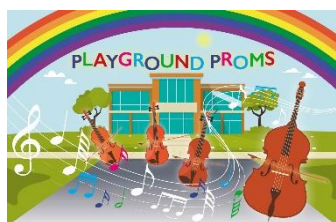


Dear Parents and Friends,

Well, we're starting to get to that time in the Summer Term where we have to be mindful of all of the events we've got coming up in the next few (busy) weeks as the days seem to be racing by! Last night's Summer Serenade was as fabulous as ever - to hear such talent from such young children was a treat to behold. Thank you to all of the performers, to their teachers and parents for supporting them and to you for coming along to hear how great they are! Well done to Beau who received our special Music award - what an inspiration she is!



Yesterday morning we had a great time with Hamish from the Playground Proms. He was really impressed with our singing and challenged us to listen really accurately and watch intently as we followed his actions. It was a really lively session, firstly with everyone together, then we split up to have more room in the hall. Everyone really enjoyed it - and I know that there's more to come as next week we have another exciting session with a really active string quartet!

You may have noticed in the dates section that on the 13th July we have our Leavers' Service at Holy Trinity Church, Dacre. In fact, it's much more than this. A few years ago, we combined it with our Governor Award service so that we take the **whole school down to Church** and the service is a fantastic celebration of many of the things that happen here. Governor Awards are presented to one child in every year group, in addition to the presentations made to the Year 6 leavers. We encourage our parents and carers to come along and join in the celebration (even if you don't have a Year 6 leaver) and all the children are to be **collected from Church at 3:15pm**. However, we still intend to run the Wraparound Club and aim to transport those children back to school in staff cars.



You may be interested to know that the Harrogate Symphony orchestra has a concert coming up on the 20th June. It is conducted by Bryan Western, and many of you may remember that Bryan leads the Christmas concerts that the choir have taken part in and is always really entertaining. It'll be a great evening!



Make sure that you have a look at the Feast Activities in the Bulletin Bag to get booked onto different activities. Spaces go really quickly, but there are also waiting lists!

The Great British Summer Savings scheme is running from 25 June to 1 September 2026, helping families feel a bit less squeezed this summer. The new scheme includes reduced VAT on days out, including tickets at attractions like soft play, adventure centres and theme parks, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas, and children's meals in restaurants. Children aged 5 to 15 in England will also be able to travel free on local bus services throughout August. For further information about the scheme visit [Summer Savings](#).





The Summer edition of Raring 2 go is out and is packed full of offers and interesting ideas to do with your children over the Summer. To find out more, click [here](#).

The three lucky winners of the Father's Day Big Breakfast Giveaway were selected in this morning's Barnabas assembly. They are Mr Abbott, Mr Marshall and Mr Jefferies. Thank you to the FODBS for arranging such a fantastic giveaway!

Also - the FODBS are looking for folk to help out with the Summer Barbeque - please could you speak to Abbie Smith if you're coming and wouldn't mind volunteering a bit of your time.



This week's school attendance looks really great - have a look at the back of the newsletter! But please may I remind parents and carers that you are **not permitted** to take children out of school for **any family holiday**. Please arrange family holidays when the school is closed. Term Dates for 2027-2028 are on the website now so that you have plenty of notice for booking holidays in advance. (see the school website, click [here](#).)

Mr. Jones writes, "So much has happened since I last wrote an article for the newsletter that it's hard to know where to start!"



Firstly, we had a highly successful trip to Peat Rigg. Personally, I always look forward to the annual visit as a highlight of the year and this year seemed to go particularly well. To be honest, the weather was a bit mixed but a few rainstorms did nothing to dampen Class 3's enthusiasm! Over the three days everybody challenged themselves and it was a real privilege to see children stepping outside their comfort zones and achieving success. It was particularly gratifying to hear the Peat Rigg instructors commenting on how well Dacre Braithwaite children managed teamwork, leadership and support of one another. Well done to everybody involved.

Mrs Dobbs has mentioned the Summer Serenade elsewhere in this newsletter but it's worthwhile emphasising just what an achievement this was from all the children involved. We are a relatively small school and the sheer depth of talent on display was phenomenal but also the confidence to perform in public! Again, what an experience and huge congratulations.

Class 3 took part in the Playground Proms session on Thursday, mixing live music, singing, dance and movement. I'm not a music teacher but even I could see how well the children were responding and I was able to pick up a few tips and pointers which will help us as we continue to prepare the end of year show. Next Friday, after Sports Day, Class 3 will be running their enterprise initiative whereby they try to raise a profit by running a fairground type activity. Quite a lot of planning has already taken place including designing activities and calculating budgets so please do give it a look, this will take place alongside the Friends of Dacre Braithwaite summer BBQ.

Finally, on a more mundane note, we are in the midst of the last assessment session of the year and I can only take my hat off to the resilience and stamina the children are showing to get through this process. Well done to everybody."



Mrs Stokes writes, "Firstly, what an amazing evening we enjoyed at our annual Summer Serenade. It was so lovely to have such a full and supportive audience there to enjoy all the performances of our young musicians and singers. From Theo and Joey rocking out on the drums and guitar, to a Class 2 collective on the ocarinas, the wonderful WOP band and the mix of choir, piano and recorders in between, it was a pure joy from start to finish. Thank you to all the teachers for supporting and for the audience for joining in and encouraging everyone.



Thursday actually started with a very musical morning too! We were visited by Hamish from Playground Proms who are dedicated to bringing high quality, inclusive classical music experiences to children. We learnt the Playground Proms Anthem, did lots of fun activities and movement linked to music and we will be visited by a group of musicians next week who will perform live and accompany us singing the anthem. Choir will be writing their own verse too!

During the week we also finally uncovered our mummified tomatoes, which have been buried in salt for almost 9 months! We thought they might have decomposed, be smelly and green but were pleasantly surprised to find that they were in pretty good shape, a little wrinkly, pale orange but not smelly at all! We linked it to the mummification process we learnt about when studying the Ancient Egyptians.



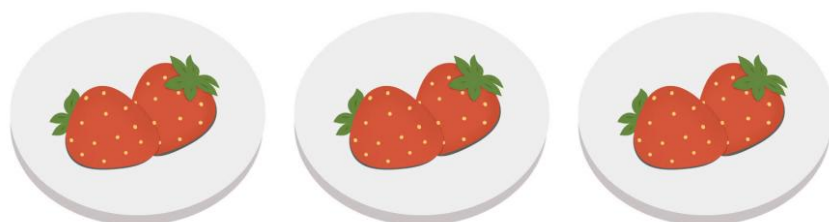
Thank you to Mrs Parker who is so dedicated to improving our library and has been involving all the children in creating incredible collage art work to adorn our library walls. Just ask the children what the collage paper is from!



Also, a thank you to our wonderful PTA for creating such a lovely fathers day surprise today. From the shop to the breakfast hampers, the children were really excited to make their purchases and we know that a few lucky dads will be enjoying breakfast in bed this weekend with the donated meat hampers and all will have colourful fun feet! Thank you so much!"



Mrs Marshall writes, "This week in maths, Reception explored sharing. The children were able to explain which sets were equal and unequal and the new vocabulary of 'fair' and 'unfair' was introduced. They were then asked to share an amount of strawberries between 2 plates. They were able to spot how odd numbers could not be shared fairly but even numbers could. They were then set the challenge of sharing between 3 plates."



Have a great weekend, whatever you're up to!
Mrs Linnéa Stokes, Class 2 Teacher



Our Christian Value this half term is **Respect**.
This week's thought for the week is a well known one which is still worth reminding ourselves of. It is, **"Treat people the way you want to be treated. Talk to people the way you want to be talked to. Respect is earned, not given"**.
There's certainly something to think about there!



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This month's Action for Happiness Calendar
is entitled
"Joyful June".
Today's encouragement is -
**"Get outside and find the joy in being
active"**

<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 guide to Roblox

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>

This week : National Average Primary
School Attendance = 93.66%



EYFS	98.33%
Year 1	98.33%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	98.46%
Year 4	98.33%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	97.78%

School Lunch Week 2 - W/C 22nd June 2026



Monday	Margherita Pizza / Tomato, Spinach & Salmon Pasta / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Watermelon Wedge / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Vegetable or Pork Sausages & 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 and Chips / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Chocolate Shortbread / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for your diary

June			
22 nd	Last day for Class Photo Orders		Parents to be aware
25 th	Class 1 Bake Sale	15:15	Class 1 Parents to be aware
26 th	Sports Day 1 (if dry)	13:00 - 15:15	Parents to be aware
26 th	FODBS Barbeque (if dry)	18:00 - 21:00	See bulletin bag
July			
1 st	Year 6 to Crucial Crew	09:00 - 12:00	Letter sent
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	Parents to be aware
3 rd	FODBS Barbeque (if wet on 26 th June)	18:00 - 21:00	See bulletin bag

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
10 th	FODBS School Leavers Disco	17:30 - 19:00	Information to follow
13 th	Leavers' Service at Holy Trinity, Dacre Banks	14:30 - 15:15	Parents to collect from Holy Trinity, Dacre Banks
17 th	School Closes for the Summer Holidays	15:15	Parents to be aware



Class 1	Alfie Stanley	For a great understanding of sharing in Maths. For designing a delicious pizza in DT.
Class 2	Maia Arthur	For great enthusiasm during playground proms. For perseverance during PE.
Class 3	Theo M Isaac	For settling in and contributing in class. For taking responsibility in finishing the tree planting.

<u>VX</u>		Reading Plus Awards	 This week's winning house team is Tulley Teal
Winner was Grace		 Holly – Level B	