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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Thankfulness'

End of term thank you and farewells A huge thank you to everyone for all your fantastic support for our school this year. Thank you on behalf of all the teachers and myself for all your kind, thoughtful and generous words, cards and gifts. We have enjoyed a wonderful end of term with a whole host of activities.

Farewell to our Year 6 children and their families We wish our Year 6 children the very best as they move on to their Secondary Schools in September. They shared their favourite memories of their time with us in an emotional Leavers Service on the final afternoon, attended by the whole school, their parents, governors and representatives from the parish. They have been a remarkable Year 6 group and we are very sad to see them go. They have given so much to our school community; excellent academic achievements, music, drama, sport, leadership skills, incredibly kind and thoughtful buddies to our Reception children, to mention just some of their achievements. We are also full of hope for all that we know they will achieve as they move on. Thank you so much to their parents and families for all that they have given to our school community also. For some families this year marks the end of a long association with our school.

Thank you to our Year 6 Leavers for the generous gift of a new weather station sited at the front of school. This features a bird table, feeders, thermometer, rain gauge and barometer. **Y6 pictured below with their gift to school.**



Year 6 Leavers Service in Ripon Cathedral Also pictured here are our Y6 in Ripon Cathedral for the Diocesan Annual Leavers Service. We enjoyed ice lollies afterwards too!



Sports Day for everyone Thank you to everyone who came to support our Sports Day. We enjoyed working in mixed age teams, practicing our athletics skills and earning points for our house colour team. The flat races were very popular with an exciting KS2 relay sprint finish. We had lots of fun. **Please see over and our website Gallery/Sports for more sports day photos.**

Sports Day 2024 Highlights (more photos on our website Gallery/Sports. **Pictured here Green House Captains with the winning house cup and cheering for our track races.**



Fun Run at Richmond School for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. We enjoyed competing against other schools in the Fun Run. Our Reception girls won 1st and 2nd places and Reception boys took 1st place competing against children from other schools in the area in their age group races. Well done!



Summer Music Concert A huge well done to everyone who performed in our Summer Music Concert. There were some excellent performances on cello, violin, piano, recorder and from our Choir. Congratulations to Violet, Lexi and Rupert (all on piano) and Lucy (cello) on their Grade 1 exam distinctions.



Thank you to Friends of School and all our parents for your amazing fundraising efforts this Summer term

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting school so generously. Everything raised goes to support your children in school providing many of the activities and resources which enrich their learning. We were able to purchase more new reading books; subsidise school visits for everyone; fund Christmas and Easter gifts and our annual theatre visit. **We are now fundraising for new pupil laptops. Our target is £10,000.**

A total of £1,653 was raised this summer term from the Raffle, Summer Fair and Refreshments at the KS2 Summer Production. Many thanks to everyone who helped us in whatever way they could. This is a fantastic total!

Our KS2 Summer Production of Hoodwinked– Robin Hood was a wonderful dramatic and musical performance over two nights in the Village Hall. We were very proud of our Year 6 children who took the lead parts, supported by Year 5 children and our excellent Year 3/4 Choir. **Visit our website gallery/In school events to see more photos of our performance.**



Camo Day raised £206.31 Thank you for supporting our Camo Day which raised money once again for the Armed Forces Charity SSAFA and celebrated the huge contribution made by our Service families.



Sacred Spaces' Art Workshop at Ripon Cathedral
Class 3 had a wonderfully creative and reflective day exploring the cathedral and creating some wonderful art work.



Thank you again for supporting our Summer Fair

Pictured here are highlights from our maypole dancing, sampling all the stalls and Year 5/6 Young Apprentice stalls ready to market their products and hoping to make the largest profit.



School Uniform and PE safety Please check our school website under Parents/Uniform. Almost all items can be bought in a range of shops/supermarkets. The school logo sweatshirt/cardigan can be ordered from one of two suppliers, see website details. We also have pre loved uniform still available. We sold lots at the summer fair but more still available at the start of term. Remember that stud earrings need to be removed by the child or parent on PE days for safety. **Please wear black/dark shoes, trainers or plimsolls for indoor/outdoor footwear;** please avoid slip on shoes or crocs.

Shelly's Summer Holiday Club in school Shelly is running her very popular holiday club in school each Tuesday and Wednesday from 8am to 5pm for the first 3 weeks of the summer holiday. Please book directly with Shelly; there are still places available. Email: shellyschildminding7@gmail.com

Before and After School Care in September Please contact Shelly directly to book your place.

Mike Layfield Sports run Summer Holiday Camps based at Richmond School. These include cricket, football and multi sports. Please book directly/see flier sent home in book bags.

Parish Open Pantry Tinned, packet food and toiletries are available for free each day at St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale, St Agatha's Church, Easby and St Paul's Church, Brompton-on-Swale. Donations also welcome.

Summer Reading Challenge 2024 at your local library all free! Marvellous Makers. Visit your local library with your child.

Register for the Summer Reading Challenge now at your local library. Books are free to borrow and children receive activity packs, stickers and prizes, with a medal and certificate at the end of the summer holidays after reading at least 6 books.

You can access all kinds of reading advice, book recommendations at your local library too. Visit Catterick, Colburn, Richmond, Northallerton libraries to register.

Remember– Reading for pleasure is possibly the single most important activity your child can do to improve achievement in school. Research has shown that reading helps cognitive development; a recent IoE study revealed that students who read at home do 'significantly better' across the curriculum – including 9.9% better in maths – than students who don't read.

Make time to read this summer!

Pictured here are some of our Reception children helping us to promote the Summer Reading Challenge when our local library visited us in school.



Friends of the School Three Peaks Challenge to raise money for laptops in school A huge thank you to parents, staff, governors who have stepped up to this challenge. **Please do support them through their Just Giving Page.** All proceeds will benefit your children directly and will be funding our new laptops. https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/fos?utm_medium=campaign&utm_content=campaign%2Ffos&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp

Scorton Feast Saturday 17th August to Monday 19th August Please see the flier emailed to parents with this newsletter. It outlines the Scorton Feast children's activities. Our children are wonderfully creative; please try to enter some of the classes as well as enjoying all the great Scorton Feast activities. We love celebrating the children's successes in Special Mentions Assembly when they return to school.

School lunches from September 24 Children in Rec, Y1 and Y2 all continue to receive government funded universal infant free school meals. **School lunches cost £3.75 per day** from Sept 24 for KS2 children. The menu is on the website and all allergies are catered for. Lunches are delicious and cooked on site from fresh ingredients. Children have a hot meal choice or jacket potato or sandwich option each day.

Have a wonderful summer holiday with your families. We look forward to seeing you back in school on **Tuesday 3rd September.**

With my best wishes, Nicola Dobson