thank you also for your Open Pantry Food donations.**

New Clubs start after half term: Tuesday Hockey KS2 and Choir Y1-Y6; Thursday Eco KS2 and Lego Y1-Y3; Friday Recorders. There are spaces remaining in Choir and Eco Clubs.

FoS Halloween Disco Thursday 6th November FoS are once organizing our popular Halloween Disco. **Entry is £3.50 payable on the door** (cash or online QR code payment) to include drink, ice pop and glow stick. **Class 1 and 2 children 6-7pm Class 3 and 4 children 7.15-8.15pm. Halloween costumes can be worn! All children must be accompanied by an adult.** Please enter via the office entrance door.

Date reminders: (all key dates can be found on our school website Parents/Diary Dates)

Thursday 6th November 9.30am Class 4's Parental Assembly Class 4 Parents and carers are welcome

Thursday 6th November Halloween Disco 6-7pm (Class 1 and 2) and 7.15-8.15pm (Class 3 and 4) See above

Friday 7th November Class 4 children to attend the Annual Festival of Remembrance at Ripon Cathedral

Over 600 children from across North Yorkshire attend this service along with local dignitaries and military representatives. It is live streamed on Ripon Cathedral's facebook page starting at 1pm. Our children will be performing a special song and will rehearse before the service. Packed lunch needed.

Remembrance in school Children will learn about Remembrance Day in Collective worship and in their classes. We are now selling poppies in school and each class will make their own poppy wreath. We will hold our own Act of Remembrance in school.

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

With my best wishes, Nicola Dobson

