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Dear Parents and Friends,




Firstly, a massive thank you to all of you who baked, cooked, volunteered or came along to support the school at the Fewston Teas last weekend. It was a huge success and the total raised was a whopping £2,150. Thank you all!



Also a big thank you to everyone who supported our bags to school event and the brilliant clothing sale linked to it. Lots of families (and staff!) went away happy with their purchases and it's given many lovely clothes and shoes a second lease of life as well as raising more money for our fabulous school.

Please make sure you come along to one of the Internet Safety Parents Sessions on Monday 5th October, either 15:15 or 18:00 (see the google form link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeG7slSfvcNyZs5-D6sIw-zYNbrWy19kasVm-FjDS4U4XKVPw/viewform to sign up) It is really important that parents learn the best ways to keep children safe when they are on the internet and also the traps to avoid.



Once again, we will be doing our annual Foodbank Appeal to support the local Churches' Foodbank. If you have anything that you wish to donate, there is a box in the Entrance Hall to put your goodies into – they suggest – **tinned rice-pudding, tinned custard, tinned spaghetti (NOT dry pasta of any sort please!), instant coffee, sweet biscuits are the main gaps.** Thank you for supporting us.



On Thursday, Jack came from Phototronics to take photos of all of our lovely children. We'll be sending out the information as soon as it arrives in school.



If your child is in year 6, you can apply for a secondary school place from 12 September 2026 and you must submit your application by 31 October 2026. https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning



In this week's Bulletin Bag you will find the Attendance Policy and the Home School Agreements for each class (which we've sent home in Book Bags.) Please make sure that you

- are familiar with the expectations for Attendance / Absences (currently we are above the National Average, and we really want to keep it that way!)
- please sign and return the signed Home School Agreements

Thank you!

Please remember that we have a thriving Uniform Swap. Feel free to come along any time and see what goodies there are to be had. (It's just inside the front of school)





Anyone who has been a parent will understand the relentlessness of young babies and the fog of tiredness, especially when they are new and don't sleep through the night (I still remember it well!). The Child Accident Prevention Trust have produced some really useful information on Baby Products that could pose a serious Safety Risk. Please have a look here and share this with anyone who may find it useful.

Finally, Mrs Whitaker our Cook would like to say a big 'thank you' for the support for our Space Lunch on Thursday. The children really enjoyed it, and it was great to do something a little different.

Mr Jones writes, "



I'm not sure where to start this week, we seem to have been so busy!
I'll kick off by looking back to the end of last week when we completed the science unit of work by examining ox hearts!
Originally the plan was to use lamb's hearts however these did not arrive in time and so Weatherhead's Butchers provided these as an alternative, and they were a massive improvement!
If you haven't encountered one, the heart of an Ox is about the size of a large melon but is structured exactly like a human equivalent. We were able to see, feel and investigate the veins and arteries, valves and heart strings and muscle walls in great detail and the children were enthralled with the opportunity to see close-up and in the flesh such a vital organ!
Many thanks to Theo Miles mum for collecting the hearts and transporting them to school!!
Maths wise we have moved on from place value to addition and subtraction. The two topics blend together really nicely as sound place value knowledge makes calculation so much easier. So far, Class 3 are proving this theory correct.
We are continuing to read and base our writing on The Great Chocoplot, I'd not read the book before but it's a lot of fun and the characters are really interesting to talk and write about, currently we are thinking about how and why diary entries are written and how they differ from a third person narrative.
The history topic this half term is Maya civilisations of Meso-America, next week we will be running the Class 3 harvest assembly, and we have done a lot of work linking our knowledge of the Maya people to ideas around the development of agriculture, food and diet.
It would be great if as many people as possible could join us on Friday 8th Oct for the assembly itself.






Mrs Stokes writes, "



What a super week we have had in Class 2! We have been busy learning, exploring and showing off some fantastic skills across all of our subjects.

In Maths, we have been working hard on partitioning numbers into hundreds, as well as tens and ones. We have also been learning to be flexible with numbers, finding different ways to make and represent the same number. The children have enjoyed spotting patterns and explaining their mathematical thinking.

In English, we have been busy becoming brilliant storytellers! We created a story map for our Stone Age boy, which will help us to remember the important events and retell the story in the correct order. We are getting very good at using our story maps to help us remember key details. We also produced some amazing descriptive writing inspired by The Three Little Pigs, using exciting vocabulary to bring our stories to life. We were particularly impressed by the wonderful descriptions the children came up with!

We have also begun our exciting new topic on the Stone Age. We have been comparing the Old Stone Age, when people were mainly hunter-gatherers, with the New Stone Age, when people began to settle in communities and farm the land. We have been fascinated to discover how much life changed when people started growing crops and keeping animals.

To bring our learning to life, Mrs Stokes even shared some photographs from her visit to Skara Brae in Orkney. We loved seeing the remains of this incredible Stone Age settlement and imagining what life might have been like for the people who lived there, thousands of years ago.



Choir continues this evening with the amazing Young Voices songs and we thoroughly enjoyed the Abba medley last week complete with dance moves! Gardening club have been busy with sweeping leaves and planting some leeks to see if we can grow over winter.

Mrs Marshall writes, "



Children in Class 1 have continued to work on their fundamental skills during our PE lessons with Mr Banks. Ensuring that the children are aware of the space around them and are able to run around safely without bumping into each other is an important life skill, as is hopping, skipping and jumping. We will continue to work on these in the coming weeks and hopefully these skills will also help the children during play times too.

I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all of the parents that have attended our information evenings recently. I hope you found the information useful and didn't leave the phonics session with too much of a headache. I completely understand that there is a lot of information to absorb. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions or need something clarifying.
Next week, it is my intention to make a start on the DfE Baseline assessments for children in Reception. These will be done 1:1 with an adult and are absolutely nothing to worry about. The information that we collect will help to inform our planning for the weeks ahead. If you require any further information on these, please scan this QR code

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Show and Tell: This week, Richard Snow have had the opportunity to bring photos or a small item into school to show the rest of the class. They are encouraged to talk about their item and explain what makes it special. The other children are then given the chance to ask questions in order to find out more. This is an excellent way of building the children's oracy and questioning skills. Next week, it will be **Newbold Houseman's** turn. We politely ask that children don't bring anything into school until Friday.

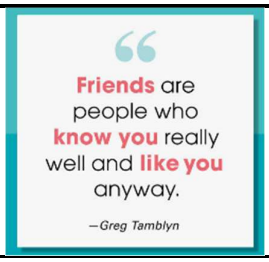
Have a great weekend, whatever you're up to!

Mrs. Jo Dobbs
Headteacher





Our new Christian Value this half term is **Friendship**.
This week's thought for the week is a brilliant quote from Greg Tamblyn. It is. **"Friends are the people who know you really well and like you anyway".**
This made me laugh! I wonder if you did too?





This month's Action for Happiness Calendar is entitled
"Optimistic October 2026".
Today's encouragement is -
"Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)"
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 Looksmaxxing

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



This week : National Average Primary School Attendance = 96.27%

This week we looked like this

EYFS	**98.81%**
Year 1	**98.81%**
Year 2	**95.24%**
Year 3	**100%**
Year 4	**97.62%**
Year 5	**100%**
Year 6	**100%**



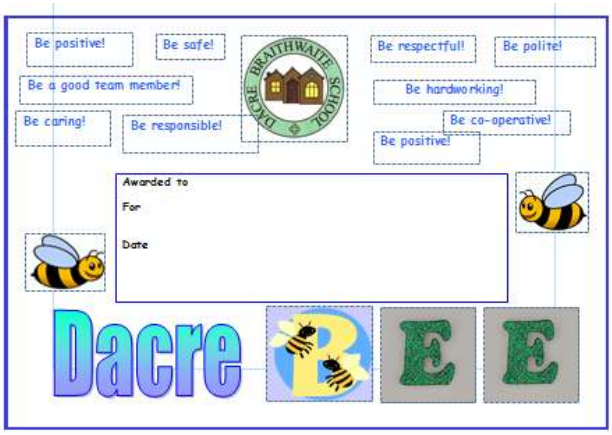
School Lunch Week 2 – W/C 5th October 2026

Monday	Margherita Pizza / Tomato and Salmon Pasta / Baked Bean &/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Watermelon Wedge / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Veggie Sausages & Mash/ Pork Sausages & Mash/ Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Carrot Cake / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Quorn / Roast Turkey & Roast Potatoes / Baked Bean &/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Raspberry Jelly & Mandarins / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Tomato Pasta / Creamy Coconut Chicken & Chickpea Curry/ Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard/ Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Veggie Sausages & Chips / Fish and Chips / Baked Bean &/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Chocolate Shortbread / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for your diary



October			
5th	Parents Online Safety Information Sessions	15:15 – 16:15 repeated at 18:00 – 19:00	Parents to be aware
9th	Class 3 Harvest Assembly	09:00 –09:30	Parents to be aware
15th	Eco Theme Day	All Day	Parents to be aware
20th	Parents Evenings	15:30 – 18:30	Parents to be aware
21st	Parents Evenings	15:30 – 18:30	Parents to be aware
22nd	School Closes for half term	15:30	Parents to be aware
23rd	School Closed for Staff Training Day	All day	Parents to be aware
November			
2nd	School Opens	08:40	Parents to be aware
11th	Remembrance Service	09:00 – 09:30	Parents to be aware
13th	Children in Need non uniform day (wear spots or stripes and bring a suggested £1 donation)	All Day	Parents to be aware
26th	Advent Theme Day	All Day	Parents to be aware
30th	School Closed for Staff Training Day	All day	Parents to be aware
December			
10th	Whole School Nativity	14:30 – 15:00	Parents to be aware
11th	Whole School Nativity	09:00 –09:45	Parents to be aware
14th	Class 1 Christmas Party	13:00 – 15:10	Parents to be aware
15th	Class 3 Christmas Party	13:00 – 15:10	Parents to be aware
16th	Class 2 Christmas Party	13:00 – 15:10	Parents to be aware
18th	Christmas Lunch - tbc	12:00 – 13:00	Parents to be aware
17th	Christingle Service, Holy Trinity Church, Dacre Banks	18:00 – 19:00	Parents to be aware
18th	School Closes for Christmas	15:15	Parents to be aware
January			
4th	School Closed for Staff Training Day	All day	Parents to be aware
5th	School Opens for the Spring Term		Parents to be aware





Class 1	Bodie Florence	Demonstrating fantastic PE skills Being a fantastic member of Class 1 making the right choices
Class 2	Seth River	Super story of the stone age boy Fantastic effort with your maths - big numbers up to 100
Class 3	Joey George S	Fantastic progress and a great amount of enthusiasum Fantastic homework, a Mayan Mask and instruction leaflet

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Shortlist

Jessie for blocking
Oscar for good sportsmanship
Isabel for helpfulness

Winner was Jessie



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Level Pre-A – Emilie
Level B – Ella and Joseph
Level C - Joseph



This week's winning house team is
Horace Gledhill