

Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope that you have all had a good week and have some exciting plans for the Bank Holiday? I wonder if any of you have managed to hear our children on Your Harrogate's daily feature **SCHOOL OF THE WEEK?** If you missed it, you can hear what the children had to say [here](#) on the school website. It really is a joyous listen and will make you smile!



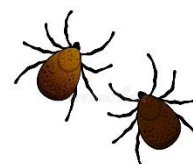
We are looking for another Parent Governor to support our school! This is a great way to see what goes on 'behind the scenes!' The role involves attending 4 meetings a year with occasional visits to school. We feel it's really important that our parents have their voice heard in making decisions about the school. If you would like to explore this more, please feel free to come and chat to Mrs. Dobbs. If you'd like to see who is already a Governor, please look [here](#). We've included a letter asking for nominations in the Bulletin Bag. Please [DO](#) give this some consideration and thank you for your support!

In case you missed it in last week's newsletter - we've a change of date! We have had to change the date of the Summer Production to **Tuesday 7th July at 6pm**. (The evening performance had previously been Thursday 9th) The Wednesday performance at 2pm remains the same. Thank you for your understanding.



Mrs Marshall has reminded me that as the nicer weather seems to be on its way, we are asking that children have sun cream applied **before** they arrive at school. We are happy to supervise the 'topping up' of sun cream at lunchtime should it be needed. Please make sure any sunscreen that is brought into school is clearly named as we cannot guarantee that it will be returned otherwise. Also, children coming in with a named hat will also help to keep them cool.

It's important to be tick aware while enjoying the outdoors. Ticks are most active in the UK from March to October, with most bites commonly reported during May and June. They can carry pathogens (microorganisms that cause disease) such as [Lyme disease](#) and, more rarely, [tick-borne encephalitis](#).



Ticks live in many different outdoor environments, often found in woodland, rough upland or moorland pastures, heathland, grazed grasslands and some urban parks. You are more at risk of being bitten when you are outside, but ticks can also sometimes be found in gardens.

When you are enjoying the outdoors be tick aware and where possible:

- use an insect repellent that prevents ticks
- wear long sleeves and long trousers to prevent direct skin exposure
- keep to clearly defined paths and avoid brushing against vegetation
- check for ticks on young children, around their heads and necks
- when you're back indoors, check for any ticks on you, your children and pets

What to do if you're bitten:

- remove the tick as soon as you can, either using a tick removing device or fine-tipped tweezers
- grab the tick as close to the skin as you can and pull upwards
- clean the area with soap and water
- keep an eye on the bite area for a few weeks in case of any changes
- if you see a spreading bullseye rash developing, or you become unwell with flu-like symptoms or a headache, contact your GP or NHS 111 immediately.

Read more on the UKHSA website - <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2024/03/21/what-is-lyme-disease-and-why-do-we-need-to-be-tick-aware/>

Mr. Jones writes, "As always we have covered a lot of ground this week including an in depth look at symmetry, introduction to persuasive writing techniques and particularly good results in the weekly spelling test but the highlight must be the Year 5/6 Ro-icket tournament on Tuesday morning. I use the word tournament a little loosely as only ourselves and Sharow actually turned up, however Sporting Influence managed the event so that each school was divided into two teams and we had a meaningful competition.



The outcome was great, Dacre B team 2 won the event outright and will go through to a final later in the year but even more impressive was all the children conducted themselves. Part of the purpose of these events is to develop teamwork and sportsmanship and all of these qualities shone through. Well done to everyone.

Having completed our work on the moon and the solar system (full moon phase from 1st May if you are interested) we have turned our attention to the digestive system. We began by thinking about teeth, how different species have different teeth to suit the type of diet they eat and then what actually happens to food once we have chewed and swallowed it! We learned, for example, that the small intestine is around seven metres long and that it takes around twenty four hours to digest a ham sandwich fully!



We completed the activity by modelling the digestive process and noting how the taste of whole meal bread alters as the enzymes in saliva begin to break down the sugars in carbohydrates!

A very diverse but productive week, happy bank holiday to all!"

Mrs Stokes writes, "The highlight of the week in Class 2 has certainly been starting our local history topic and starting to compare farming in the past to farming today. It generated so much discussion and interest we are excited to learn more and to find out about our school in the past also. We started to delve into that by reading some of the excerpts from the headteacher's log from 1912! It was interesting that there were not many children in school on sunny days in Summer as they were all helping with the harvest on their farms! Auntie Jean is visiting next week to share her experience of school life at Dacre B many years ago and if anyone would like to talk to us about farming in the past or school life then they are very welcome too! In maths we are continuing to work on time and we've almost completed our journey to the centre of the earth in literacy. It's our class reading book though that's tugged at our heartstrings as we follow the unlikely friendship of a young girl called April and a polar bear!



Congratulations to Classes 2 and 3 for completing the mini London marathon in schools challenge by taking on the weekly 'determination run' in PE. We've seen children run further, build up stamina and enjoyment for running and so much encouragement for each other! Great team work everyone and a very well deserved award.

It was great to welcome Gardening Granny back into the Dacre B garden and she was straight into weeding with the children! We've also repotted the potatoes into much larger containers and continue to constantly water! It will be one benefit of the predicted weather this bank holiday weekend! Have a lovely time everyone"

Mrs Marshall writes, "Children in Year 1 have now completed their Science lessons on Plants and how to care for them. I am pleased to announce that the seeds we planted earlier are now turning into very healthy-looking plants. We will continue to observe them at school for a bit longer before sending them home in the care of your very capable hands!



We have been focusing on fundamental skills in our recent PE lessons - running, jumping and throwing. The children have really impressed me with their sheer determination, and I have high hopes for the upcoming sports day at the end of June! Please could I ask that you check your child's PE kit regularly to check they have a FULL PE kit - shorts, t-shirt, jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and a pair of trainers. Again, as the nicer weather arrives, it would also be useful if they had a named water bottle too."



Our new Christian Value this half term is one of my favourites - it's **Thankfulness**.
 This week's thought for the week is **"It is not happy people who are thankful...it is thankful people who are happy"**.
 I love this way of thinking - when we've talked to the children we've said that there is always someone who has more than you do, but perhaps we need to spend more time being thankful for what we have. On Monday in Rev Alastair's assembly, the children make up their own verses to the song, "Thank you Lord for this new day" listing the things that they are thankful for!



Have a great Bank Holiday weekend, whatever you're up to!
 Mrs Jo Dobbs Headteacher



This month's Action for Happiness Calendar is entitled **"Meaningful May"**.
 Today's encouragement is - **"Do something kind for someone you really care about."**

<https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar>



Bee Safe

Continuing our support for parents with keeping their children safe and happy, this week in the Bulletin Bag there is a really helpful leaflet with lots of useful tips and links to support parents and carers with an updated guidance sheet on Managing Exam Stress

To find all of the Parent Safeguarding leaflets, please go to <https://www.dacrebraithwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk/safeguarding>

For online training go to <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/dacre-braithwaite-ce-va-primary-school>

School Lunch Week 1 - W/C 13/04/26

Monday	Tomato Pasta / Tomato, Ham & Broccoli Pasta / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Lemon Shortbread Biscuit / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Vegetable Stir Fry / Sweet & Sour Chicken / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Chocolate & Banana Brownie / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Quorn / Roast Gammon / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Orange Jelly & Mandarins / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Vegetable Chilli / Beef & Lentil Chilli / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Watermelon Wedge / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Vegetable Sausages / Fish Fingers / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Raspberry Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for your diary

May			
4 th	School Closed for the Bank Holiday	All Day	Parents to be aware
11 - 15 th	Year 6 SATS week	09:00 - 12:00	Y6 Parents to be aware
21 st	Year 6 Overnight Camp in School	Overnight	Letter to follow
22 nd	Swimming Gala	12:00 - 16:00	Letter to follow
22 nd	Non Uniform Day for FODBS - bring a tombola prize	All Day	Parents to be aware
22 nd	School Closes for Half term	15:15	Parents to be aware
June			
1 st	School opens	08:40	Parents to be aware
5 th	Class Photos	09:00	Parents to be aware
9 th	EYFS / KS1 Multi Skills Festival	08:40 - 12:00	Letter to follow

10 - 12 th	Class 3 to Peat Rigg Residential Trip	All Day	Letter already been sent out
16 th	Year 3/4 Trip to Ripon Cathedral	09:30 - 14:00	Letter to follow
18 th	Summer Serenade Concert	18:00 - 19:00	Information to follow
19 th	FODBS Father's Day Treats	09:30 - 10:30	Information to follow
26 th	Sports Day 1 (if dry)	13:00 - 15:15	Parents to be aware
26 th	FODBS Barbeque	18:00 - 21:00	Information to follow
July			
1 st	Year 5/6 to Crucial Crew	09:00 - 12:00	Letter to follow
2 nd	Year 6 Nidderdale Transition Day	All day	Parents to be aware
2 nd	Open Evening	15:15 - 17:00	Information to follow
3 rd	Sports Day 2 (if wet on Sports Day 1)	13:00 - 15:15	Information to follow
3 rd	FODBS Barbeque (if wet on 26 th June)	18:00 - 21:00	Information to follow
6 th	Years 2-6 Dallowgill Moor Visit	09:00 - 15:15	Letter to follow
7 th	Class 3 Performance	18:00 - 19:00	Information to follow
8 th	Class 3 Performance	14:00 - 15:00	Information to follow
9 th	Year 6 Nidderdale Transition Day	All Day	Parents to be aware
9 th	FODBS School Leavers Disco	17:30 - 19:00	Information to follow
17 th	School Closes for the Summer Holidays	15:15	Parents to be aware



Class 1	Seth Barnaby	For fantastic maths work using bigger numbers For his fabulous phonics and reading, making great progress
Class 2	Ben Ashton	For great discussions about farming in the past and sharing knowledge For fantastic writing about our journey to the centre of the earth
Class 3	Lily Lenny	For her brilliant attitude and trying her best all of the time For his great maths work, making links between science and topic

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Shortlist was

Liv - for her dribbling in the exercise
Tobias - for being helpful
Rocco - for assisting Carrie in the drill
Hannah - for supporting others

Winner was Tobias!

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READING PLUS



Level C

Elkie

This week's winning house
team is
Tuley Teal

