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### Newsletter 39 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a super year in school and we are all looking forward to spending time at home with our families for a few weeks over the summer break and hopefully we will be able to enjoy some lovely weather as well! We have much to be proud of at Dishforth CE Primary School. The staff are dedicated and passionate in supporting every child to reach their potential. I do hope you all have a lovely summer and I wish you well in all your plans for the future if you are a family moving on.

School closes at 2.30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July for the summer holidays.

#### **Class News:**

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

**EYFS** – This week in EYFS we have been making maps in maths. We have made a map for the journey Little Red Riding Hood took through the forest to visit Grandma, and a map of the landmarks we pass on our way to school. We have also mapped out obstacle courses. In English we have looked at the book Ruby's Worry. We have drawn and written about things that make us happy. We have all enjoyed making a Worry Pet.

**Class 1** – This week in class 1 we have been comparing Darwin in Australia with the UK, we discussed the differences in the weather and the seasons as well as the difference in the number of people who live there. We have been closely observing our cress seeds growing in different conditions and have found that seeds with no water will not grow, but seeds, with water, in the dark will grow! In maths year 2 have been practising their problem-solving skills and year 1 have been learning how to tell the time to O'clock and half past the hour. In English we have been writing our own stories and illustrating them.

**Class 2** – This week in class 2 we have had a great week. In English we have written poetry based on our senses, things we can see, hear and feel around our brilliant school. We lay out on the field and used our senses to develop vocabulary to use in our poems. In Art we have finished off our models which we can't wait to show you and in History we turned our classroom into a Victorian School House. Mr Duffy was very strict and we weren't allowed to even smile! On Thursday, year 4 moved up to Class 3 for the morning while we welcomed the Year 2's into our classroom for transition morning which went brilliantly.

**Class 3** - Class 3 have had a fantastic week this week. We have finished off our English and have begun completing some creative writing tasks. In maths, we have been doing fractions and revisiting multiplying and dividing fractions. The children have finished their lino printing in the style of Michelle Hughes and they look absolutely amazing! In Dt we have also finished our noughts and crosses bags.

### **Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – Wednesday at 1.45pm**

The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly is taking place on Wednesday at 1.45pm in the school hall. Please can we ask that no more than two family members join us for this assembly due to the limited space in the hall – thank you.

### **Class 2 Trip – Ripon Museum**

Tomorrow, Class 2 will be visiting Ripon Workhouse museum where they will be taking part in a rich and poor day. During the day the children will get to experience a mock trial in the courtroom, a tour of the prison cells and meet the very stern matron from the workhouse. Please make sure the children have packed lunch, a waterproof jacket, a hat and sun cream on the day.

### **After School Club from September**

From September the after-school club will be running for one hour only – 3.15pm to 4.15pm. We have tried to recruit a member of staff to cover the childcare club for the last year, but so far have been unsuccessful. We will continue to advertise the role and once we have someone, then Mondays will go back to finishing at 5.15pm. We do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause some families.

Breakfast Club remains the same with Mrs Burgess.

Monday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Short session only	Mrs Roberts
Tuesday	3.15pm - 5.15pm		Mrs Roberts
Wednesday	3.15pm - 5.15pm		Mrs Roberts
Thursday	3.15pm - 5.15pm		Mrs Roberts
Friday	3.15pm - 5.15pm		Mrs Chester

### **Class Structure – academic year 2023-24**

Please see below the staffing structure for the next academic year. The children in school will get the opportunity to spend time with their class teacher on the transition morning of Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Head Teacher: Mrs Lyon

EYFS and Senior Teacher: Mrs Chaplin

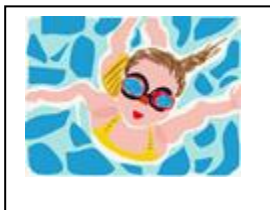
Class 1: Mrs Cawood

Class 2: Mr Duffy

Class 3: Miss Ungerechts

Mrs Blyton will be working in Class 2 and 3 covering PPA each week.

## Swimming – September



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Class 3 children start on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September.** Please ensure your child has swimwear, goggles and a towel (named). It is helpful if girls wear socks and not tights on swimming days. Due to the layout and number of cubicles at Thirsk swimming baths, some children need to share a cubicle in order to change before and after the lesson. If any parents have questions or queries about this then please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Lyon. After Christmas children in Years 3 and 4 will go swimming.

The cost of swimming will be **£5.00 each week**, this still has to be paid even if your child misses a swimming lesson as we still have to pay for the bus, pool hire and swimming instructors. Payments must be made on your Parent Pay account. School has heavily subsidised the cost of swimming due to rising prices from the bus company and constraints imposed by Thirsk Pool.

## Ear-rings in PE

Please can I remind parents of the policy regarding the wearing of ear-rings in PE? Guidance was updated by the Association for PE a number of years ago.

*All personal effects should be removed including earrings.*

*Newly pierced earrings can be removed after a 6-week healing duration. During this period students should be given alternative tasks within physical education such as officiating.*

*Students unable to remove earrings were previously permitted to make them safe by taping. The guidance on the aforementioned has now changed based on national advice issued by the Association for Physical Education (afPE) 2019. It is now felt that the taping of earrings 'creates a perception of safety and is not recommended', as there have been several incidences within the local authority where children's ears have been injured from earrings being pulled out from under the tape.*

*Teachers/TAs are not permitted to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves, therefore, it would be helpful if earrings could be taken out at home on PE days.*

*If a child has recently had their ears pierced and is unable to remove their earrings, they will not be permitted to take part in the practical aspect of PE lessons for six weeks, after which time they will be expected to remove their earrings in order to participate in PE lessons. During this six-week period the child will be able to take on the role of umpire, referee or coach where appropriate.*

Please be aware that this policy will be followed by school staff and Sport coaches.

**If your child is going to have their ears pierced, please do so at the start of the summer holidays rather than during term time.**

## Summer Holidays

School breaks up at 2.30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July for the summer break. There will be no after school club on this day.

## Reading

**All children need to read at home every day.** Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text and / or pictures. Please ensure that you record what your child has read and how they have managed with their reading in their record book. **Reading and record books need to be in school every day so that they can be checked and new books issued.**

**PE Days in SEPTEMBER (this may change, but you will be informed before the new school term starts)**

**EYFS: Friday**

**Class 1: Thursday and Friday**

**Class 2: Monday and Wednesday**

**Class 3: Monday and Thursday**

## Summer Holiday Activities

### Reading Challenge Summer 2023



### **Get active with the Summer Reading Challenge 2023!**

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Ready Set Read! and is all about the power of play, sport, games and physical activity.

The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited-edition Ready Set Read! medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 15<sup>th</sup> July until Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sept.

There will also be a fantastic programme of activities in libraries all summer, many of them free, to go with the challenge – look out for flyers with more details which have been sent to schools for children to bring home.

### **FEAST: Food. Entertainment. Arts. Sport. Together**

Please see the information below regarding the FEAST programme in North Yorkshire over the summer holidays.

*FEAST brings the fun to the school holidays, offering loads of different activities for everyone to take part in.*

*All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of sessions, with free places and a free lunch for those on benefits-related Free School Meals, thanks to funding from the Department for Education.*

*To see all the fantastic activities on offer and learn more about how to claim a free place, <https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/>*

*There is so much to choose from – come and take a look at what's on!*

The FEAST programme is provided by North Yorkshire Together, commissioned by North Yorkshire Council and funded by the Department for Education.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [hello@northyorkshiretogether.co.uk](mailto:hello@northyorkshiretogether.co.uk)

### **Summer Holiday Provision**

Please click on the link below to find local camps and activities for children of all ages from our local Early Help Consultant.

<https://harrogate.mumbler.co.uk/school-holidays/holiday-care-fun-clubs/>

### **School Dinners - September**

We have been informed by County Caters that due to rising costs there will be a price increase on school dinners for children in Years 3-6 from September. The cost in September will be £3.13

Nursery meals will also increase to £2.10

### **Breakfast and After School Club – important booking information**

Please can any families who would like to use this facility ensure that bookings are made by 12pm on a Friday for the following week.

We can't take any bookings after this time at short notice as we need to ensure we have staff in place.

## AWARDS

### **Celebration Assembly**

On Friday, we had our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;



#### **Ribbons**

**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who always tries their very best. They are kind to other children and are a super role model – well done Ollie!

**Class 1** – The ribbon for Class 1 this week goes to someone who has shown a great deal of courage and determination. They have slotted into their new class really well and begun to make some new friends. Well done to Penelope!

**Class 2** – The ribbon this week goes to somebody who has shown that hard work and a love of learning will always stand you in good stead. They always work hard and offer thoughtful and intelligent contributions in Class. Well done to Willem!

**Class 3** – The ribbon is going to someone who has been showing our school value of perseverance with their maths work. They have not only been trying their hardest in maths lessons, but they have also gone above and beyond outside of school, learning their times tables! A massive well done to Hollie!

### **Values in Action**

This week our Values Award goes to someone for demonstrating our school value of compassion.

This person has been nominated because in the hall they went straight over to comfort someone who had hurt themselves.

The award goes to Teddy who was nominated by Abigail.

Well done, Teddy!



## Attendance

### **Weekly Attendance**

**Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.**

**Good attendance is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. Nationwide research has shown that the pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have had higher rates of attendance throughout primary school, compared to those with the lowest attainment. The government aims for all pupils to have a minimum of 95% attendance**

across the school year, and any child with less than 90% attendance is recorded as a persistent absentee. Here is our school's current overview of attendance:

<b>Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>			
<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Class 3</b>
95%	95%	96%	81%

### Year 6 Leavers

Goodbye and Good Luck to all the Year 6 children and families who are leaving Dishforth CE Primary School. It has been a pleasure to have the children in the school and we are all going to miss you!

### Mrs Lynch – Friends of Dishforth

Goodbye and a huge thank you to Mrs Lynch who has been Chair of Friends of Dishforth for many years. During this time, Mrs Lynch has helped to raise thousands of pounds for the school which has contributed to the children's education through being able to purchase extra resources and enrichment activities. Thank you!

**I would also like to thank all the staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment over the last year – we have a fabulous team of staff who work incredibly hard to ensure that the children have an exciting curriculum and make excellent progress.**

**On behalf of the staff and governors, may we wish you a relaxing, peaceful summer break. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45am.**

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

### Diary Dates

<b>July 2023</b>	
<b>17/7/23</b>	School Reports home <b>Sports Day 1pm</b>
<b>18/7/23</b>	Class 2 visit to Ripon Museum
<b>19/7/23</b>	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – afternoon 1.45pm
<b>20/7/23</b>	Year 6 Treat
<b>21/7/23</b>	Break-up for summer holidays at 2.30pm (no after school club)

<b>September 2023</b>	
<b>4/9/23</b>	TRAINING DAY
<b>5/9/23</b>	School open for the 2023-24 academic year
<b>14/9/23</b>	First swim for Class 3 (Year 5 and 6) children at Thirsk swimming pool
<b>21/9/23</b>	Class 2 trip to Aldborough Roman Site
<b>25/9/23</b>	Music Service assembly
<b>27/9/23</b>	Class 3 NSPCC workshop
<b>October 2023</b>	
<b>2/10/23</b>	Class 2 – Forest Schools afternoon
<b>9/10/23</b>	Class 2 – Forest Schools afternoon
<b>13/10/23</b>	Open the Book – Collective Worship
<b>16/10/23</b>	Class 2 – Forest Schools afternoon
<b>23/10/23</b>	Parent / Carer Evenings
<b>25/10/23</b>	
<b>26/10/23</b>	EYFS and Class 1 Harvest – morning (TBC)
<b>27/10/23</b>	Class 2 and Class 3 Harvest – afternoon (TBC)
<b>27/10/23</b>	Break-up October half term
<b>November 2023</b>	
<b>6/11/23</b>	School open
<b>8/11/23</b>	Number Fun Day
<b>10/11/23</b>	Individual Photograph morning
<b>December 2023</b>	
<b>1/12/23</b>	Open the Book – Collective Worship
<b>14/12/23</b>	Last swim for Class 3
<b>19/12/23</b>	Class 3 theatre trip to Leeds Playhouse to see 'Oliver!'
<b>22/12/23</b>	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm (no after school club)

I will be in each school every day as follows:

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield
Afternoon	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary