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*'To love, live and learn together'*

Newsletter Friday 25th March 2022

Our Christian value this half term is 'Forgiveness'

**Thank you for raising £400 for our charity appeal for Ukraine and Comic Relief** A huge thank you to everyone for donating to our charity day. We wore yellow and blue clothes or special tee shirts designed by William in Class 2. We learnt more about Ukraine and the challenge of being a refugee. School Council asked each child to decorate a heart to take home to help us to hold the people of Ukraine in our hearts and prayers. There are Class photos on each class page and some highlights below. The photo below with the children from Class 2 showing their hearts is on the front page of this

weeks edition of the Darlington and Stockton Times.



**Well done to Class 4** for their excellent Parental Assembly last week. We all enjoyed learning more about life in Victorian times and hearing about their work in other areas of the curriculum also.

**Well done to Class 3** for their wonderful Parental Assembly this week. They shared their learning in their North America topic and many other areas of the curriculum.

Thank you to parents and carers who came to support them.



### Dates for the diary:

**Class 2 Parental Assembly** Thursday  
31st March at 9.30am

**Class Photographs** Friday 1st April

**Whole School Theatre Performance of 'Oliver Twist'** Wednesday 6th April  
(funded by Friends of School)

**Easter Egg and Bonnet Decorating and Egg rolling** Thursday 7th April 2pm

**Easter Service in St Mary's Church**  
2pm Friday 8th April

**Thank you to those who donated Teddy Bear's for Ukraine**

**Class 3 visit to Ripon Cathedral for a Fantastic Festivals Holy Week and Easter event** Class 3

children all took home letters this week with consent slips to be returned. This visit will support the children's work in RE and takes place on **Wednesday 30th March**. A reminder that children need to wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch. Parent Pay is now open for £10 donations towards this visit.

**Class Photographs Friday 1st April** Tempest Photography will take Class and Team photographs of all the children. These will be available to buy if you wish.

**Oliver Twist Theatre Company visits school Wednesday 6th April** We welcome back M and M Theatre Company to school after a long absence due to Covid. They visit each year and all the children experience the delights of a 'live' theatre performance. Our Class 4 children also take part in a theatre workshop following the performance where they learn about scenery, costume, make up, sound and special effects. **Thank you to Friends of the School donations which is funding this performance.**

**Swimming after Easter** All children in Y1-Y6 have received letters about swimming lessons after the Easter holidays. Thank you for returning your consent forms. Payment can be made in Parent Pay. Y1 and Y2 children will swim at Richmond Pool on Thursday afternoons for a block of 9 lessons (Richmond Pool is then closing for maintenance work). KS2 children will have a block of 10 swimming lessons at Catterick Leisure Centre on either Wednesday or Thursday afternoons. Please see the letter for details. The children will travel by coach with their teachers who will stay with them throughout. Their lessons will be taken by qualified instructors and they will swim in ability groups. Please return the consent slip before Easter.

**Parish Mothering Sunday Service 10.30am this Sunday 'What is a Mother'**

This will be held at **St Agatha's Church, Easby Abbey**. Parking is available and this will be a very family friendly service. There will be spring flowers for the children to distribute and refreshments afterwards with a chance to explore the beautiful grounds.

Rev Mary looks forward to welcoming you.



**Decorate an egg and Easter bonnet competition. Egg rolling Thursday 7th April**

We will be following our traditional Easter themed activities again this year. Please complete your entries at home and bring them to school on Thursday morning. Please bring 50p for the Friends of School egg tombola. You will also need a plain hard boiled egg for the egg rolling in the afternoon. Parents/carers are welcome to watch the egg rolling in the playground at 2pm. **Friends of the School will provide refreshments and a cake stall during the Egg rolling. Donations of cakes are requested.**

**Easter Service in St Mary's Church at 2pm on Friday 8th April**

This worship is led by children from all classes and all the children will be participating. Everyone is welcome to join us. It is likely we will limit numbers to 2 per family to reduce overcrowding. The children will return to school after the service with their teachers. They can then be collected at normal home time as we finish for the Easter holidays.

**Shelley's Easter Holiday Club!**

Shelley will be offering an Easter holiday club, based in Bolton-on-Swale School. The club will be running on Tuesday and Wednesday during both weeks from 8am till 5.30pm. If you are interested in your children attending please book in advance, by emailing [shellyschildminding7@gmail.com](mailto:shellyschildminding7@gmail.com) Please see further details at the end of this newsletter.

**Easter Holiday Sports Camps with Mike**

**Layfield** During the Easter holidays Mike Layfield will be running Multi-sports and Football camps at Richmond School.

**Booking form**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdr\\_NORWuWLCqD\\_6EIHk74cc7wJ4fVqYI\\_hhu7nqfft1ZMfJSA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdr_NORWuWLCqD_6EIHk74cc7wJ4fVqYI_hhu7nqfft1ZMfJSA/viewform) These details will also be sent by email.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson

## Highlights from Class 1:

Class 1 have enjoyed Science work on materials and testing their properties. They have enjoyed making their recycled junk models. They explored signs of Spring in their school grounds walk. As part of British Science Week they explored tree habitats. In PE they are developing catching and bowling skills.



**Highlights from Class 2:** Class 2 have enjoyed exploring signs of Spring in the school grounds. They worked hard to complete their Newspaper report on the Great Fire of London. As part of British Science Week they explored tree habitats. In PE they are also developing catching and bowling skills as well as their gymnastic skills. They celebrated the way in which everyone is different and special by wearing odd socks on Monday for 'National Downs Syndrome Day'.



### Highlights from Class 3:

Class 3 have been busy in English editing their diary entries as the boy from the Rainbow Bear text. In Maths they have been finding the area of shapes. In Geography they have enjoyed researching extreme weather such as hurricanes and tornadoes. The highlight of this week was their excellent Class Assembly in which they shared their learning with the whole school and their parents and carers.



**Highlights from Class 4:** Class 4 had a very busy Science Week. They all completed a course to become qualified Mini First Aiders. They also enjoyed a presentation on the engineering and design of London Bridge Station kindly delivered by Joe's Dad. Their Class Assembly was excellent and explored their learning on the Victorians and other areas of the curriculum. Class 4 School Council led the way in planning our charity day for Ukraine. Class 4 also competed in an Athletics Tournament at Richmond School and finished in 4th place out of the 14 schools who entered. Well done! Pictured below with their Mini First Aid Certificates.



## **Holiday Club!**

We will be offering an Easter holiday club, based in Bolton-On-Swale school. The club will be running on Tuesday and Wednesday during both weeks from 8am till 5.30pm. If you are interested in sending your children in, please book in advance, by emailing [shellyschildminding7@gmail.com](mailto:shellyschildminding7@gmail.com)



### **Dates of the club**

Tuesday	Wednesday
12/04/2022	13/04/2022
19/04/2022	20/04/2022

### **Prices:**

Full day (including cereal for breakfast and a snack at 4pm): £36

Half day (including a snack): £17

### **Activities**

Our holiday club will include lots of different activities, utilising the indoor and outdoor space at the school and the beautiful village. A loose example timetable below shows what a typical day will look like:

8-9	Breakfast (if needed) – free flow outside, reading, colouring, HAMA
9-10	Walk around the village
10-12	A small snack - crafts and board games (free flow to the outdoors)
12-1	Lunch (A packed lunch will need to be provided by yourselves)
1-3	Organised games on the field (football/rounders/water fights etc)
3-3.30	A small snack (I will provide a light snack (sandwich/pizza etc)
3.30-4	Chill out time (children can bring in tech toys if they wish to use them)
4-5.30	Free time – Free flow outdoors, indoor activities (reading/crafts etc)

Your child would need to bring a packed lunch a water bottle, sensible shoes, sun hat, sun cream, a waterproof coat, and a spare set of clothes.

We will provide sugar free drinks and healthy snacks, but feel free to bring your own too. If they have a scooter, they can bring it in to use on the playground

Please email to book your places! [shellyschildminding7@gmail.com](mailto:shellyschildminding7@gmail.com)

Thank you, Shelly, Ann, and Fran