



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a fantastic week off school and enjoyed some sunshine which looks set to continue this week. We have a busy half term ahead as we move towards the end of the academic year with many things to look forward to – please keep checking diary dates at the end of the newsletter.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Hollie who has joined us this week in Year 5.

Class News:

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

EYFS – In Early Years this week we have been looking at the story "Super Worm" by Julia Donaldson. We have been measuring worms using blocks and making worms using playdough and comparing their lengths. In RE we have been looking at special buildings, in particular a church, naming different things you find in a church. In maths we have been carrying out problems with doubling.

Class 1 – It has been another busy week in class 1. We have begun a new story called Grandad's Island and have been thinking about what the island might be like. We have been working on improving our sentences using adjectives and extra details using words such as and, that and so. In maths year 2 are telling the time and solving problems involving time and year 1 are beginning to learn about position and direction, using their new knowledge of half and quarter to help them to describe turns. We have found out what life was like on Christopher Columbus's ship and learned all about Australia, the children are all getting very good at identifying the continents and oceans of the world.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2, we have enjoyed a busy last week before half term. In Maths year 4 have begun to look at time to the nearest 5 minutes while year 3 are beginning to look at money. In English we have written instructions on how to make a disgusting pizza for a monster, looking specifically at using imperative verbs, sequencing words and adverbs. In computing this week, we explored the piano function on Garage Band, learning to play Happy Birthday. In History we have looked at a description of life in Victorian Britain written by Charles Dickens and thought about how this source of evidence can be used to inform us about the period. In PE we learnt how to hold a cricket bat and we saw how far we could hit the ball. Have a great half term break, we look forward to seeing you back for the last half term of the year.

Class 3 - This week the children in Class 3 have been enjoying practising their end of year performance (Macbeth). They have done a fantastic job learning their lines so far and thinking about their facial expressions and body language when getting into their role. In maths, the Y5 children have finished learning about position and direction, using coordinates to translate and reflect shapes. Y6 have been learning about shape, focussing on angles within polygons. In PE, the children have been finalising their dances for the play with Sam Rich. The children have also painted their weaving during art, looking at floral patterns, forestry and houses in the style of Larry Lerew.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this week's newsletter, the June edition of our online safety newsletter.

Training Day – Friday 23rd June

Just a reminder that on Friday 23rd June school is closed to the children as it is a staff training day.

Parent / Carer Information Session – Reception children in September

On Monday 26th June at 5pm we are holding a parent / carer information session for children who will be in Reception in September.

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

National Curriculum Assessments

Year 1 Phonic Screen Check

Children in Year 1 will take the phonic screen check during the period week commencing 12th June. The outcome of this check is reported to parents by the end of the summer term.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Children in Year 4 will take the national multiplication check in June during a two-week window commencing on the 5th June. The outcome of this check is reported to parents by the end of the summer term. Please refer to the parent / carer information document which is attached to this newsletter.

School Uniform

A polite reminder that children need to wear school shoes as part of their uniform. In summer, girls can wear red checked dresses. Again, school shoes are part of the summer uniform as opposed to open-toe sandals. Children still need practical footwear for school that protects their feet, allows them to move about and climb on trim trails!

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

EYFS: Wednesday (Forest Schools) and Friday

Class 1: Thursday and Friday

Class 2: Monday and Wednesday

Class 3: Monday and Thursday

Sun Cream

Please can I ask parents to ensure the children have sun cream applied to them before they come to school in the morning when the forecast is due to be sunny and also please do send into school a bottle of sun cream labelled with your child's name on it so that they can apply it when necessary over the summer months – thank you.



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.

Friends of Dishforth

Dishfest 2023 – Dishfest was a huge success, raising £1313.00 for school.

Fashion Show – The fashion show was another great success, raising £720.00 for school.

Thank you Friends of Dishforth, for organising these 2 great events, and raising an amazing amount for school.

Vacancies

We currently have 2 vacancies, one is for a Breakfast Club Supervisor and the other is for an MSA, GTA & Afterschool Club Supervisor. If you know anyone who may be interested in either of these positions, please find attached more information. The closing date for both positions is the 30th June at 12pm and interviews will take place on Friday 7th July in the afternoon.

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 shows a very mature attitude to learning in all areas. They are very keen to write messages and cards to friends. Well done Emi!

Class 1 – The ribbon in class 1 this week goes to someone who shows our school values of compassion and trust. They are very caring towards their friends and are always looking for opportunities to help out. They work hard and support others to do the same. Well done

Rosie H!

Class 2 – This week our ribbon goes to someone who has really stepped up. We have seen a real improvement in their attitude and application in whole class work and particularly in maths. A great improvement. The award goes to Alex S!

Class 3 – The ribbon is going to someone for their determination when exploring artistic techniques to improve their final piece in the style of Larry Lerew. They experimented by fanning out their paint brush to create the needles on her pine tree. A massive well done to Lilly B!

Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because when I was upset on the playground, this person came and checked that I was okay. They cheered me up and we played noughts and crosses together.

The award goes to Sophie who was nominated by Ella.

Well done, Sophie!



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:

Week commencing 22nd May 2023

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
98%	96%	95%	90%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

June 2023	
5/6/23	School open Year 4 Multiplication Check window begins
9/6/23	Open the Book Collective Worship
12/6/23	Phonic Screen Check window
20/6/23	Dr Krippner, Director of Music, Ripon Cathedral
23/6/23	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR THE DAY
26/6/23	Parent Information Session – Reception children in September 5pm
27/6/23	CLASS 3 PRODUCTION OF MACBETH 2pm and 6pm

28/6/23	Class 3 – Game of Actual Life Day
29/6/23 cancelled	Year 5 Enrichment Day Thirsk School Day 2 Thirsk High School have cancelled this event.
July 2023	
3/7/23	Afternoon – Sports Day (time TBC)
4/7/23	Class 1 visit to Ripon Cathedral
5-7 July 23	Boroughbridge High School transition days
10-14 July 23	Thirsk High School transition days
13/7/23	Whole school transition morning (TBC)
17/7/23	School Reports home (Alternative Sports Day if the 3 rd July is cancelled)
18/7/23	Class 2 visit to Ripon Museum
19/7/23	Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly – afternoon
20/7/23	Year 6 Treat
21/7/23	Break-up for summer holidays at 2.30pm (no after school club)
September 2023	
4/9/23	TRAINING DAY
5/9/23	School open for the 2023-24 academic year
October 2023	
27/10/23	Break-up October half term

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