DISHFORTH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

6th November 2026



HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Welcome back to our second half term of the Autum term. As usual, it has been a busy week in school. Tiddlers (our pre-school group) has started again on Wednesday mornings with Mrs Hainsworth in the hall and yesterday we celebrated Bonfire Night with a special Bonfire Party Lunch. On Wednesday myself and Mrs Chester took a group of our KS2 Eco-Warriors to Harlow Carr Gardens for an Eco Climate Change Action Day. The rotated around a number of workshops finding out about food waste, energy saving, composting and recycling. Their next big job is to work together to write an action plan for things we can do this school year to make our site a 'greener' place. The children were real ambassadors for the school and wowed everyone with their lovely manners and enquiring minds. Next week we are busy with activities marking Remembrance Day and our first village run in aid of Children in Need. Please check your emails for more information about how you can help and contribute to raining money for this very worthwhile cause. Just a quick reminder that children all now need coats in school as the weather is beginning to be much cooler and changeable.

Mrs Lacey

Apple

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This week in Apple Class we have enjoyed the story of Six Dinner Sid. We have been writing simple CVC words to make a Lost poster for Sid. The children have been working hard to sound out words and use their phonics to help them write independently. In Maths, we have been learning about circles and triangles and making pictures with these shapes. Nursery have been learning about the numeral 1, practising recognising it and counting one object.

Rowan

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Rowan Class have had a great first week back and have been very excited to begin learning their parts for our Nativity! (Yes, already!) In RE, we explored the big question, “Why is Christmas important to Christians?” In Maths, both Year 1 and Year 2 have been focusing on addition and subtraction, with Year 1 consolidating their knowledge to 10 and Year 2 adding and subtracting ones and tens from numbers up to 100.

Sycamore

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Another busy week in Sycamore Class! We have enjoyed getting to grips with our new learning this week. We have begun reading Pebble in My Pocket and have explored inference and visualisation using the text. In Science, we have started learning about different animals and their habitats. In PE, we have been developing our hockey skills by practising dribbling with a hockey ball. We have shown great enthusiasm and teamwork throughout our learning this week!

Oak

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Oak class have had a fantastic first week back after the holidays. We have received books as a present for the Y6 children from the Queen Consort, Camilla. We have been lucky enough to receive 5 extra books which have been given to the Y5 children to share. The children have learnt two new songs on their ukuleles and have had the opportunity to play them outside for their outdoor learning this week. In English, they have been writing and presenting oral presentations about themes in our new class book (Journey to the River Sea).

CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Apple

Henry MB - We are so proud of how hard you have worked over the holiday to learn all the single sounds - Well done Henry!

Rowan

Freddie - because not only does he always give 100% in every lesson, and he particularly enjoys maths, bit he also is always happy, smiley and super kind. Thank you Freddie for being amazing!!

Sycamore

Orla - has had a great week. She really impressed us in DT with her knowledge and vocabulary. She was also a superstar on the trip to Harlow Carr with our Eco Warriors. Well done Orla!

Oak

The star of the week or rather stars of the week are **Abigail Harrison and Daisy Lowe** for their incredible effort and enthusiasm in maths lessons. They are absolutely smashing it! Well done girls!

VALUES AWARD

This week, **Ava** nominated **Miles** for **Compassion & Friendship** as when she was sad he was kind and made her happy. Well Done Miles!

FRIDAY CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

The gate at KS2 side of the school will open at **2.40 pm.**
We look forward to welcoming you.

Apple (EYFS)	**13th Nov**	**27th Nov**	
Rowan (Y1 & Y2)	**6th Nov**	**20th Nov**	**4th Dec**
Sycamore (Y3 & Y4)	**13th Nov**	**27th Nov**	
Oak (Y5 & Y6)	**6th Nov**	**20th Nov**	**4th Dec**

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

97.9%
96.3%
99.1% WOW
93.8%

CHILDREN IN NEED - RUN PUDSEY EVENT

Information went out this week about our Children in Need Pudsey Run on 13th November. Please take a moment to read the letter and register your child to take part. It is a fantastic cause, and every child who is regsitered will receive a medal as a little reward for their efforts! A big thank you to those who have already registered and started fundraising. Your support is very much appreciated!

MORE INFO & EVENTS

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 11th November	Friends of Dishforth PTA Meeting - 2.30pm
Friday 13th November	Children In Need - Sponsored run event
Friday 11th December	Christmas Fayre
Sunday 13th December	Friends of Dishforth Christmas Disco
Tuesday 15th December	Nativity Performances 9.15am & 3.15pmApple & Rowan Class

All dates can also be found on the website calendar!

St. Columba's Church, Topcliffe.



Remembrance Service

10.45am Sunday 8th November

led by Revd Dawn Ward

A short Service including our Act of Remembrance when we will read out the names of all the local men who died in the two world wars and keep two minutes silence at the Village War Memorial. The last post and reveille will be played, and wreaths placed by representatives of the 4th Regiment Royal Artillery.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.
Refreshments will be provided after the service.



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OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Building on September's momentum...

WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Who are Parent Carer Voice and what do we do?

We're a small team of parent carers dedicated to supporting and improving the lives of parents and carers across North Yorkshire and their children. Our remit is to ensure the voices of parents and carers inform SEND services development and practice during consultations with North Yorkshire Council and the Integrated Care Boards supporting our region. In addition to this, we provide training and information workshops, attend community events and carers groups and host wellbeing opportunities.

SEND EVENTS AND GROUPS ATTENDED THIS OCTOBER

- RAFT (Ryedale Autism & ADHD Families Together
- Homestart
- Home Ed Support Group
- Mencap Northallerton & Dales
- AWC Power Hour
- SEMH Network
- and more...

PARENT CARER CONVERSATIONS: YOUR SEND QUESTIONS ANSWERED...

The inaugural event on 21st October was well attended and a positive starting point on which to build. We received some great constructive feedback after outlining that these Parent Carer Conversations are a 'work in progress' and we will be using this feedback in our discussions with NYC to shape the next session in Feb/March 27 (date tbc).

PCVs actions from this event: We're creating an action and accountability tracker to identify the Council's commitment to improving outcomes for our SEND families and the evidence needed to demonstrate the progress.

OCTOBER'S NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL, ICB & NNPCF MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

- Local Offer Co-production
- PCF & ICB - quarterly review
- Community of Interest workshop
- NYC Partnerships & Sufficiency
- SENDIASS Steering Group
- SENDIASS SEND Reform development
- SEND Reform PCF impact review

CONSULTATION & FEEDBACK - YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT!!!

HOLIDAY Clubs for SEND children and young people

- What SEND provision, activities, services, and support are already available in your local area AND what types of provision, activities, or support would you like to see offered during the school holidays in the future?

NYC want to improve the SEND Holiday Club offering, but need your help! Please complete the survey here: **Here is the link.**

Inclusive Mainstream Toolkit - Is your CYPs school using it? Are you using it with your CYPs school? The IMT is THE toolkit for reasonable adjustments to be used in all North Yorkshire mainstream schools. Please contact us if you haven't received our recent email. We need to know how it's being used to improve the support given to our children and young people!!!

UPCOMING ON-LINE INFORMATION SESSIONS

CAMHS - Share your experience to help shape the future of CAMHS.
Date: 12th November
Time: 12:30 & 6:30pm
Follow us on FB for more info.

Digital EHCP - update and Q&A opportunity
Date: Monday 30th November
Time: 2pm & 6:30pm
Follow us on FB for more info.

Unlocking Autism - NYES (North Yorkshire Education Service) FREE information and training to support neurodivergent children, young people and their families including ADHD, PDA, Selective Mutism, SEMH, Identity and more. LINK Unlocking Autism
(NB. You need to create a free NYES account to access the courses and please direct any tech issues directly to NYES!)



OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS CONT'D.

TRAINING WE'VE UNDERTAKEN

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion - workshop with Contact. How to be more inclusive as a forum and how to engage with under-represented communities. **Anxiety Workshop -** What is anxiety and how to recognise signs and symptoms. Tips to help manage support for ourselves and others we care for.

Making Surveys Count - better engagement and feedback - Contact Online learning session. We'll definitely be feeding the ideas into our SEND Reform engagement.

Easy Fundraising Discover Free Funding webinar - We've applied for funding, but there's only 15 x £1,000 grants and thousands of applications...

Disability Hate Crime - All the PCV team have now accessed this training highlighting the vulnerability of our children and young people. We will be offering this to everyone as soon as we have a date confirmation.

WHERE TO FIND US

info@parentcarervoiceuk.org
www.parentcarervoiceuk.org

And finally...

- We want to pay tribute to Andrew Turner, the parent behind the major **Child Trust Fund Victory** which has led to the government legislating for a simpler way for young disabled people to access their Child Trust Fund Savings. Contact.org.uk sum it up: "His courage, dedication, and leadership have been the driving force behind this victory. Andrew's work demonstrates what can be achieved when parent carers stand up to demand fairness for their children.""

We hope you found our newsletter informative - 'til next time!
Catherine, Donna, Helen, Janet, Janine, Rebecca and Sarah

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