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Dear Parents and Friends,

We've had another brilliant week in school and we're all getting familiar with the routines of daily life. My apologies for the errors in the dates section last week. Just to clarify
Training Day is 30th November and Nativity is 10th / 11th December.
As usual, there's loads to read in the newsletter. Please take a few minutes with a cuppa and see what's been going on here!

Hot off the Press – we need your help!

We've been lucky enough to secure a second weekend supporting our school by providing refreshments at Fewston Parochial Hall on **26th and 27th September**. We will be asking for your help to **bake** goodies, **bring** them along and help out and **buy** some refreshments. In fact, why not plan your meals that weekend around the event? Bring your family along and feed them at the same time! Please put the dates in your diaries to come and support us in any way you can as last year it was amazingly successful! Look out for more info on the What's App and in next week's newsletter. Thank you.



Due to a change in circumstances, we are looking to appoint someone to run our Wraparound Club for 2 nights a week – Wednesday and Thursday – from 3:15pm – 5:30pm. The role involves supervising activities which interest the children and is term time only. We are really hoping that there is someone reading this who would like to be a part of our fabulous Dacre B team – for more information, please contact Mrs. Ratcliffe in the school office. Thank you.
We are also looking for a new school cook! See page 2.

Messy Church

is moving to a larger venue in Darley
Saturday September 26th, 4-6pm
at Christ Church Community Centre

(We will also be having a visit from
Rt Revd Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon)

Including a meal for all the family

This is an event especially for families, where children and parents/carers can spend time exploring together in a relaxed environment. It will consist of approx. 45 minutes of arts and crafts, followed by songs and story, and then a meal for all the family.
No need to book, though it's helpful to know if you're intending to come.
The event is free, though donations towards costs are welcome.
For more info contact Revd Alastair
(Tel: 01423 780262 or e-mail: irreverend@btinternet.com)

School Cook - Vacancies | Impact Food Group

The role…

Job Title:	**Cook Manager**
School Location:	**Dacre Braithwaite CE Primary School, Harrogate, HG3**
Working Days:	**Monday to Friday**
Shifts & Working hours:	**8am-1.30pm (27.5 hours per week)**
Working Weeks:	**39 weeks per year (term time plus inset days)**
Pay Details:	**£20,000 per Annum**



What will I be doing?

As a **Cook Manager**, you'll lead a friendly kitchen team to deliver **fresh, seasonal meals** to students each day. This is a hands-on management role, where you'll oversee the kitchen, support your team, and ensure smooth service.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Managing the day-to-day running of the kitchen
- Leading, motivating, and developing your catering team
- Preparing and serving fresh, seasonal meals for the school
- Planning menus, managing stock, and ensuring compliance with food hygiene and safety standards
- Liaising directly with onsite clients and stakeholders
- Ensuring service runs smoothly and efficiently

We're not in the business of making school food—we're here to make **great food**, and that's why our customers love us.

And a message from Mrs Wilson who runs the Wraparound Club on a Monday / Tuesday and Friday.

Dressing up clothes



Dear Parents, It is lovely to be reunited with some of your children this academic year after spending time with them in Sunflowers. I am also loving meeting new young people.
I am running the after-school club on Mondays Tuesdays and Fridays. As many of you will know my home base is drama and I would like to ask for your help making our club potentially more dramatic!
If you have any dressing up clothes your children have grown out of we would love to use them in the club

We would welcome:
Animals
Superheroes
Doctors and Nurses
Or any other characters you might be hiding at home

We would also welcome select items of adult clothing such as jackets, evening wear - sports kit - anything that is in relatively good nick and appropriate for children - don't worry about size - you'd be amazed what one large evening shirt can become with a belt and a little imagination!
I will provide a big drawstring bag to collect in school - if in any doubt please include things and if they can't be used, I will take them off to charity.
Many thanks Karen Wilson



Please look out for the Class Curriculum Maps and Letters which will give you more information about your children's routines. In addition, we have our Curriculum Information Evenings coming up where you can find out more.

21st	Class 1 Parents Information Afternoon	15:15 – 16:15	Class 1 Parents to attend
22nd	Class 3 Parents Information Afternoon	15:15 – 16:15	Class 3 Parents to attend
24th	Class 2 Parents Information Afternoon	15:15 – 16:15	Class 2 Parents to attend

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





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

Mr Jones writes, "We are getting into our stride in Class 3 now, as the routines and rhythms of school life fall back into place.



The first WOP session of term took place on Tuesday, with much of the time given over to demonstrating the instruments so that the incoming Yr4 children could make sensible choices about which to choose. I believe letters about the instruments will be sent out shortly, after which everybody will have an instrument of their own! For myself, I am determined to keep going with the trombone though I suspect my neighbours would have an opinion on that idea!
Our PE work this half term is Rugby and we made a start by practising scanning, attacking and defending. Luckily the playing field is still useable, I was really impressed with how quickly all of Class 3 adapted to a new set of skills and strategies! In class we have finished creating fossils (thanks to Peony for sharing her collection of real fossils!) and moved on to think about how living species adapt to inhabit vastly differing habitats. The process is very slow and has produced the infinite diversity of living things inhabiting our planet and we are having great fun looking at some of the more extreme examples in the most inhospitable parts of the planet.
Maths wise we are consolidating the idea of place value and making links with percentages, decimals. Multiplying and dividing and all the complicated operations which will come later in the year and which depend on knowing what numbers are actually doing. These firm foundations will be a huge help, particularly as Yr6 get to grips with the problem-solving side of maths.

Mrs Stokes writes," It has been lovely to welcome Mrs Bradley back this week and she has quickly settled into our routines in Class 2 too.

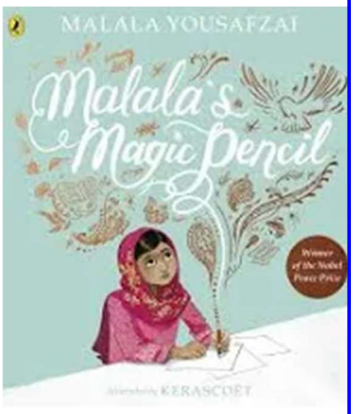


Science has continued to be a real highlight this week as we have carried on exploring our topic of light. We headed outside to learn more about how to keep safe in the sun and had fun testing out different sunglasses. We also spent time making lots of shadows and discovered that our bodies are opaque, meaning they block the light from the sun and create a shadow. Coel had lots of fantastic knowledge to share on this subject!

We have also been brilliant scientists, carrying out investigations to prove that light travels in a straight line. We then became light detectives, testing different materials and objects around our classroom to find out whether they are transparent, translucent or opaque and which are the best at reflecting light. There were lots of thoughtful observations and some great scientific discussions!



In Maths, we have been busy making connections between ones and tens. Our Year 3 children have been exploring the composition of 100, while our Year 2 children have been comparing numbers with the help of Blockzilla from Numberblocks!



In Literacy, we have just begun reading *Malala's Magic Pencil*, which we are already enjoying. We will be using the story as inspiration for our own writing next week, and we are excited to see where our ideas take us.

Finally, we are looking forward to continuing our Music learning with Saint-Saëns' *Carnival of the Animals*. We thoroughly enjoyed guessing the animals last week, and we can't wait to discover more of this wonderful piece of music!
It has been another busy and enjoyable week in Class 2, filled with curiosity, creativity and lots of fantastic learning. Well done, everyone!



Mrs Marshall writes, "This week, we have welcomed the new children into the hall at lunchtimes. They are really enjoying staying for lunch and I know they feel super grown up sitting with their buddies. It is lovely to see so many of them trying to use their knife and fork to eat (like a real grown up!) This is definitely something we'll be encouraging and working on throughout the year.



We are hoping to start looking at some wordless books next week and these will be sent home to share with parents. Discussion points are found on the inside cover if needed. As we continue with our phonic lessons, the children will be shown how to blend the sounds together in order to read the 'whole word'. The children will then start to bring home books with words in. This will be discussed in more depth during our upcoming phonic information evening. Children in year 1 are currently exploring the 5 senses as part of our science lessons. So far, we have labelled parts of the body and discussed the sense of sight. We spoke briefly about braille books and are hoping to look at some examples in more depth next week.



Have a great weekend, whatever you're up to – but do pop along to the Sunflowers Tent on Sunday at the Nidderdale Show to say hello – we'll be there!!

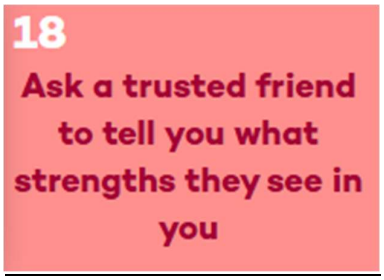


Mrs. Jo Dobbs
Headteacher

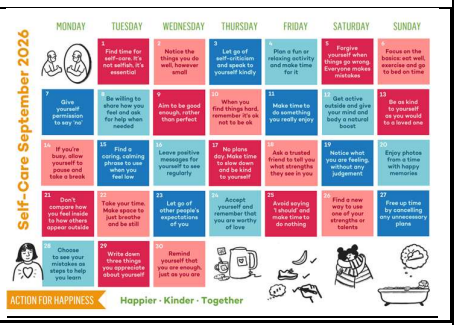


Our new Christian Value this half term is **Friendship**.
This week's thought for the week is a brilliant quote from Misty Copeland. It is. **"Anything is possible when you have the right people there to support you".**
Personally speaking, I feel that just about sums up our lovely school. I am surrounded by a fabulous team and together we do great things!





This months Action for Happiness Calendar is entitled
"Self-Care September 2026".
Today's encouragement is -
"Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you"
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 Toxic Gaming
To find all of the Parent Safeguarding leaflets, please go to https://www.dacrebraithwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk/safeguarding



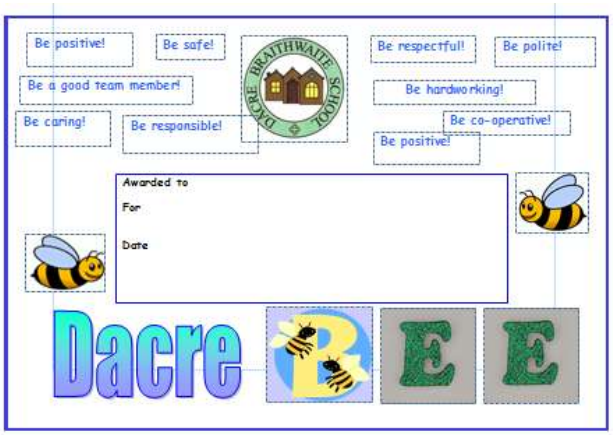
School Lunch Week 3 – W/C 21st September 2026

Monday	Margherita Pizza / Ham Pizza / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Watermelon Wedge / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Tomato Pasta/ Beef & Lentil Bolognaise/ Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Quorn / Chicken with Roast Potatoes / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Orange Jelly & Mandarins / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Veggie Stir Fry / Sticky Chinese Chicken with Rice / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Chocolate & Banana Brownie Sponge / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Vegetable Sausages / Fish Fingers & Chips / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Lemon Shortbread / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for your diary



September			
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22nd	Class 3 Parents Information Afternoon	15:15 – 16:15	Class 3 Parents to attend
24th	Class 2 Parents Information Afternoon	15:15 – 16:15	Class 2 Parents to attend
26th 27th	FODBS Fewston Charity Teas / Cafe	10am-4pm	Please come along and support
29th	Phonics Information Afternoon	15:15 – 16:15	Class 1 and 2 Parents to attend
30th	Bags to School	09:00	Parents to be aware
October			
1st	School Photos (individual and with siblings)	09:00 –10:30	Parents to be aware
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 of 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	Reggie	For being an amazing member of Class 1 and showing our new starters how we keep the classroom tidy.
Class 2	Coel Maia	For sharing fantastic knowledge about the sun and light with Class 2. For your considerate ideas you shared with everyone in assembly.
Class 3	Erin Abbie	For showing great confidence and sharing ideas in class. For all the hard work you are putting into your work with such a cheerful attidude.

<u>VX</u>

Shortlist was
Erin
Carrie
Hannah
Elliott

Winner was Hannah - totally and utterly 100% reliable all the time, every time



<u>Reading Plus Awards</u>

Level Pre A – Jessie and Joseph
Level A - Joseph



This week's winning house team is
Tuley Teal