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Dear Parents / Carers

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting Children in Need on Friday. As we all know this is such an important charity that many small organisations in the country rely upon in order to support children through difficult times.

This week is national Anti-bullying week and the week starts with odd socks day. The children will be having lessons about this through the week and if you would like any further information, resources can be found on the following website: <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2020-united-against-bullying>

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 looking at the book ‘Each Peach, Pear, Plum’. We have found all the rhyming words and learnt some of the nursery rhymes, such as ‘Jack and Jill’ and ‘Old Mother Hubbard’. We have sorted shapes into groups and learned about the properties of triangles. We also talked about Remembrance Day and carried out several poppy activities.

Class 1 – In Class 1, we have been looking at the story ‘Little Red Riding Hood’. We have worked hard on using our sounds to help us spell words. In Maths we have been learning about number bonds. On Wednesday we focused on Remembrance and learnt about why people wear poppies.

Class 2 – In Class 2 this week we have begun a short English topic writing instructions on how to bake a ‘Monster Pizza’. Year 4 have begun looking at measure in Maths while Year 3 continue their work on addition and subtraction. Our Geography learning has been about volcanoes and in Science we investigated animal bones.

Class 3 – In Class 3 we have started a new book called, ‘There’s a Boy in the Girl’s Bathroom.’ We have developed our understanding of division and factors. During Music and Computing we have begun to record a musical accompaniment to an animation and we have developed hockey skills in P.E.

Local Authority update: messages from Public Health for parents / carers

On Friday evening, through the Local Authority update, Public Health England have requested that the following messages are passed onto parents / carers:

- Please ensure that you maintain social distancing from others when dropping off and collecting your child from our school. Please follow any guidance issued by us to help with this e.g. only one adult per family should enter school grounds to drop off or collect.
- For those travelling by car we ask that you wait in your car until your specific drop off time. This will reduce the amount of people assembling in and around the school grounds and will help with social distancing.
- We recommend that all parents/carers entering the school premises (and in other congested areas around school premises) wear a face covering in addition to social distancing. This an extra safeguard to reduce the transmission of the virus. Please note that this does not apply to those who are medically exempt.
- You must keep at least two metres apart from other parents/carers at all times. Where you are unable to do so, wear a face covering.

Messages for parents/carers to talk to their children about:

- Limit the number of people they walk to/from school with.
- Please remind your child to leave school in a timely manner to avoid social contacts.
- Please make sure your child attends school in usual uniform with an appropriate coat for winter conditions.
- Please remember the school ‘bubbles’ do not apply outside of school (i.e. children should avoid mixing with friends outside of school, even if they are in the same ‘bubble’ at school).

Message to pass on to parents/carers about self-isolation:

If you are self-isolating:

- Please ensure that if you or a member of your family has Covid symptoms or has been asked to self-isolate (e.g. if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive) that you and your household follow the self-isolation guidelines.
- Please do not send a child to school if they or a member of their household has symptoms, or if they have been asked to self-isolate.

- Please follow the national guidance:

For individuals who have tested positive or who live in the same household as someone who is positive for covid-19: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

For close contacts who do NOT live in the same household:

If you require any further support (e.g. shopping, medication) whilst you are self-isolating please visit <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/help-you-during-coronavirus-covid-19> for further information.

Messages for parents/carers on current lockdown restrictions:

- The new national restrictions can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

In summary:

- You can leave home for education (formal provision, rather than extracurricular classes such as music or drama tuition,) training, registered childcare and children’s activities that are necessary to allow parents/carers to work, seek work, or undertake education or training. Parents can still take their children to school, and people can continue existing arrangements for contact between parents and children where they live apart.
- You and your children must not meet people socially. However, you can exercise or meet in a public, outdoors space with people you live with, your support bubble (or as part of a childcare bubble), or with one other person.
There are several ways that parents and carers can continue to access childcare during the national restrictions <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november#childcare-and-childrens-activities>

Updated government guidance for parents and carers regarding Covid

The government has updated their guidance for parents and carers on what they need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. This update provides information on the national restrictions that came into force on 5 November, the latest advice for clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people and advice on the use of face coverings in education settings. The guidance can be found on the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Christmas Reading Challenge from Thirsk Library – attachment

We are delighted that we can offer all children the chance to take part in our new free reading project the Christmas Reading Challenge that is similar to previous year’s summer reading challenge. It is a great opportunity for all children to participate since it is free and encourages reading. All children have to do is sign up and read 4 books before 23rd December, in return they get a Christmas craft pack and a certificate. The attached letter describes the process for parents/guardians and includes the Registration Form. We would appreciate your help in distributing this information out to families please at a time when we are closed for browsing but are still offering our library services via home deliveries and collection at the library door so the usual way of promoting this activity isn’t available to us and families can’t come and sign up in the library. The Christmas Reading Challenge is a real community effort with sponsorship of the Christmas craft packs coming from Thirsk Rotary with creation done by Thirsk Yarnbombers.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11th 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 School Dinner – Wednesday 16th December

School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch – order in advance

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December. There will be no jacket potato option on that day; this meal will need to be ordered in advance.

Please see the attached letter which must be returned **for all children by Friday 27th November**.



Advance notice

There will be no After School Childcare on **Tuesday 17th November and Wednesday 2nd December** due to whole staff Paediatric First Aid training and also on **Wednesday 13th January 2021** due to whole staff Safeguarding training. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, however due to the nature of the training it is important that every member of staff is up to date in these areas and I do not anticipate any further disruption to the After School Childcare Club in the academic year.

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.

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 carried out some super work on shapes and especially sorting shapes into different groups. Well done, Elodie

Class 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has worked very hard on their phonics and reading. Well done, Willem!

Class 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has used super mathematical language in their explanations. Also, their general happy, smiley demeanour mean they are a joy to have in Class 2. Well done, Isla-Kate!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has listened really carefully to instructions and has an excellent attitude towards learning. Well done, Riley!

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

Diary Dates

November	
w/c 16/11/20	Anti-bullying week – Monday 16 th November odd sock day
17/11/20	No after school childcare club due to staff training in Paediatric First Aid
December	
2/12/20	No after school childcare club due to staff training in Paediatric First Aid
11/12/20	Christmas Jumper Day £1 for Save the Children
16/12/20	Christmas School Dinner
17/12/20	Christmas Parties – further information will follow
18/12/20	Break-up for Christmas 2.30pm
January	
4/1/21	Training Day for staff
5/1/21	School open for the spring term
13/1/21	No after school childcare club due to staff training in Safeguarding
26/1/21	Skip 2 be fit day
February	
12/2/21	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