



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Newsletter 5 Monday 5th October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you all had a lovely weekend despite the very wet weather on Saturday. Fingers crossed for a dry week in school!

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 thinking about how we have changed since we were babies. We have enjoyed exploring the Baby clinic in the role play area, looking after the babies, measuring and weighing them. In Forest Schools we went on a conker hunt and explored the Forest School area. All the children showed brilliant skills in independently putting on their all-in-one-suits and welly boots!

Class 1 – In Class 1, children have been working hard on their number skills. Year 1s have been exploring one more and one less than a given number, whilst Year 2s have been exploring more about tens and ones. In art we have learnt about tints and shades. Literacy learning has focused on writing sentences about planet earth.

Class 2 – This week we have used secondary sources to research more about the Stone Age. We used our research to write non-chronological reports on the Stone Age. For RE we went outside to take in and appreciate our beautiful surroundings before writing poetry about it. We have explored comparing and ordering numbers in Maths and in Art with Mrs Appleton we finished our portraits of famous people.

Class 3 – This week we have started a new book looking at the life of refugees. This has inspired art work, descriptive writing and shape poetry. We have recapped and developed addition skills and drawn an annotated diagram of a switch in science. Our Topic time has been spent researching and recording features of the landscape in Eastern Europe.

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.



Individual Photo Morning

On Wednesday 14th October School Photographs are being taken. As with previous years the family photographs are to be taken first from 8.30am, these are for children in school who have siblings who are not at Dishforth school (babies / toddlers). If this applies to you, please come to school for 8.30am to have your children photographed together. Please be aware that you will need to wait outside until called. Only ONE adult will be allowed into school and a face covering must be worn at all times. Individual photographs and siblings who come to this school will be taken during the morning. Unfortunately, this year, if your baby or toddler attends a different school or nursery setting, they will not be able to have their photograph taken.

Please maintain social distancing and use the hand sanitiser available.

Parents Evening

A separate letter regarding Parent / Teacher consultations for this term was sent home last week with the children. Appointment slips will be sent home by the end of this week.

Sporting Events

This term sports competitions will be running differently from usual and will take place within school. Sporting Start have organised an intra school Football competition for KS2 which will take place on the afternoon of 6th October. Could children bring in outdoor PE and football boots (no metal studs) and their own shin pads if possible. There are some shin pads in school for those who don't have their own.

On 13th October Mr Duffy will run a Tri-Golf Tournament as an after-school activity for children to try out. This club is open to all ages but places will be limited as this is a one-off trial event. A letter has been sent out for parents to fill in and return to school.

Forthcoming events.

A letter of consent will be sent home this week for the Harvest and Nativity events this term. Sadly, due to the pandemic, these events will be filmed and placed securely on our school website as opposed to a live performance with families. A password will be sent to parents to view the Harvest Festival and subsequent EYFS Nativity and KS1 Nativity. I would be very grateful if you could send your consent forms back into school by Monday 12th October.

Influenza Vaccination Community Clinics

If your child missed the flu immunisation last week then please refer to the attached poster which has further clinics for children to get immunised at.

Mapping of School Grounds – 9th October

I am delighted to announce that we are getting the grounds of the school mapped this Friday so that we can teach the children orienteering skills.

Parent / Carer Consultation: Parent, Carer and Visitor Behaviour Policy

We believe that our school is a friendly and welcoming place where our children and staff can feel safe. Unfortunately, experience in schools around the County is that instances of aggressive and

inappropriate behaviour by parents and carers are increasing. Due to this unwelcome behaviour, for the wellbeing of our children and staff, we are considering the adoption of a new Parent, Carer and Visitor Behaviour Policy so that everyone is clear what is and what is not acceptable behaviour, and what action the school will take to protect its children and staff if the Policy is not observed. The proposed Policy from the Local Authority is attached to this newsletter.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Before we make any further decision, we are consulting you as a parent or carer of a child at our School and would be very pleased to hear from you with your comments for or against adoption of the Policy by Wednesday 4th November.

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.

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

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 always tries her best, especially with her phonics work and hand writing. Well done, Josephine!

Class 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is helpful – helping other children and adults within school. Well done to, Katie!

Class 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is a kind, and caring friend and class member. She invites children to play and join in and she helps at lunchtime. Well done to, Belle!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been a very supportive partner during P.E. He explained and encouraged really well. Well done to, Alex!

Kind regards

J M Lyon, Head Teacher

Diary Dates

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| October | |
| 6/10/20 | KS2 football |
| 13/10/20 | Tri-golf after school – limited places please return the letter |
| 13/10/20 | 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 |
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| 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 |