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Dear parent/ carer,

Thank you to those of you who have attended the class welcome meetings over the last couple of weeks – we really appreciate your engagement and support. Please do not worry if you were unable to attend – I believe most of the information has been sent out but do contact the school office if you need anything additional sending to you. Once the new website is launched, all of the information will be available there.

We heard a few concerned parents mention school's Ofsted Report yesterday and we wanted to clear up any confusion. We last had an Ofsted inspection in July 2022, the outcome of which was that we continued to be a good school. Please see link for full report:

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50194618>

There is another Dunnington Primary School in Warwickshire which was inspected more recently; some people have mistakenly thought that the report relating to this inspection was ours, and I would like to confirm that it is not. In the event of an inspection, parents would be informed prior to the inspection and the report would be shared once published.

We are so proud of all of the children who consistently demonstrate our values of RESPECT – there are so many of them in our school. In collective worship today we celebrated Harry, who always shows **responsibility**, Henry, who has put so much **effort** into everything, Sofia, who helps school feel **safe** by being such a good friend, Phoebe, who is always so **polite** and helpful, Edie, who is **caring** toward everyone and Fabian, who always demonstrates **tolerance** in class.



Well done – you all make us so incredibly proud.

School Improvement Priorities

We have been working together as a staff to develop our School Improvement Plan (SIP) and would like to share this year's priorities with you. The document will be shared on the school website once it is launched.

OBJECTIVES FOR 2024-2025	
Achievement gap issues	Gender gap – boys outperforming girls across subjects, particularly mathematics. Number of children achieving greater depth is lower than targeted.
Objective 1	Ensure opportunities for mastery are embedded into mathematics curriculum. Ensure more girls have the opportunity to feel confident and achieve greater depth in mathematics.
Objective 2	Embed the school policy for behaviour regulation. Achieve the ADHD Friendly Schools Award.
Objective 3	Improve the playtime and lunchtime experience for all children.
Objective 4	Develop phase leadership to ensure improvements linked to priorities one and two are embedded and evaluated at phase level and that the school is fully prepared for SIAMs inspection in 2025-2026.
Objective 5	Develop outdoor provision in EYFS. Achieve ELKLAN accreditation as Communication Friendly School.

We are really excited to develop the areas we are focussing on, ensuring that as many children achieve greater depth as possible across all subjects, with a particular focus on maths, ensuring that all children feel safe, secure, well-regulated and feel a sense of belonging in school and ensuring that the playtime and lunchtime experience for all children is prioritised and optimised, taking advantage of our wonderful grounds.

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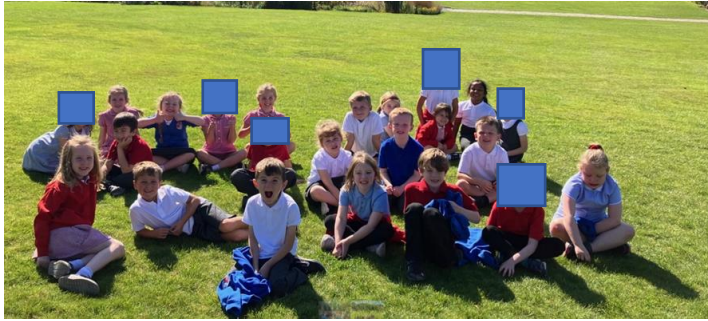
If you attended the welcome meetings over the last two weeks, you will have heard me talking about Zones of Regulation® which we use across the school.

Please see attached leaflet, which was also sent out last year, to find out more about the Zones. This will support you if you choose to use the language of the Zones at home.

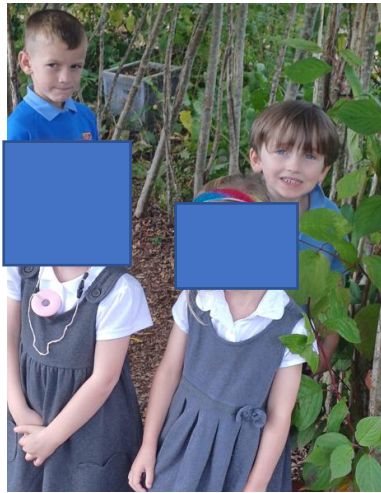


Harlow Carr

Year 1 and Year 2 had such a lovely school trip to RHS Harlow Carr on Wednesday. They explored the kitchen gardens and learnt how different vegetables and fruit grow, had stories in the woods and explored the play areas. All the children enjoyed learning new facts about seasonal plants and hopefully it will have inspired them to have a go at planting some seeds in their own gardens at home.



We are very proud of how the children listened and behaved: they represented the school very well. The weather also made the day perfect!
Mrs Priest & Mrs Rowntree



Murton Park



Year 5 had a wonderful trip to Murton Park on Tuesday to learn all about the Anglo-Saxons. Jessica and Charlotte told me that there was Viking they had to chase off and he was so silly he dropped all of his weapons! They also made really nice smelling candles, using bees-wax, which they got to take home. They also wrote their name in Anglo-Saxon. It was a brilliant day!

Thank you so much to all of the staff and parents who make these trips possible – the children get so much out of them.

Victorian Day



Written by Hallie, Jasmine and Eleanor

This week in year 6, we have been learning what it was like in the life of a Victorian child at school. On Tuesday we all came dressed up as Victorians and did a few activities, such as: Calligraphy, which was a popular style of writing in the Victorian period. It was super fancy, but it looked amazing. It was hard, but we all did our best, and it turned out pretty good in the end. But not all Victorian things are as fancy and beautiful as they seem. If you were to get as much as one thing wrong, you'd get the cane, or the Dunce hat. Boys would be caned round the bum, and girls their hind legs and arms. The Dunce hat was sort of something a gnome would wear, but with a big Donut.



Reception enjoyed their first Forest School visit

Children in year 3 have been so inspired by their learning about the Stone Age that they have created their own Stone Age Camps at playtime.



Year 6 Trip Information

We are excited for our Victorian-themed trip into York on Tuesday 5th November with Year 6! We will be visiting the Merchant Adventurers' Hall, followed by the Castle Museum. Children will require a packed lunch with water bottle, sensible shoes and a coat for the outing, alongside their normal school uniform. Thank you for the several offers of help I have already had for parent volunteers to accompany us. Whilst there is no cost for this trip, permission is still required for children to attend. Please could Year 6 parents indicate their child has permission to attend by Friday 18th October by following this link: <https://forms.gle/UE3ZN4XyfFbsGWJ78>

Kind regards,

Jessica Bradley

Plea for old shirts

We are without painting aprons in some classes. If you have any old adult shirts at home, we would be grateful if you could send them in to protect the children's clothes when they are painting. Thank you.

Football Competition for years 3 and 4 – Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th September

On Tuesday and Wednesday, some children in year 3 and 4 have been invited to participate in an inter-school football tournament. All information has been sent out to these children already.

For those children invited, could we please clarify that on Tuesday it will be boys and girls playing, on Wednesday, it will be a girls only tournament. A number of girls have been asked to play on both days.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Gargiulo via the school office.

Year 5 and 6 Walking home:

Please remember to complete the form following the link below to let us know who is able to walk home on their own in year 5 and 6.

<https://forms.gle/WoQHodeAan37UJyU8>

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

September 2024	
Whole School Lego Day	Wednesday 25 th September
October 2024	
Harvest Services	Tuesday 8th October 2024 10am EYFS and KS1 11am KS2
Parent Consultations	Teachers will be available on 2 out of the 3 dates, to be confirmed nearer the time. Tuesday 22 nd October (until 7pm) Wednesday 23 rd October (until 6pm) Thursday 24 th October (until 6pm)
Last day of half-term	Friday 25 th October
November 2024	
School re-opens for pupils	Monday 4 th November
Year 6 Trip to the Merchant Adventurers' Hall and Castle Museum	Tuesday 5 th November
Individual Photos – Phototronics	Wednesday 13 th November 2024
December 2024	
Tree decorating assembly	Monday 2 nd December (re-arrange clergy?)
Flu immunisations	Tuesday 3 rd December
EYFS and KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 10 th December 2pm Wednesday 11 th December 2pm
Christmas Parties	Wednesday 18 th December
PTA Disco	Thursday 19 th December (Needs to be confirmed but if it does happen this is the likely date)

Christmas Services at St Nicholas' Church Parents Welcome	Friday 20 th December 10am EYFS and KS1 11am KS2
School closes for Christmas	Friday 20 th December 2024

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments:

- Cross Country Invite
- Zones of Regulation Leaflet
- Total Sports Half Term Holiday Clubs

