

Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope that you have had a good week? If you attended Barnabas this morning, you might have spotted a few bleary eyed people after the Year 6's Space Camp Overnight treat in school. They had a brilliant time and were very sensible - a well-deserved reward after all of their recent hard work with SATS!



**Space Camp**  
Do you have what it takes?



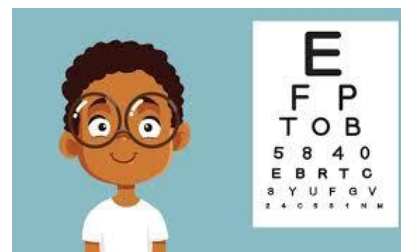
Thank you everyone for sending your children into school today in their non-uniform clothes, and thank you also for the terrific prizes for the FODBS tombola. I know that this will be a fantastic fundraiser at the Summer Barbeque!

Please may I remind parents and carers that you are not permitted to take your child out of school for any family holiday. At school, we make it our mission to let you have the Term Dates for future years as soon as we can and in good time, (see the school website, click [here](#).) so that you have plenty of notice. Please arrange family holidays when the school is closed. Because our numbers in school are small, overall each child represents 1.25%, meaning we have to be even more determined if we are to reach and maintain attendance in line with the National Average. (see the back of the newsletter for more information)



Have you had your child's eye sight checked recently? Are you aware that this is a free service for children? As your child grows, it is important that they have their eyesight regularly examined by an optician. In children, signs of a possible eye problem can include:

- the eyes not pointing in the same direction
- complaining of headaches or eye strain
- problems reading - for example, they may need to hold books close to their face and they may lose their place regularly
- problems with hand-eye co-ordination - for example, they may struggle to play ball games
- being unusually clumsy
- regularly rubbing their eyes
- sitting too close to the TV



A reminder from last week - After half term we will be hosting another 'Big Help Out' in school! The national volunteering scheme is officially back this year and running from 5-8 June, providing a chance to lend a hand locally in the UK's biggest celebration of community. We are hosting an event in school on Friday 5th June and we are keen for some adult volunteers to step forward to help out and make a positive impact in our lovely school once again! All the children and staff will be joining in too. Please see the attached flyer for extra details and email [admin@dacrebco.uk](mailto:admin@dacrebco.uk) if you are interested with BIG HELP OUT in the subject line.



Mr. Jones writes, "This half term has flown by but, looking back, we barely seem to have taken a breath! SATS testing was obviously important but the rest of the curriculum does not stand still and all three year groups have worked very hard.

We have finished looking at the Vikings (thank you for all the magnificent pieces of homework!) and now turned our attention to how we map the world around us. With access to Google Maps and all

the remote sensing technology available, it's easy to forget how detailed and accurate Ordnance Survey maps can be and we have been using grid references to navigate our way around school.

Rehearsals are under way for the end of year production, as in previous years the casting is weighted in favour of the Yr6 children but everybody has a part and there are a number of songs to learn. If any of Class 3 want to listen to the songs over half term they are available via YouTube (The Next Big Sep by Andrew Oxspring).



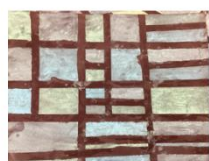
Our next big event is the Peat Rigg residential, I e-mailed copies of the kit list and parent information pack earlier in the week but please feel free to contact me if there are any remaining questions or queries I can help with.



Finally, Yr6 Space Camp took place on Thursday night, what a lot of fun! We built re-entry capsules to protect eggs, fired water rockets, built dens using space age materials and tried to use Oscar's magnificent telescope. Unfortunately the sky remained obstinately cloudy but an app on the I-Pads let us track the positions of stars, planets and even the International Space Station. Many thanks to everyone who made this such an enjoyable activity and have a well-deserved half term break!



Mrs Stokes writes, "It's been wonderful to see a whole school focus on maths this week with particular numeracy fun during National Numeracy day on Wednesday. It was a great reminder to everyone that maths is all around us, not just during a maths lesson. In class 2 we created art using shape, solved 'magic number' puzzles, estimated then measured parts of the playground and ordered our groups in different ways including by age (getting down to months and days!) and height. What a great morning.



Then we had a wonderful day out in Bolton Abbey on Thursday which linked so well with recent Geography and science topics. We were hoping for good weather as we were outdoors all days and

we were very lucky it was dry for us. The first part of the morning was focused on maps and compasses, learning about keys, creating faces maps then orientating ourselves with aerial photos, Ordnance Survey maps and sketch maps. These activities took part in different locations round Bolton Abbey which made for a stunning trip too! Then after a brilliant al fresco lunch we were given a tour of the priory and told all about the history of this beautiful building. It wasn't planned for but the children showed such interest that it turned out to be an exciting addition to our day. We also learnt some fascinating trivia such as the nursery rhyme 'hey diddle diddle' originated here!

We then had a brilliant talk about habitats and classified lots of animals, birds and insects as part of a fun activity.

Class 2 loved being outdoors and the Bolton Abbey team were so impressed with their interest and enthusiasm. What a wonderful day!

A huge thank you to FODBS and our class 2 families for making learning outside the classroom possible with amazing experiences like this. Thank you also to Gardening Granny for joining us on the trip, Class 2 loved having you with us!





Mrs Marshall writes, "Class 1 worked extremely hard in our PE lessons this week. Mr Banks asked the children (and myself!) to take part in an endurance run to see how long and far we could run. He set up a circular track and reminded the children about keeping a steady pace and breathing normally. It was amazing how long the children were able to run for (14 minutes) without stopping or slowing down. I wish I could say the same!



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Our classroom topic has changed this week and we are now focusing on Geography. For the next few lessons, we'll be looking at our local area and discussing the physical and human features that we can see. The children amazed us this week with their naturally inquisitive minds by asking whether forests are a physical or a human feature? I guess some of the trees must have been planted by humans

originally, but then nature has also played its part. We discussed the difference between the landscape in the countryside and the city. The children noticed that there are a lot more human features in the city than there are in the countryside.

Although this half term has been quite a short one, it seems like we have managed to cram a lot of learning in. I am sure you'll all have a lovely relaxing week next week. Enjoy the sunshine and I'll see you all back on Monday 1st June.



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Have a great half term week, whatever you're up to and we'll see you all back in school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June!

Mrs Jo Dobbs  
Headteacher



Our Christian Value this half term is one of my favourites - it's **Thankfulness**.

This week's thought for the week comes from Robert Brault who says, "Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realise they were the big things".

She loves this quote, and it's so true!

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~ Robert Brault

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Find a way to help a project or charity you care about

This month's Action for Happiness Calendar is entitled

**"Meaningful May".**

Today's encouragement is -

**"Find a way to help a project or charity you 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 Minecraft

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 = 94.86%



EYFS	88.54%
Year 1	91.67%
Year 2	94.79%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	89.77%
Year 5	89.77%
Year 6	100%

# School Lunch Week 3 - W/C 18/05/26



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

## Dates for your diary

May			
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
5 <sup>th</sup>	Family Barnabas Assembly <b>Cancelled</b>		Due to class photos
5 <sup>th</sup>	The Big Help Out	PM	Email <a href="mailto:admin@dacreb.co.uk">admin@dacreb.co.uk</a> if you can help
9 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS / KS1 Multi Skills Festival	08:40 - 12:00	Email sent
10 - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3 to Peat Rigg Residential Trip	All Day	Letter already been sent out
18 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Serenade Concert	18:00 - 19:00	Letter to be sent today
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			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 to Crucial Crew	09:00 - 12:00	Letter to follow
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6 Nidderdale Transition Day	All day	Parents to be aware
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
7 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3 Performance	18:00 - 19:00	Information to follow
8 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3 Performance	14:00 - 15:00	Information to follow
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Nidderdale Transition Day	All Day	Parents to be aware
10 <sup>th</sup>	FODBS School Leavers Disco	17:30 - 19:00	Information to follow
13 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Service at Holy Trinity, Dacre Banks	14:30 - 15:15	Parents to collect from Holy Trinity, Dacre Banks
17 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes for the Summer Holidays	15:15	Parents to be aware



Class 1	Lilah Stanley	For counting on from 10 when counting bigger numbers For his fantastic knowledge of human and physical features in geography
Class 2	Joseph Peony	For living "life to the full" on our school trip For sharing her enjoyment of the Yorkshire Shepherdess books
Class 3	Reggie	For working really hard at improving his vocabulary and presentation in his writing

## VX


Harper - maturity  
Jake - shooting  
Ben -honesty and improvement  
Holly refereeing and gameplay  
Izzy – improvement

Winner was Izzy



This week's winning house team is  
Tuley Teal



dreambox® READING PLUS 	
Level C	Oscar
Level E	Oscar
	Tobias