

Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope that you all had a good Easter and managed to enjoy the sunshine when it appeared? I've been hearing from the children about all manner of exciting exploits ranging from foreign holidays and riding camels, to getting new chicks and going on Easter Egg hunts! What a busy time it has been! It has also been busy in school over Easter - some of you may have noticed our new hall floor (which has been very well received so far) Here's a photo taken before we put all the furniture back! And this isn't the only change we have planned - the library renovations are beginning to happen and it's already looking good!



Yesterday, we had a visit from Ricky Durkin from Your Harrogate because next week we will be featured as **SCHOOL OF THE WEEK!!**

Make sure you tune in to hear what Joey, Max, Ben, Lennie, Harper, Grace and Holly think about our school and a wide range of topics! There was much excitement and lots of giggles! To find out how to listen, click [here](#).



Dear Staff, Parents, Governors and children  
(past and present!),

*I just wanted to take this opportunity to write and thank everyone for the incredibly generous retirement gifts, cards and kind words I have received on leaving Dacre Braithwaite.*

*I have been truly overwhelmed by your kindness and thoughtfulness. Particularly so during my Afternoon Tea, which was absolutely incredible! I am hoping to spend the amazing collection money on some pieces to put in my garden.*

*It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work at Dacre Braithwaite for so many years and I will really miss the whole school community, but especially the children who have made every day rewarding and fun! I leave with many fond memories of them all.*

*Thank you for making my send-off so special and for all your support over the years.*

*I wish the Dacre Braithwaite family the very best for the future and I'm sure it will continue to grow, flourish and 'Live Life To The Full'.*

With much love,

Mrs G x

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has published a guide to help parents and carers navigate the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits. Written with direct input from children and young people, including teenagers consulted in schools and the Commissioner's Youth Ambassadors. The guide is designed to make difficult conversations easier and more regular.



The guide covers setting boundaries around phone use, talking about harmful content, and building ongoing communication that goes beyond a one-off conversation. The voice of young people runs through it, including this from one teenager: "Don't be afraid to be firm... If you are worried your child is seeing harmful content and you don't know what they're watching and it's affecting their behaviour, just take it that you know best, they don't." There is also an activity pack. For more information, either go to the school website ([here](#)) or click on the link ([here](#)). Both documents are in this week's Bulletin Bag.



In the Bulletin Bag this week you'll find a pdf copy of the latest version of All About Family. Inside, parents will find useful advice on: OFSTED News, NSPCC advice on AI, New Children's Book Reviews, St John Ambulance Advice on illnesses, Dietary Advice for Children, Screen time to Greentime, Advice on getting your child to read more, SEND advice, Adult Education Advice, How to Learn a New Language, Regional events Listings, Plus more.... To find it online, click [here](#).

Happy family relationships make us all feel good and help our children feel secure and loved.

Often as a parent or carer, we are trying to juggle lots of things, and keep our own relationships as positive as can be. Sometimes all relationships can become difficult, and this may impact everyone.

Relationships Matter has been created to provide advice, tips, and

support to help keep our relationships positive and to support parents and carers. Click [here](#) to find out more or look [here](#) on the school website



This week we were awarded a special badge from Picture news - we've been using this very valuable resource for our Class Collective Worship time for 6 years now! We love it! To find out more, click [here](#).

Do you have a budding Cricketer in your family? Do you enjoy watching a good game played well? Do you have children who are keen to explore a new sport? If so, have a look at the All Stars Flyer in the Bulletin Bag for more details.



If you are missing a plate (or two) we still have some in the entrance hall which we think had cakes on for Mrs. G's Afternoon Tea Party. Do please pop along and have a look!



Mr. Jones writes, "Firstly, welcome back to Class 3 and I hope everybody had an enjoyable Easter break! Speaking for myself the time flew by but in a very productive way. Spring is meant to be a time of new beginnings and having said goodbye to Mrs G at the end of last term we now greet Mrs Turner into school on a full-time basis. Everybody in Class 3 is delighted to welcome her and we look forward to a long time working together."

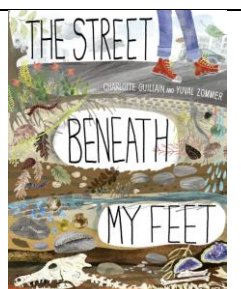
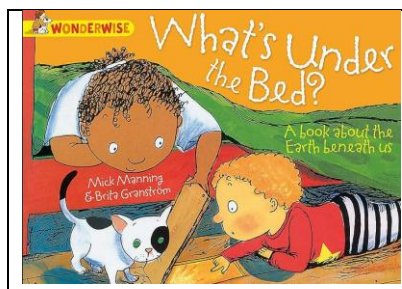


Great strides have been taken in the remodelling of the library including new shelving units, lots of display boards and an overhaul of the stock of books. It might seem counter-intuitive to reduce the stock of books but some of them were quite outdated or old and the result is a library full of attractive and engaging books which the children can find and manage on their own. The next stage will be a decorative makeover and some new furniture, I can't wait until we are able to make full use of this great facility.

In class we have launched into some new topics: angles during maths, space and living things during science and a completely new story (which also has a space connection) during literacy. This term we are going to put a lot of effort into handwriting right across school and this has resulted in some adjustments in Class 3, not least issuing new pencils to everybody so that we all have a good baseline to build on. It's been a busy but very rewarding week and a great start to summer term."



Mrs Stokes writes, "The first week of the Summer term has absolutely flown by! It was wonderful to reconnect, hear all about the children's holiday adventures, and marvel at how much taller everyone seems to have grown. While settling back into the school routine always takes a moment, Class 2 have settled back in really quickly."



In Maths, we've been working on the concept of "Time"—a topic we're encouraging the children to discuss throughout the school day. Our Literacy sessions have taken us on a journey deep underground; inspired by *What's Under the Bed?* and *The Street Beneath My Feet*, we are preparing to write detailed explanation texts about the Earth's layers. Meanwhile, in Science, we've begun exploring the world of classification and habitats. To top it all off, we are thrilled to have the melodic sounds

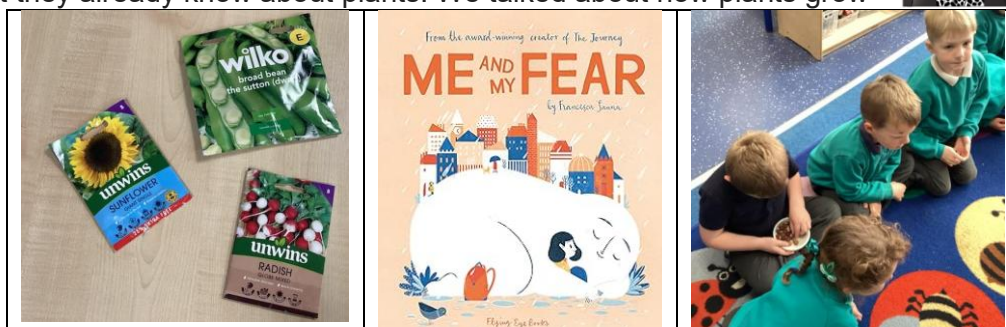
of the ocarinas filling our classrooms once again this afternoon!"



Mrs Marshall writes, "Welcome back everybody! It is so lovely to see the children again. I hope you all had a fabulous Easter break. The weather certainly helped and now we're back, it is so nice to be able to spend some time in our outdoor area."



In class 1, we will be focusing on science for the next few weeks. Our topic is 'plants' and the children have discussed what they already know about plants. We talked about how plants grow and what they need in order to be healthy. The children have planted their own seeds from a selection of radishes, broad beans or sunflowers and will be observing and recording how their plant changes over time.



Our new class book for English lessons is called 'My Fear and Me' and it deals with issues such as friendships, feelings of isolation and how to cope with feeling scared. It is such a lovely book, and so far it has evoked some fabulous discussions and the children are really opening up about their own fears."



Our new Christian Value this half term is one of my favourites - it's **Thankfulness**. This week's thought for the week has lived on my noticeboard for the 14 years I've been a headteacher as a reminder to me. It reads, "God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say thank you?"



In this day and age, it's all too easy to find things to complain about - but how often do we stop and consider how much we have to be thankful for? Perhaps you might manage a few moments over the weekend.

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



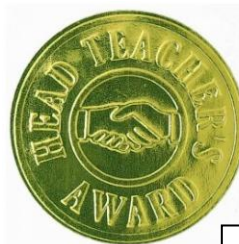
<p>17 Be active outside. Plant some seeds and encourage growth</p>	<p>This months Action for Happiness Calendar is entitled  <b>"Active April 2026".</b>          Today's encouragement is -  <b>"Be active outside. Plant some seeds and encourage growth."</b>  <a href="https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar">https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar</a> </p>	
	<p align="center"><b>Bee Safe</b></p> <p>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 App and Play Stores</p> <p>To find all of the Parent Safeguarding leaflets, please go to <a href="https://www.dacrebraithwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk/safeguarding">https://www.dacrebraithwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk/safeguarding</a></p> <p>For online training go to <a href="https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/dacre-braithwaite-ce-va-primary-school">https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/dacre-braithwaite-ce-va-primary-school</a></p>	

### School Lunch Week 2 - W/C 20/04/26

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

## Dates for your diary

April			
17 <sup>th</sup>	Class 2 Bake Sale for FODBS	15:15 - 15:45	Class 2 parents to contribute
28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Striking Games Festival	08:40 - 12:00	Email sent - consent on Arbor
May			
4 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed for the Bank Holiday	All Day	Parents to be aware
11 - 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS week	09:00 - 12:00	Y6 Parents to be aware
21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Overnight Camp in School	Overnight	Letter to follow
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Swimming Gala	12:00 - 16:00	Letter to follow
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Non Uniform Day for FODBS - bring a tombola prize	All Day	Parents to be aware
22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Closes for Half term	15:15	Parents to be aware
June			
1 <sup>st</sup>	School opens	08:40	Parents to be aware
5 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photos	09:00	Parents to be aware
9 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS / KS1 Multi Skills Festival	08:40 - 12:00	Letter to follow
10 - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3 to Peat Rigg Residential Trip	All Day	Letter already been sent out
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 Trip to Ripon Cathedral	09:30 - 14:00	Letter to follow
18 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Serenade Concert	18:00 - 19:00	Information to follow
19 <sup>th</sup>	FODBS Father's Day Treats	09:30 - 10:30	Information to follow
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day 1 (if dry)	13:00 - 15:15	Parents to be aware
26 <sup>th</sup>	FODBS Barbeque	18:00 - 21:00	Information to follow
July			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5/6 to Crucial Crew	09:00 - 12:00	Letter to follow
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Evening	15:15 - 17:00	Information to follow
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sports Day 2 (if wet on Sports Day 1)	13:00 - 15:15	Information to follow
3 <sup>rd</sup>	FODBS Barbeque (if wet on 26 <sup>th</sup> June)	18:00 - 21:00	Information to follow
6 <sup>th</sup>	Years 2-6 Dallowgill Moor Visit	09:00 - 15:15	Letter to follow
8 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3 Performance	14:00 - 15:00	Information to follow
9 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3 Performance	18:00 - 19:00	Information to follow
9 <sup>th</sup>	FODBS School Leavers Disco	17:30 - 19:00	Information to follow
17 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes for the Summer Holidays	15:15	Parents to be aware



This week's winning house teams are  
Horace Gledhill and  
Tuley Teal

Class 1	Hattie Faith	For finding and describing 3D shapes in the classroom For using amazing vocabulary in her sentences
Class 2	Walter Carrie	For having such a fantastic "can do" attitude to all his learning For her exceptional scientific work
Class 3	Anayah Liv	For making such an effort with the presentation of her work For listening to feedback and improving her work so effectively