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## **Newsletter 11 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020**

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you all had a super weekend and enjoyed lovely autumn sunshine. It is a busy time in school as we seem to be whizzing through the term, therefore the newsletter today covers quite a bit of forthcoming events to help with planning for the festive season ahead.

### **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 read the story of ‘Goldilocks and the Three Bears’. We have written a sentence in a speech bubble about how the characters were feeling and completed a story map. In Maths we have been looking at different ways of making 4. We also made a chart to find out our favourite flavour of porridge – we each tried original, golden syrup and apple and cinnamon flavours. Original was the class favourite!

**Class 1** – In Class 1, we have been learning about homes in the past. Children learned about a Viking longhouse and compared it to our houses. Children have also learned about democracy by taking part in their class council election.

**Class 2** – In Class 2 this week we have completed our instructional writing task for our Monster Pizzas. In Maths, Year 4 have been working on addition and subtraction using mixed units of measure while Year 3 have worked on using different methods of addition and subtraction. In Art we have been looking at our homes and in Geography learning about earthquakes. We have also begun our new Science topic on light.

**Class 3** – This week we have written a letter of advice to Jeff, a character in our book. In Maths, we have looked at patterns in multiplication and division, including square and cube numbers. We studied gravity in Science and made a transport timeline in our Topic work.

### **New website**

Our new website should be going live later this week and we hope you like it! As the term progresses, more content will be added. The photographs on the slider and in the dedicated gallery page, were very kindly taken by Mrs White - a huge thank you to Mrs White for taking the time to do this. If any families would like to download a photograph of their child, then please contact the School Office for details. Further photographs will be added to the website as the seasons change throughout the year.

[www.dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk)

## **School Council**

We have a newly elected School Council for this academic year and the members are as follows:

Class 1            Xander and Teddy

Class 2            Jack and Ava

Class 3            William and Ralph

The children will meet to discuss a variety of matters over the course of the year and they are starting this week with choosing a charity for the school to support at Christmas.

## **Library**

As parents have been unable to come into school this term, I would like to share with you the work that was carried out over the last few months to create a reflection library area. Some new books were purchased in the summer term and existing books have been sorted and catalogued. School is in the process of raising funds in order to make this a full lending library for the children complete with a computerised system.



## **Sporting Events**

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December we have Sporting Start in school running some competitions. In the morning, they are running a Key Stage 2 archery competition. Please ensure that your child has an outdoor PE kit and a warm coat available on that day. During the afternoon there will be a Key Stage 1 football tournament again, please can you make sure that warm outdoor PE kit is in school for the afternoon for those children as well. We are very grateful to Mrs Taylor and Sporting Start for giving us the opportunity to experience competitive sporting events during this time.

## **Sporting Start – Class 3 club**

Class 3 Sporting Start club will finish for the term on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Lowery – fundraiser!**

Last Friday, Lowery's grandma posted this photo asking for donations for Children in Need as Lowery had gone crazy with spotty clothes and they raised £70! Lowery loved the fact that her shower cap made money to help other children. Well done, Lowery!



## Notice

Staff in school fully completed the Paediatric First Aid training this week so I am pleased to say that the After-School Club can go ahead on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

## Emergency Procedure for School Closure – weather related / loss of utilities

It is rare, however there are occasions where it has been necessary to close schools because of inclement weather, no electricity or because of lack of heating, so I would like to bring to your attention the procedures I will follow if this event occurs now that we are heading towards winter:

- A notice will be posted on the school Facebook page
- An email will be sent to all families
- County Hall will be informed.

Hopefully, this will not happen but I feel it is better to be prepared.

**Please always assume school is open unless you hear via any of the above methods. Please do not phone the school to ask if we are open as we may need to keep the line clear in order to contact staff. Please check on the school Facebook page and check emails.**

**Learning would be sent home via the class email system.**



## Christmas Events 2020

We have much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season and I would like to share with you what we have planned so far. Please be mindful that as guidance can, and no doubt will change relating to COVID that the following plans may need to be tweaked.

### Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, we are taking part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. For a £1 donation to the charity, children can come to school in a Christmas jumper – this can be a decorated jumper or a bought one.



### Christmas Cards

Children can bring their Christmas cards into school for special Dishforth delivery! Please can children bring their cards into school on a Monday or Tuesday and then they will be delivered at the end of the week in line with current COVID guidance.

Children can start bringing Christmas cards into school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Nativity Plays**

There are two Nativity plays this year, one by EYFS called 'Nursery Rhyme Nativity' and Class 1 are presenting the Nativity through the story of 'The Hopeless Camel'.

Both Nativity plays will be filmed and sent to families on the last week of term.

## **School Christingle**

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, every child in the school will make a Christingle and we will have our own outdoor Christingle Service towards the end of the afternoon on the school playground.



## **Christmas School Dinner – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

### **School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch – order in advance**

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, this meal will need to be ordered in advance and the deadline is this Friday!



## **Christmas Party afternoon – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, the children will have their Christmas Party in class bubbles. Please can children come to school wearing their uniform and bring their party clothes in a named bag to change into after lunchtime. Thank you.

## **Break-up for Christmas – staggered finish – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, school closes early for Christmas. In line with current guidance this will need to be a staggered finish therefore EYFS and Class 3 will finish at 2.20pm and Class 1 and 2 will finish at 2.30pm. As with the current system, siblings can be picked up at the earlier time.

## **Friends of Dishforth School – upcoming events**

### **SELF PORTRAIT SCHOOL TEA TOWEL**

These are a lovely keepsake or gift for Christmas!

Every child from Nursery to Year 6 will be completing a self-portrait. Every portrait is then printed around the school logo on a printed tea towel. There will also be self-portraits of the staff drawn by the children!

The School Tea Towel designs had to be on hold as we all went into lockdown. We did ensure we received drawings from the previous year 6 to make sure they are on our Tea Towel.

We will let you know soon when we have the Tea Towels for sale.



## **VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR 2020**

Hopefully, you will have already seen on our Facebook page. Following government guidance and for the safety of all we are disappointed to confirm we will not be having our School Christmas Fair physically in school this year.

However, due to the popularity of our lovely fair we did not want to cancel altogether. We will be having our Christmas Fair virtually! The Fair will be a group event on Facebook

We will be supporting small businesses as they provide you with pictures and details of all the wonderful Christmas gifts that you can buy to be delivered to your door or collected if you prefer!

How can you help? Please share our virtual fair on your own social media, inviting friends along.

We would be delighted if you have a small business yourself to become a virtual stallholder with us. The cost is £5 which includes a post a day along with as many pictures you would like to keep in the albums that we will dedicate to stall holders.

Please contact us on our Friends of School Facebook messenger or Friends of Dishforth School at [friendsofdishforthschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdishforthschool@gmail.com).

Funds raised from our Virtual Fair will be put towards enriching the facilities available for the children and teaching staff. **There are 45 stalls and anyone can start shopping now!**

Here is the link to join our Virtual Fair - [Friends of School Virtual Christmas Fair](#)

### **Celebration Assembly**

On Friday afternoon, we have our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly ribbons;



#### **Ribbons**

**EYFS** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has made super progress in reading. Well done, Finnian!

**Class 1** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has carried out excellent work in phonics. Well done Xander!

**Class 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has a fantastic attitude to school work, asking how they can improve and making great strides with their learning. Well done, Sophie!

**Class 3** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has a fantastic attitude towards reading and is also very mature in the way they behave in class and at break-times. Well done, William!

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>November</b>	
<b>December</b>	
<b>2/12/20</b>	After school childcare club is on this evening as 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid has been completed
<b>8/12/20</b>	Sporting competitions: KS2 morning archery KS1 afternoon football Warm outdoor kit needed for all children.
<b>11/12/20</b>	Christmas Jumper Day £1 for Save the Children
<b>14/12/20</b>	School Christingle
<b>16/12/20</b>	Christmas School Dinner
<b>17/12/20</b>	Christmas Parties
<b>18/12/20</b>	Break-up for Christmas Staggered finish: EYFS and Class 3 finish at 2.20pm Class 1 and 2 finish at 2.30pm
<b>January</b>	
<b>4/1/21</b>	Training Day for staff
<b>5/1/21</b>	School open for the spring term
<b>13/1/21</b>	No after school childcare club due to staff training in Safeguarding
<b>26/1/21</b>	Skip 2 be fit day
<b>February</b>	
<b>12/2/21</b>	Break-up 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