



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Newsletter 3 Monday 21st September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you all had a restful weekend after the first full week back in school for the children. Today could be the last sunny day for a while so please ensure children have their coats for the rest of the week!

I would like to clarify that I am in school every day however when I am not on site, Mrs Chaplin and Miss Wells support the operational running of the school. Therefore, if you have any queries, please speak to either teacher or leave a message with Mrs Clark in the office.

Class News

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

EYFS – This week we have been learning about where we live. We have looked at a globe and an aerial view of our school. We talked about the different activities we do in our classroom and outdoor area. In maths we have learned about position and enjoyed hiding Geraldine the Giraffe in different places and saying whether she was on top of, under, behind or next to the big box.

Class 1 – This week Class 1 have been learning about primary colours and the art of Piet Mondrian. In Science we have learned about different groups of animals and how we can sort them. Our Maths lessons have focussed on counting and representing numbers.

Class 2 – Class 2 have written letters to special people in our lives, remembering specific memories we have shared with these people. In Science we have begun to investigate different types of enquiry questions to help us understand rocks. Our Maths lessons have focussed on Place Value.

Class 3 – Class 3 have written poetry about our favourite places and blended pastels and chalks to represent the sky and to inspire next week's writing. We have experimented with the different actions we can represent with the sounds produced by a variety of percussion instruments and explored making circuits with bulbs, buzzers and motors.

Parent Survey

Thank you to all the families who have returned the parent survey. I shall be analysing them over the course of this week and taking on board suggestions and comments for future school development.

Virtual Reality – KS2 Friday 25th September

Children in Key Stage 2 are looking forward to a visit from Prime VR on Friday this week where they will be able to experience a virtual reality workshop on Friday 25th September. The children loved this experience last academic year as it is a really exciting and different way of delivering aspects of our curriculum. Year 3/4 will be taking part in 'The Stone Age' reality and Year 5/6 will be taking part in an 'Around the World' reality. We know the children will be really excited to tell you all about it!

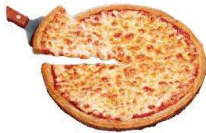
Tips for learning spellings at home

Please find attached with this newsletter a document with a variety of strategies for supporting learning spellings at home.

In addition to this, please find useful information and support on our school website for helping children with their homework.

Special School Dinner – Thursday 1st October

On Thursday 1st October Cook, Mrs Botma, is cooking a special school dinner! Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 can have this for free and children in Nursery and Years 3-6 can order the lunch on the day. The menu is as follows:



Cheese and Tomato Pizza with chips

Vegetable Sticks

Chocolate Brownie



Before and After School Childcare

Before and After School Childcare takes place in the new room off the hall. Pick up and drop off is 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 remember to close the gates behind you.

In order to assist with staffing and food arrangements for this club, if you need a place for your child / children please ensure you book in advance.

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. The form is also available on the website.

Child Flu Immunisation Programme – Tuesday 29th September

Every year, flu kills thousands of people. The school age flu vaccination programme **helps protect children against flu**, which can be a very unpleasant illness and may lead to complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. The flu vaccine also helps to prevent transmission of flu to the wider community, including older family members and new born babies who may have weaker immune systems.

As in previous years, the childhood immunisation team will be visiting schools in North Yorkshire to deliver this programme. The date they are visiting at Dishforth C of E Primary is Tuesday 29th September. The influenza vaccination programme will be offered to **all children of primary school age, Reception to Year 6**, as was the case in 2019. Children in nursery are **NOT** eligible to receive the vaccine.

The immunisation team will only administer the vaccine to child who are on their list, so it is vital if you wish your child to be vaccinated, that you complete the online consent form.

ONLINE CONSENT FORM

The childhood immunisation team have been working with schools and parents to improve the online consent form and they are pleased to announce it is a lot smarter and quicker to complete. Details of how to register your child for a flu vaccine were sent out on Friday. Here is a reminder of the link:

1. Go to <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>
2. Enter the School Code **121487** and click **“Find School”**.
3. **Complete the form** with your child’s information and parent/guardian contact information*.
4. Click the **green “Submit” button**.

*If you provide a **valid email address** you will receive an automatic email confirmation to say your form has been submitted. We will also email you to let you know that your child has been vaccinated in school. If your child has specific medical requirements one of our nurses may need to get in touch before we are due to visit school. We never pass on your contact information to third parties.

Attendance and Covid

At the end of this letter I have attached a simple flow chart to explain what to do if your child is unwell. There is a more detailed flowchart attached from North Yorkshire County Council.

You will also find government advice here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

If your child has a runny nose, a sore throat or a mild cold and doesn’t have underlying medical conditions, then they can still come to school as normal.

Office – Thursdays

Just to ensure all families are aware that on Thursdays there is limited Office cover throughout the day. Mrs Clark is in the office at the start and end of the day on a Thursday but not between 10am and 3:00pm therefore if you have any queries, please avoid this time.

Autumn Term Menu

This term's menu is on our school website and has been emailed to all families. The cost of lunches is £2.70 for children in classes 2 & 3 and £1.90 for nursery children. Children in Reception and Class 1 are eligible for universal free school meals. Please could meals be paid for in advance through ParentPay. Please ask the office if you need a reminder of your log on details.

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.**

Parents Evening

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

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.

Celebration Assembly

Every Friday afternoon the school usually gathers together for a Celebration Assembly – although we are unable to gather together at the moment as a full school, we will still be celebrating in classes and this started on Friday. I had a lovely afternoon visiting the children where they shared work with me and I awarded a special ribbon to someone in each class.

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 shown a super attitude towards everything we have done in our class and they have been a kind friend to everyone. Well done, Samuel!

Year 1 / 2– This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been consistently following the school rules – Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe. Well done, Florence!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has written a beautiful letter to their special person. They used metaphor and great description, really showing how special the person is to them. Well done, Evie K!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed the staff with the improvement in the presentation of their work. Well done, Zach!

Kind regards

J M Lyon, Head Teacher

Diary Dates

September	
29/9/20	Flu Immunisation Day – all primary age children
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
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
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 in Safeguarding

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

