

NEWSLETTER 6th December 2024

“Rooted and grounded in love”
Ephesians 3:17



Dishforth
C of E Primary School

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Headteacher's Message

This week is the first week of advent and we started in style on Monday with a lovely Collective Worship led by Reverend Dianne Gamble. Our hall looks very festive with our advent wreath and the Christmas tree, enthusiastically decorated by our school council.

A quick reminder that next Wednesday evening (11th) we are having an Online Safety talk from our Police Liaison Officer Martin Powell. All parents and carers are welcome and I would urge you to attend if you can. The biggest safeguarding issue out of school for our children at the current time is their online safety. This week I also had a meeting with the Local Authority scrutinising our school's attendance and lateness. Generally, the picture is very positive with our attendance being broadly in line with national average, but there are some families who have children who are frequently arriving late or who have attendance below 90%, who are classed as persistently absent. These families will be receiving the standard Local Authority letters at the end of term. Term time holidays continue to be our biggest attendance issue and I would urge to avoid taking holidays in term time. We will also be celebrating those children with excellent attendance (over 97%) with special certificates at the end of term.

Year 2 parents and carers should have received a letter this week inviting them to be part of a Maths project, run by Multiply at North Yorkshire's Adult Learning. It will last for 6 weeks and gives parents the opportunity to come into school and learn some Maths with their children with the aim of supporting them with their homework and helping them understand more about how Maths is taught in school. We look forward to welcoming you. Pre-school siblings are allowed to attend if childcare is an issue, but will be the sole responsibility of their parents.

We are also delighted to announce that from January to March the school is being used as a Community Wellness Hub for parents/carers through the Wellness Gateway in Ripon. The hub will offer parents monthly free, individual and confidential 45 minute face to face appointments with a support worker to support wellbeing. Please see attached flyer for more details.

And lastly, just a reminder that we are currently accepting nominations for the role of Parent Governor. Information was sent out via email, but if you missed this or have any questions, then please feel free to contact the school office or contact our Co-Chairs of Governors Jenny Crabtree and Kirstie Lowe at cog@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk The deadline for nominations is midday Friday 13th December.

What have we been learning this week?

EYFS

This week in EYFS we have loved reading the book "Poo at the Zoo". We have drawn pictures from the story and written short sentences. In maths we have been learning about day and night. We have talked about nocturnal and diurnal animals.

Class 1

Class 1 have been having a fabulous time getting ready for the nativity this week. We have been learning our lines and practising lots of amazing dances. We have also been writing instructions how to draw a snowman, using time words to help us to order the instructions. In maths we have been working on 2D and 3D shapes.

Class 2

We have had another busy week in Class 2 this week. We have been learning all about picture books and why they are important in our English reading week. In Guided reading we have been learning about hearing loss. In maths we have worked on increasingly tricky multiplication and division problems. In Science with Mrs McKelvey we learnt all about solids, liquids and gases.

Class 3

Class 3 have been busy this week with preparing for the Christmas stalls for the fayre. The children have also been writing biographies about monarchs in British history. On Friday we visited the Yorkshire museum and had a fantastic time exploring artefacts from medieval York.



Stars of the Week

Celebrating our Success

The Values Award

EYFS	This week our star is Jasmine. Jasmine always works really hard and has a super attitude to everything she does - well done Jasmine!
Class 1	The Class 1 star for this week is Ollie. Ollie has been working really hard in his writing lessons and has written some amazing instructions. Keep up the great work!
Class 2	The star this week goes to Rosie Wilson. Rosie has been a fantastic year 3 all term and has worked really hard. She sets a good example to all and she is really helpful around the classroom. She even beat me at chess at lunchtime!
Class 3	The star of the week is Isabelle for her fantastic writing in English showing great perseverance and determination!



Celeste nominated Abigail for perseverance because in Maths and all other lessons she works so hard and just keeps going.

Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
90.3%	87.62%	95.48%	96.65%



Safeguarding

This week please find attached a 'Wake Up Wednesday' online safety parent guide about Mental Health and Wellbeing apps.

Friends of Dishforth News

We invite parents to donate tombola prizes for our Christmas fair to represent their class colours. Our aim is to create a rainbow of prizes which will be part of the school Christmas fair on 12th December. Of course if you have a donation to make and it's not your class colour, please don't worry, all donations are gratefully received!

EYFS - orange and black (but also any colour)
 Class 1 - Green and blue
 Class 2 - pink and purple
 Class 3 - yellow and red



Have you filled in the form to let us know about pick-up arrangements for Christingle next Friday?

<https://forms.office.com/e/43a3HVHp6m>



Save the date:
 Wednesday 11th
 December
 6.30pm

Police parent/carer
 Online safety talk
 All welcome

Can you help?

Are you (or do you know) a photographer who would be willing to come and volunteer for free to take some high quality up to date photographs of our wonderful school? We need some to update the website and create new promotional materials. If you think you can help please contact Mrs Lacey via the school office. Thank you!

Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates

Friday 13th & 20th
December

No assembly due to Christingle and early finish



IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS FAIR

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER

GAMES * TOMBOLA * FOOD



Christmas Dates

Please see separate attached document for further arrangements

Thursday 12 th December 2.45pm	Christmas Fayre
Friday 13 th December 1.45pm	Christingle Service at St James Church, Baldersby
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas jumper day Christmas dinner in school
Thursday 19 th December 10.30am and 5.30pm	Whole School Nativity Performances EYFS & KS1 acting KS2 singing
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Party Day – wear party clothes
Friday 20 th December 2.30pm	Break up for Christmas NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



What do they offer?

- Free 45 minute face to face, telephone or on-line appointments free of charge with a female support worker from The Wellness Gateway and a follow up appointment if needs be
- A chance to identify and express any worries
- Support & signposting
- Monthly sessions on Tuesdays 1-3pm at Dishforth CE Primary School



How do I book?

Drop a quick email to community@thewellnessgateway.org and one of our team will respond to tell you what appointments are available.

Terms & Conditions

All appointments need to be pre-booked in advance by email, sessions are only on designated days and confidentiality does not extend past any safeguarding concerns of The Wellness Gateway staff. The sessions are independent of your child's school and funded by North Yorkshire Council.

The Wellness Gateway are a registered charity and our website is: www.thewellnessgateway.org if you would like to find out more about us.