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Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you all enjoyed the half term week despite the wild, windy, wet weather. There is much to look forward to in school over the forthcoming weeks as the children continue their learning and prepare for the run up to Christmas.

Class News

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

EYFS – Last week the children in EYFS were learning about autumn. We looked at all the different coloured leaves we could see. We enjoyed reading the story of Leaf Man and following his adventures when he got blown by the wind. We made our own Leaf Men out of leaves we collected.

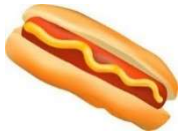
Class 1 – Class 1 have enjoyed learning about the human body in their science lessons. Children learnt about the parts of the body and used books and the internet to find out interesting facts. Using this information, children wrote their own human body fact books. We have also been working hard on our handwriting making sure all our letters are formed correctly and sit on the line. In R.E children have been learning about Mosques and have begun to design and make their own.

Class 2 – Thank you for all of your hard work last week. In English we looked at writing the climax to our Stone Age stories. Our Maths work was based on Addition and Subtraction problems. In Geography we looked more closely at Sri Lanka and created colourful posters all about the country and in Science we looked at classifying different types of animals. I look forward to welcoming you all back into Class 2 this week.

Class 3 – During Remote Learning, Class 3 students created and described a sea monster. They then planned and wrote a 'Terrible Tale of the Sea' with their sea monster as a main character. We are looking forward to sharing these short stories back in class. On the theme of the sea, for art, they made a picture of the sea after having looked at examples of famous artists' work. We will add these to our class art gallery. There was a lot of great learning done in maths about multiples, factors and prime numbers.

Bonfire Special School Dinner on Thursday 5th November

On Thursday, 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



Monthly online safety newsletter

Please find attached an online safety newsletter that school will be sending out to parents / carers on a monthly basis with advice and support in keeping children safe online.

In addition to this, there is also a Parental Controls booklet that you may find useful as a guide at home when setting up devices and looking at different apps.

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.



New school website

We are currently in the process of designing a new school website which is due to go live this half term – further details will follow in due course.



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.**

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.

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 and a huge thank you to Mrs Lynch for organising these events.

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 when 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. **There are 45 stalls and anyone can start shopping now!**

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

Community News

Please find attached to this newsletter information from the Adult Learning and Skills Service outlining courses which start this month.

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 for trying hard with all her work and especially in maths, where she has done some super counting up to 10. Well done, Celeste!

Class 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been working hard in phonics and has made good progress in learning sounds. Well done, Amelia!

Class 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has worked very hard, particularly with their fantastic French singing and the amount of writing they have been doing. Well done, Dacian!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has carried out careful and creative remote learning with their maths and adventure story about a sea monster. Well done, Gracie!

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

Diary Dates

November	
2/11/20	Training Day
3/11/20	School open
13/11/20	Non-uniform day for Children in Need - £1 donation
w/c 16/11/20	Anti-bullying week
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 – further information will follow
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