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## Newsletter 6 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you have all had an enjoyable weekend - the autumnal colours are beautiful at this time of year.

### **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 weight. We have used the balance scales to compare the weight of different bears. We have read the story of Elmer and thought about how it would feel to be different. In our Forest School session we enjoyed making stickmen, learning to tie knots.

**Class 1** – In Class 1, we have learnt about what animals eat and about the structure of different animals. In P.E. we have practised our running skills.

**Class 2** – This week we have enjoyed investigating the permeability of different soil types and looking into fair testing. We had great fun in our football tournament on Tuesday. Year 4 have begun to work with Roman Numerals whilst Year 3 have looked at addition and subtraction crossing 10. In English we have learnt about subordinate clauses, complex sentences and descriptive writing.

**Class 3** – This week we have also enjoyed the football tournament. We have been developing persuasive language through drama and letter writing. In Maths, we have been practising subtraction and our multiplication tables. During music, we looked at how music is used in animation.

### **Harvest – Food Bank Donations**

This year for Harvest, we will be supporting Ripon Community House Food Support. Food support provides emergency parcels for people in crisis in Ripon, Boroughbridge and the surrounding villages. If you would like to donate dried goods, tinned food or long-life milk then please can you send them into school by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October – there will be a box near the front entrance. Thank you.



### **Individual Photo Morning**

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October School Photographs are being taken. Sadly, we have been informed that the photographer will be unable to take family photographs for children who have siblings that are not at school i.e. (babies / toddlers).



## **Parents Evening**

Appointment slips were sent home at the end of last week. If you have not received yours then please contact the class teacher.

## **Sporting Events**

### **Football**

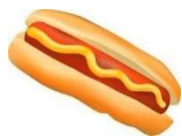
On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, Sporting Start came into school to put on a football tournament for KS2. Class 3 went first and some fantastic skills and sportsmanship were on show. The winning team was made up of: Travis, Riley, George, Alex, Chloe and Savannah. Congratulations to them. Class 2 also displayed some fantastic skills and good team work during their tournament. The winning Class 2 team consisted of: Josh, Thomas, Evie K, Evie M and Alex. Congratulations. Thank you to Jack from Sporting Start who came to run the tournament.

### **Tri-Golf**

Tomorrow, 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 were limited as this is a one-off trial event. Unfortunately the places have now all been filled.

## **Bonfire Special School Dinner on 5<sup>th</sup> November**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November, School Cook is cooking a special school dinner! Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can have this for free and children in Years 3 - 6 can order the lunch on the day. The menu is as follows:



Hot Dog Banger in a Homemade Bread Finger with

Baked Potato Wedges, a Fountain of Beans and Fiery Tri Colour Slaw

followed by

Toffee Apple Crumble Muffin



## **Family Learning Courses**

North Yorkshires Adult Learning and Skills Service is still unable to attend venues to support parents during this time though we do have a strong presence online. Attached is a document that shows a range of free family learning courses which may be of interest to you. These vary from online safety to children's mental health especially with the impact Covid-19 has had on so many in our communities. Parents/carers can enrol onto these courses by going through the following link:

[https://ebsontrackprospect.northyorks.gov.uk/Page/ProspectusList?search\\_TOPIC\\_operator=Equals&search\\_TOPIC\\_type=String&search\\_TOPIC\\_value=FAM](https://ebsontrackprospect.northyorks.gov.uk/Page/ProspectusList?search_TOPIC_operator=Equals&search_TOPIC_type=String&search_TOPIC_value=FAM)

### **Applying for a School Place for September 2021 – Moving from Nursery to Reception**

If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 they are due to start school in 2020-21. The primary school application round is now open and **the deadline to apply is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> November.**

### **Advance notice**

There will be no After School Childcare on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** due to whole staff Paediatric First Aid training and also on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Fundraising Events**

Please see the attached update from Friends of Dishforth School.

## **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 a super attitude towards all of our learning. Well done, Daisy!

**Class 1** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is always working hard in class. Well done, Harriet!

**Class 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone for all their hard work this week and their enthusiasm towards all of their learning. Well done, Jack!

**Class 3** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for excellent speaking, listening and turn-taking during class discussions. Well done, Perseas!

Kind regards

J M Lyon, Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>October</b>	
<b>13/10/20</b>	Tri-golf after school – limited places
<b>14/10/20</b>	Individual Photograph Day
<b>w/c 19/10/20</b>	Parent / child / teacher consultations
<b>23/10/20</b>	Break-up for October half term
<b>November</b>	
<b>2/11/20</b>	Training Day
<b>3/11/20</b>	School open
<b>17/11/20</b>	No after school childcare club due to staff training in Paediatric First Aid
<b>December</b>	
<b>2/12/20</b>	No after school childcare club due to staff training in Paediatric First Aid
<b>16/12/20</b>	Christmas School Dinner
<b>17/12/20</b>	Christmas Parties
<b>18/12/20</b>	Break-up for Christmas 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

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