

# NEWSLETTER 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

“Rooted and grounded in love”  
Ephesians 3:17



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## Headteacher's Message

Headteacher: Mrs K Lacey

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a very happy Christmas break and enjoyed some quality family time. It has been a very cold and icy start to the new term. Keeping the school site safe for children, families and staff to move around in has been our priority and I would like to thank you for your patience and support this week. I would especially like to thank the parents who were so understanding about the changes we have had to make to breakfast club to ensure staff safety. All will be back to normal on Monday. The car park has been a huge challenge for us all to manage and if anyone knows someone with a snow plough or a gritting machine that could help us out next time it snows, we would be very grateful! The children have been fantastic coping with a week's worth of indoor breaktimes, as soon as we can get them safely outside again we will certainly do so.

You may recall before Christmas the news that we would be hosting a Community Wellness Hub project in the new year. More information is on the final page of this newsletter but if you are struggling with your wellbeing or need some support then I would urge you to email them and book your 1:1 session. It is completely confidential and separate to school, we are just providing the venue as a service to parents. While we search for our new permanent school administrator, Berna "Mrs Ward" has come out of her retirement to help us out in the office. She will be working every day until 3pm. If you have messages for the office please try wherever possible to make sure that you contact us before 3pm.

Lastly, it has been a pleasure to welcome Mr Thomson to the staff team. He has had a great start to his time at Dishforth and I know that class 3 are enjoying getting to know him.

## What have we been learning this week?

### EYFS

This week in Early Years we have been settling back into school. We have enjoyed talking about our Christmas experiences. We have been learning about winter, in particular talking about what we wear to keep warm. In maths nursery have been learning about number 3 and reception have been looking at 1 more and 1 less up to 5.

### Class 1

Class 1 have come back full of excitement and really loving the challenges of the new year. We have begun many new topics, learning about the countries of the UK, furthering our knowledge of the Muslim religion, finding out about different materials and have already begun thinking about how to make our own puppets. In our maths lessons Year 2 have been putting their addition and subtraction skills to the test when adding up money and Year 1 have begun learning how the numbers from 10-20 are made using tens and ones. In our English lessons we have been reading an Interview with a Tiger and have learned about questions and how to answer them in full sentences.

### Class 2

Welcome back to another busy and exciting term in Class 2! This week we have settled back in nicely. We have begun our new English text of The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo, we have made inferences using the front cover and the blurb and read chapter one, thinking about Bertie's escape from the School. In Geography we have started our new topic looking at a comparison of Italy and the UK. We will be investigating the different geographical aspects of each country to see what similarities and differences we can find.

### Class 3

This week class 3 have been learning about the features of information texts and building their vocabulary banks in preparation to write their own information text. In maths Year 5 have been expanding their multiplication knowledge and Year 6 have been learning about ratios. We have also been learning about the Americas in geography, exploring the countries within these continents using our Atlases.



# Stars of the Week Celebrating our Success

<b>EYFS</b>	The star of the week this week in Tommy. Tommy working really hard in everything. He is making super progress with his reading and is developing a positive attitude to everything he does.
<b>Class 1</b>	The Super Star this week for class 1 is Chris. He has come back after the break with a really positive attitude and has become a real whizz in the reading group! He is working really hard to complete the challenges in the classroom and is becoming much more confident. Keep up the great work Chris.
<b>Class 2</b>	The Star in Class 2 this week goes to Elodie. Elodie has returned from the holidays with a great attitude to learning and has been a real asset in class 2 this week.
<b>Class 3</b>	The class star for this week is the whole of Class 3 - they have all shown that they are ready, respectful and safe throughout the week. Adapting to the frozen conditions, having a new teacher, and returning to school quickly and sensibly. They have all worked hard this week. Well done class 3!

## The Values Award



Abigail nominated Polly for all four values this week as she is such a kind person and has been a really good friend. Well done Polly!

## Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
81.01%	89.67%	90.91%	89.91%



This term we are having a focus on reducing the number of children that are late. **The gates close at 8.50. Please make sure that your child is in school before this.** This means that we can get the registers done promptly and start learning at 9.00. Thank you.

**Safeguarding**

Attached this week is our first Knowsley Online Safety Newsletter of the year.

Thank you to everyone that has returned their voting envelopes for the Parent Governor election. Please make sure that you follow the instructions carefully to be sure that your vote can be counted.



### Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates

10 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 1 and Class 3
17 <sup>th</sup> January	EYFS and Class 2
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 1 and Class 3
31 <sup>st</sup> January	EYFS and Class 2
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 1 and Class 3
14 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS and Class 2

The gate at the KS2 side of school will open at 2.45 for parents and carers to make their way into the hall.  
**We look forward to welcoming you.**

On Thursday 16th January we are having a special lunch in school



# Best of British

**Chicken Pie**

**Cheese & Bean Pastty**

**Mashed Potato Medley of Vegetables**

**Syrup Sponge & Custard**

**Enjoy your favourite Lunch**

ANOTHER FUN LUNCHTIME

YES Catering



## Winter infections in children – guidance for parents/guardians

This leaflet gives advice on illnesses that are currently affecting nursery and school children across Yorkshire and The Humber

### What are the symptoms?

There are two groups of symptoms:

- Diarrhoea and vomiting – usually lasting 1-2 days
- Fever, tiredness, runny nose, cough and sore throat – lasting 3-4 days

### What should I do if my child is unwell?

- If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms, they should not attend nursery/school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours
- If your child has a high temperature and is unwell, it is very important they stay at home and don't attend school until they have recovered. Children with mild symptoms like runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school.
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids – taking sips rather than gulps, to avoid vomiting
- If they have a fever – give child paracetamol and/or ibuprofen, according to manufacturer's instructions. Your local pharmacist can also advise you about the best treatment for your child
- If your child is unusually sleepy, can't take fluids or has other symptoms, such as an unusual rash, headache or neck stiffness – **seek medical advice immediately**

### Infection control advice

Handwashing is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of both of these infections. This applies to the child who is ill and the person caring for them. Hands should be washed using soap and rinsed under running water:

- Before and after caring for the child
- After using the toilet
- Before eating, preparing or handling food
- After cleaning up spills (vomit, diarrhoea or urine)
- Also – keep a separate towel for each family member who has symptoms, and change them regularly
- Dry hands thoroughly

### Other control measures:

- Cover nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue if possible – dispose of used tissues immediately and wash hands
- Wash soiled clothing, bed linen and towels at 60°C, using detergent – if possible, wear disposable gloves to handle contaminated items
- Surfaces and touch points (taps, toilet flush handle, door handles) should be cleaned then disinfected with bleach-based cleaner
- Check that your child is up to date with their [NHS vaccinations schedule](#)

**For further information, visit [NHS.uk](#) and search for 'respiratory infections' and 'diarrhoea and vomiting'**



## 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](mailto: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](http://www.thewellnessgateway.org) if you would like to find out more about us.

The Wellness Gateway Team ♥