

Dear Parents and Friends,

Well, this week has been even busier than ever it seems! Especially finishing the term on an Easter Theme day - which I know the children have loved! Thank you to the Friends of Dacre Braithwaite for supplying the yummy Easter Eggs! I would just like to say a massive thank you to all of the amazing Staff Team members at Dacre B. I am constantly humbled by the lengths that they go to (many of which remain unseen by most) to provide the very best care and education for our children. They are truly an amazing group of people and I am so lucky to have them at our school.



I wonder how we've got to the end of term so fast! Yet despite this, we've packed so much into this week! On Tuesday the children in Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 took part in the Inter Schools Cross Country Running event. I'm very pleased to report that we came 1<sup>st</sup> in the KS2 Races and were 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall - well done everyone and a big thank you to all of the teachers who took the children!

	Dickforth Airfield	Fountains Garage	North Staley	Dacre B	Sharrow	Markington	Burns Leeward
Y5&6 Girls	22			54	54	54	35
Y5&6 Boys		62	14	38	30	3	44
Y3&4 Girls	3	49	36	16	38	56	56
Y3&4 Boys	44	41	37	60	10	4	
Y1&2 Girls			20	43	14	33	66
Y1&2 Boys				31	64	46	39
KS 2 Total		109	90	145	140	87	139
Placing				1st	2nd		3rd
KS1 Total	0	0	0	20	74	79	105
Placing					3rd	2nd	1st
Overall	22	109	90	34	239	228	244
					2nd	3rd	1st

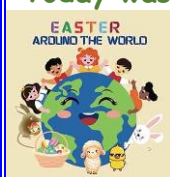


Thank you to all of you who managed to attend our Parent Teacher meetings on Monday and Tuesday. It makes such a difference to us that we have such a supportive parents and carers and it's lovely to be able to share the children's work and their achievements. Thank you.

What a splendid afternoon tea we had for Mrs. G! It was so lovely to see so many of our current and former families who came to say "goodbye". It's really hard to sum up what Mrs. G has meant to this school over the last 26 years - she has been instrumental in guiding and supporting children, families and colleagues throughout the years and it will feel quite odd after Easter without her here. We had a lovely time sharing stories and giving her a really good "send off".



**Today was our Easter Theme Day** - we were looking at Easter in different countries. If you pop along to our website, we've uploaded some photos of what we've been doing <https://www.dacrebraithwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk/theme-days> We've made Easter cards with decorated [Ethiopian wooden crosses](#), [Brazilian Palm crosses](#), [Greek Fish Biscuits](#), [German pretzels from salt dough](#) and [kites from Bermuda](#). (Click on the links to find out more!) We all enjoyed sharing them as part of our Easter Assembly at the end of the day (especially the biscuits!)



Mr. Jones writes, "Approaching the end of any term provides a good opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved and the progress we have made. Spring is always a busy term but this year we really do seem to have packed in a huge amount!

I'm not going to go back over all the highlights but one thing we have worked on right across the curriculum is resilience. This is crucial for success in any field, particularly areas we find more challenging, and was exemplified perfectly by the whole team performance at the Cross Country competition on Tuesday. Class 3 have practised endurance running as part of PE and, while I knew we had some talented runners amongst us, I was not prepared for the sheer depth of team spirit on the day! Cross country running is a gritty, gutsy business and every single member of our team performed brilliantly, to the point where we came second overall and were outright winners of the Key Stage Two competition. Well done to everybody.



The end of this particular term is tinged with sadness as Class 3 say goodbye to Mrs G. We have been able to celebrate her contribution to the school as a whole and to Class 3 in particular, however I would like to add my own personal thanks for almost eight years of support, help and guidance.

Thank you Mrs G, you will be missed."

Mrs Stokes writes, "What a spectacular final week we've had in Class 2! True to Dacre Braithwaite fashion, we experienced four seasons in one day on Wednesday, but the unpredictable weather didn't dampen our spirits. It was a deeply special time as we celebrated Mrs. G's retirement with a wonderful school-wide "do" and our own mini-celebration after swimming to wish her the very best.

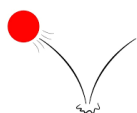


Tuesday's cross country run was a massive success, proving that the children's weekly "determination runs" in PE have truly built their stamina. Their steady pacing led to some incredibly strong performances, including a brilliant 2nd place finish for Ada. Collectively, the children helped Dacre Braithwaite secure a fabulous 2nd place out of eight schools, alongside a magnificent win for KS2.

The real highlight of the week, however, was seeing our DT projects come to fruition. The children brought their monster designs to life using recycled boxes and crafts, then literally breathed life into them using pneumatic air pressure. It was Class 2's vision and creativity at its very best. To round off the term, we've enjoyed sharing Easter traditions from around the world. We hope all of our families have a happy and restful Easter break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back for the Summer term!"



Mrs Marshall writes, "This week in PE, class 1 have been focusing on bouncing a ball towards a target with a partner. Not only does this involve accuracy, but it relies on our partner being ready to retrieve the ball. Children are encouraged to adopt a ready stance with slightly bent knees and hands held at chest height ready to catch the ball. This is something that could be practised easily at home with a football (or a balloon to make it easier to catch).



It was lovely to see so many of you during our parents' evening appointments. We are thrilled with the progress that the children are making and we hope you are too. We tried to answer any queries you had, but if you've thought of anything since, please don't hesitate to get in contact via the school office or email [hmarshall@dacreb.co.uk](mailto:hmarshall@dacreb.co.uk)

Parents of children in reception may have noticed a brown envelope appearing in their child's book bag. Inside this brown envelope are some phonics flash cards. After a recent phonic assessment, we noticed some of the children are struggling to recognise the tricky words. These are words that are not necessarily spelled the way they sound and need to be learned by sight. It would benefit your child hugely if they could practice these over the Easter holidays. We greatly appreciate the help and support that you provide at home.



In our computing lesson this week, the children were exploring the computer keyboard and familiarising themselves with the different keys. We found some amazing game based activities on [www.kidztype.com](http://www.kidztype.com) (Whack a Mole was a favourite)

We hope you have a lovely Easter break. We'll see you back at school on Monday 13th April."

For Easter, I shall sign off with the Jelly Bean Prayer that I love which says

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## The Jelly Bean Prayer

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I hope that you all have a lovely Easter break, and that you enjoy seeing family and friends (and maybe having some chocolate and other treats too!). We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Mrs Jo Dobbs Headteacher

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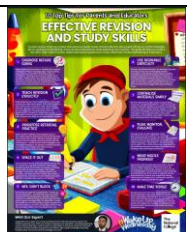
This months Action for Happiness Calendar  
is entitled

"Mindful March 2026".

Today's encouragement is -

"Choose to spend less time looking at  
screen today."

<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 Effective Revision and Study Skills.

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>

### School Lunch Week 1 - W/C 13/04/26

Monday	Tomato Pasta / Tomato, Ham & Broccoli Pasta / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Lemon Shortbread Biscuit / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Vegetable Stir Fry / Sweet & Sour Chicken / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Chocolate & Banana Brownie / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Quorn / Roast Gammon / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Orange Jelly & Mandarins / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Vegetable Chilli / Beef & Lentil Chilli / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Watermelon Wedge / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Vegetable Sausages / Fish Fingers / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Raspberry Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt

### Dates for your diary

March			
26 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes for Training Day & Easter Holidays	All day	Parents to be aware
April			
13 <sup>th</sup>	School opens for the Summer Term	08:40	Parents to be aware
17 <sup>th</sup>	Class 2 Bake Sale for FODBS	15:15 - 15:45	Class 2 parents to contribute

