



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents

Welcome to the new school year! I hope everyone managed to have some relaxing time over the summer?

The children have come to school looking very smart and ready for the new academic year. All the children came into their classrooms cheerfully and settled quickly and there was a calm and purposeful atmosphere in school.

As this is the first newsletter of the year it is lengthy, so I suggest you make yourself a drink, sit down with a calendar or diary and read on!

A newsletter is published every week throughout the school year which is e-mailed via the School Office and uploaded onto our school website. Please ensure that you read them every week as they contain essential up-to-date information. At the end of the newsletter there are diary dates so please do check these weekly. As I wrote in the newsletter on Friday, I am very much looking forward to being the Head Teacher at Dishforth C of E Primary School this year as well as at Dishforth Airfield. I have been at Dishforth Airfield for the past twelve years as Head Teacher and have seen the school through a number of changes and challenges, especially in September 2016 when the school more than tripled in size with a change in regiment. Over eighty new children arrived from twenty different schools – a lot of names to learn! So my personal mission this week is to make sure I know everyone’s name - hopefully by tomorrow!

The two schools already have a close working relationship with many strengths and shared priorities which will enable us to work closely together in order to benefit all the children and the staff. 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

Welcome

A very warm welcome to all the children and families who have joined us over the summer holidays:

Reception (FS2) – Celeste, Polly, Abigail, Rosie, Daisy, Finnian, Elodie, Josephine and Samuel

Year 1 – George and Teddy

Year 2 – Lara and Amelia

Year 3 – Sophie and Isla-Kate

Year 4 - Isobelle

Year 5 – Lily

Year 6 – Harrison

Staffing Update

We warmly welcome Mrs Burgess who is joining our team. Mrs Burgess is an experienced Teaching Assistant who will also be running the Breakfast and After School Childcare Club at school. We are saying goodbye to Mrs Little who has left over the summer for personal reasons. We thank Mrs Little for all her hard work and wish her all the very best for the future.

Home Learning Policy

At our school, we believe that children learn best when parents, the school and children work together in partnership. Home Learning should be a positive experience which is manageable, meaningful and enjoyable for parents, teachers and children.

Reading books will be prioritised this week in school and homework will commence next week. Please refer to the table below regarding homework for each class.

Class	Homework	Homework Given	Collected and Tested
EYFS: FS2 Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speed Sound Books• Daily Reading• Show and Tell task	Daily Daily Weekly	Mrs Chaplin will provide more information in a separate letter.
Year 1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily reading• Spellings• Mental Maths• A weekly task linked to current learning	Daily reading Friday Friday Friday	Daily Friday Friday Thursday
Year 3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily reading• Spellings• Mental Maths• A weekly task linked to current learning	Daily Wednesday Wednesday Wednesday	Daily Wednesday Wednesday Wednesday
Year 5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Reading• Learn by heart maths facts• A weekly task linked to current learning	Monday	Thursday

Year 6

Year 6 children might sometimes have an additional piece of homework. Hand-in dates will be made clear by Mrs Blyton.

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.**

Curriculum Class Newsletters

Paper copies of class newsletters giving information about the topics to be taught this term, homework and PE timetables etc will be sent later this week. The class newsletters will also be uploaded to the school website and will be available for reference for the whole term.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be week commencing the 19th October – further details will follow in due course.

Forthcoming events

In terms of Harvest and Nativity, we know and recognise that these are important events in the school year and we are looking at ways in which we can facilitate these happening under the current circumstances.

School Uniform

The children look very smart in school wearing their uniform – a lot of shiny shoes! Just a reminder about full school uniform:

Boys:

- Charcoal grey trousers (short or long)
- Burnt yellow polo
- Burgundy sweatshirt
- Grey or white socks
- Black shoes

Girls:

- Charcoal grey skirt or trousers or in the summer term, red and white check dress
- Burnt yellow polo
- Burgundy sweatshirt
- White socks or grey tights
- Black shoes with sensible heels.

For indoor PE, all children require, black shorts, a plain white PE t-shirt and black elasticated pumps which should be kept in a small PE bag at school from Monday to Friday each week.

For outdoor games and after school clubs, children in Years 3 to 6 will also need trainers and may wear joggers if they prefer.

In accordance with health and safety advice, children should not wear jewellery or hooded tops in school.

Plain stud earrings may be worn in pierced ears, but must be removed for all PE activities.

Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Before and After School Childcare

Childcare will take place in the new room off the hall. Pick up and drop off will be made from the door on the Astroturf at the rear of the school building. Please follow the one-way system round the building to drop off or collect your child. To keep our children safe, please could you remember to close the gates behind you.

Walking home unaccompanied

Children in Class 3 may want to walk home unaccompanied. If you are happy for your child to do this please could you complete and return the attached form by Friday 18th September. The form is also available on the website.

Playtime Snack

Children in EYFS, Year 1 and 2 receive a free fruit snack every day which is Government funded. Children in Year 3-6 can bring a piece of fruit in from home to keep in the classroom for playtime. I strongly recommend that you send fruit in for children in Year 3-6 as they have a long morning and often need a snack. Please can this be put in their book bag and not their packed lunch box as it is easier for them to access at break time – thank you.

Milk

Children under 5 are entitled to Free Milk. Older children can also receive milk (at a charge) and orders are needed by yourself through the Cool Milk website. Forms are available outside the office in the foyer.

Water Bottles

Children are asked to bring a named water bottle into school every day filled with water. These will be sent home every afternoon for washing.

Advance notice

There will be no After School Childcare on Wednesday 13th January 2021 due to staff training.

To finish, if you have any questions do please contact me at school via email: admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk or I will be outside every day either at the start or end of the school day. Our vision is to be a welcoming, friendly and caring inclusive village school, which is committed to working in partnership with Parents, Governors and the Church to enable pupils to develop a life-long passion for learning.

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

Diary Dates

September	
7/9/20	Training Day
8/9/20	School open for the autumn term – staggered start times
October	
14/10/20	Individual Photograph Day
w/c 19/10/20	Parent / child / teacher consultations
23/10/20	Break-up for October half term
November	
2/11/20	Training Day
3/11/20	School open
December	
16/12/20	Christmas School Dinner
17/12/20	Christmas Parties
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