



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents / Carers

It's the end of a very busy half term on Friday at 3.15pm. I hope you all have a super week off and are able to have a well-deserved rest! We shall look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd November as there is a training day on Monday 2nd November for staff.

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 reading and retelling the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and we have made a story map to help us with this. In our maths we have started to learn about numbers and we enjoyed making our own 'Three Land'. We have also been practising our song for Harvest.

Class 1 – In Class 1, we have been looking at maps and our route to school. We have also collected data about how we travel to school. Children have been enjoying their P.E. lessons and learning lots of new games!

Class 2 – This week we have enjoyed drawing self-portraits in our Art lesson. We have investigated using a timeline in History using some of our maths learning to look at more recent and older events. Our maths learning has taken us to look at larger numbers and methods to add and subtract them using exchanging. We have also worked on our Harvest assembly.

Class 3 – This week in Class 3 we have focused on describing the setting of our story. We have been practising written multiplication tables. During science, we made a box to cut out light and then used a light meter to see how bright a bulb was as we increased the number of cells in our electrical circuit.

Harvest – Food Bank Donations and School Film

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. Thank you for your donations.

The school Harvest film will be uploaded to the website later this week. An email with the password will be sent to you in due course.



Welcome

A very warm welcome to our new staff member, Miss Law. Miss Law will be running the After School Club from November and she is also supporting play at lunchtimes as well as being a Teaching Assistant in Class 1 on an afternoon.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening appointments take place this week. If you have an appointment in school, please wait outside the classroom until the teacher brings you inside and use the hand sanitiser available. Face coverings need to be worn. Thank you.

Bonfire Special School Dinner on 5th November

On Thursday 5th 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



Nursery Places at Dishforth C of E Primary School

Welcome to Nursery



This is the time of year when parents with three and four year old children start to consider where they would like to send their children to school in the following September. Please can you make your family and friends aware that we are still offering visits to see our Early Years unit and these visits can be arranged by contacting the school office.

In order to help us with our forward planning, we would also be grateful if parents with younger children could give us an indication of when they expect their children to join our nursery or reception class. All children are able to access 15 hours of funded nursery sessions from the term after their 3rd birthday. 30 hours of funded sessions are also available if you meet the criteria (based on number of hours worked). We also provide parents with the option to pay for sessions for children who have turned three but do not qualify for funded sessions yet (e.g. for a child born in May, who would not qualify for funding until the September, we could offer sessions during the summer term, but these would need to be paid for). Nursery children are also able to attend our Before and After School club if extended care is needed. Please could you contact the school office with this information.

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 15th January 2021.

Applying for a School Place for September 2021- Moving from Primary to Secondary

Secondary school applications for September 2021 – Deadline 31 October 2020

Please can parents of Year 6 pupils apply for a secondary school place by 31 October 2020 - this can be done online at www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Message from Thirsk School to prospective Year 7 children and parents

There will be a live question and answer session on our Thirsk School & Sixth Form College Facebook page on Wednesday 21st October, 5pm-6pm. Miss Lambden (Headteacher), Ms Marston (Head of Lower School) and Mrs Elliott (SENCo) will be available to answer any queries you may have.

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.

Parking outside school

Please could I remind parents who bring their children to breakfast club and school by car, to park with consideration to other road users, residents and pedestrians. We are receiving complaints from residents of Grange Close about people at breakfast club and school dropping off and pick up times, parking across driveways, on pavements, in the turning area outside the school gates and too close to, or opposite junctions. Don't forget, walking is good exercise for parents and children alike!

Fundraising

The school staff are working together to produce a wish list of resources we would love to have in school that would benefit all the children. We are so grateful for the help and support from the school community

A huge thank you to Kingsley's family, especially Dan Lonsdale and Alison Donaldson for selling Lego men throughout the year in a fundraising capacity. I'm delighted to announce that the family have raised £880 for the school!

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 as 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.

Here is the link to join our Virtual Fair - [Friends of School Virtual Christmas Fair](#)

Children in Need – Friday 13th November

We will be supporting Children in Need day on Friday 13th November, so if you 'spot' any of the fundraising items on sale and want to buy in advance please feel free to do so. Children will get a chance to wear/use them on the day in school as we are holding a non-uniform day and ask that children bring in £1 donation.



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 shows lots of imagination in their creations in the making area. Well done, Rosie!

Class 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who always puts in 100% effort into everything they do. Well done, Daniel!

Class 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who always shows great enthusiasm towards their learning and always respects our school rules of ready, respectful and safe. Well done, Louis!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has done very good independent recording in Topic and Science work. Well done, Florence!

Kind regards

J M Lyon, Head Teacher

Diary Dates

October	
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
13/11/20	Non-uniform day for Children in Need - £1 donation
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