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**Newsletter 13 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Dear Parents / Carers

There are many events to look forward to over the next two weeks so please read this newsletter carefully to check for dates and times as there is a lot of information regarding the festive period.

A reminder that on Friday it is Christmas Jumper Day where the children can wear a Christmas jumper for a £1 donation for Save the Children instead of their school jumper.

### **Class News**

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

**EYFS** – This week in EYFS we have been starting to think about Christmas. We made a class advent calendar and practised writing numbers up to 24. We have enjoyed opening our advent books each day and listening to Christmas stories. We have also been rehearsing our Nativity play.

**Class 1** – This week in Class 1, we have enjoyed learning about houses from the past. Children have compared a Victorian house to a Viking Longhouse and we have developed our skills in chronology. We have also been busy rehearsing our Nativity play 'The Very Hopeless Camel'.

**Class 2** – This week has been assessment week in school. In our Maths lessons at the end of the week we have begun our learning on multiplication. In English we have looked at understanding character development. Our Science work this week saw us design Christmas games by re-directing light with mirrors. In Geography we learned about tornadoes.

**Class 3** – Alongside assessments in Class 3, we have made party invitations written in French and in Science we made different sized parachutes to investigate gravity and air resistance. We have written about the development of British railways in English and in DT we continued making our electrical devices to detect oncoming (toy) traffic.

### School Council – charity for school to support

The School Council have chosen a local charity to support at Christmas, Thirsk Community Works and they felt that it would be a good idea for each class to have a theme of foods / toiletries for donating. Please see the table below:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Theme</b>
<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Drinks: tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, long life milk, squash</b>
<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Toiletries: soap, toothpaste, shower gel, tooth brushes, roll on deodorant</b>
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Tinned foods: salmon, tuna, sardines, soup, tinned meals, baked beans, chopped tomatoes</b>
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>Dried foods: cereal, rice, pasta, powdered custard, powdered mashed potato</b>

If you can help, please bring into school an item for the theme between Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, then on the last week of term the food and toiletries will be delivered.

### Sporting Events

Tomorrow, we have Sporting Start in school running some competitions. In the morning, they are running a Key Stage 2 archery competition. Please ensure that your child has an outdoor PE kit and a warm coat available on that day. During the afternoon there will be a Key Stage 1 football tournament again, please can you make sure that warm outdoor PE kit is in school for the afternoon for those children as well. We are very grateful to Mrs Taylor and Sporting Start for giving us the opportunity to experience competitive sporting events during this time.



## **Christmas Events 2020**

We have much to look forward to over the next two weeks as we head towards the festive season and I would like to share with you what we have planned.

### Christmas Jumper Day – this Friday



On Friday, we are taking part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. For a £1 donation to the charity, children can come to school in a Christmas jumper – this can be a decorated jumper or a bought one. Your donation can be made through ParentPay.

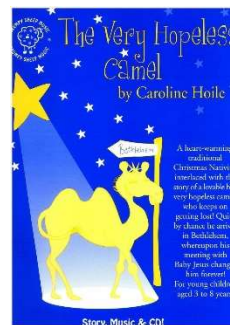
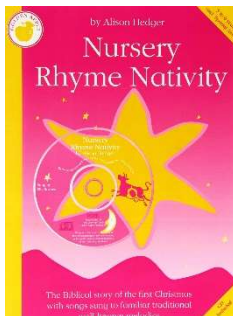
## Christmas Cards

Children can bring their Christmas cards into school for special Dishforth delivery! Please can children bring their cards into school on a Monday or Tuesday and then they will be delivered at the end of the week in line with current COVID guidance.

## Nativity Plays

There are two Nativity plays this year, one by EYFS called 'Nursery Rhyme Nativity' and Class 1 are presenting the Nativity through the story of 'The Very Hopeless Camel'.

Both Nativity plays will be filmed and sent to families on the last week of term.



## School Christingle

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, every child in the school will make a Christingle and we will have our own outdoor Christingle Service towards the end of the afternoon on the school playground. Please ensure your child/ren has a warm coat, hat and gloves next Monday so they are prepared for any weather!



## Virtual Pantomime

The children will enjoy a virtual pantomime on the last week of term with the date and time to be decided by the class teachers. Older children will watch 'Best Christmas Ever!' and the youngest children will see a pantomime of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.

## Christmas School Dinner

**School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch – this needed to be ordered in advance and the deadline has passed.**

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.



## **Christmas Party afternoon – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**



On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, the children will have their Christmas Party in class bubbles. Please can children come to school wearing their uniform and bring their party clothes in a named bag to change into after lunchtime. As in previous years, we are asking for a donation of £1 towards the party food. This can be made through ParentPay. Thank you.

## **Break-up for Christmas – staggered finish – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, school closes early for Christmas. In line with current guidance this will need to be a staggered finish therefore EYFS and Class 3 will finish at 2.20pm and Class 1 and 2 will finish at 2.30pm. As with the current system, siblings can be picked up at the earlier time.

### **Homework**

Homework will be given to the children on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December to be handed in the following week. Homework will resume the first week back in January.

## **Emergency Procedure for School Closure – weather related / loss of utilities**

It is rare, however there are occasions where it has been necessary to close schools because of inclement weather, no electricity or because of lack of heating, so I would like to bring to your attention the procedures I will follow if this event occurs now that we are heading towards winter:

- A notice will be posted on the school Facebook page
- An email will be sent to all families
- County Hall will be informed.

Hopefully, this will not happen but I feel it is better to be prepared.

**Please always assume school is open unless you hear via any of the above methods. Please do not phone the school to ask if we are open as we may need to keep the line clear in order to contact staff. Please check on the school Facebook page and check emails.**

**Learning would be sent home via the class email system.**

## **Mid-Day Supervisory Assistant Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for an MSA. If you would be interested in the role, please see our advert on [www.northyorks.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/jobs)

## Friends of Dishforth School – upcoming events

### SELF PORTRAIT SCHOOL TEA TOWEL

These are a lovely keepsake or gift for Christmas!

We are delighted to say the Tea Towels have arrived, they feature all our children and staff's faces drawn by the children. It is a large Tea Towel on natural material and cost £4 each.

If you have already ordered your Tea Towels with Friends of School then they have been reserved for you but still require payment via ParentPay. We believe these are going to sell out, so please complete your ParentPay purchase as soon as possible.

Each Wednesday and Friday there will be a table at the front of school where the paid for Tea Towels can be collected from. Please note this is collection only – no payments can be made in cash, only via ParentPay. If you need the Tea Towels earlier please just let Mrs Lynch or the office know and we can sort that for you.

A huge thank you to Mrs Lynch for co-ordinating this!

### 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](mailto: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](#)

### **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 written some super writing about the Big Bad Wolf. Well done, Daisy!

**Class 1** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been working really hard on her reading. Well done, Chloe!

**Class 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has consistently high standards and puts in a huge amount of effort at all times. Well done, Thomas!

**Class 3** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has used their talents by leading the class singing and also for their great attitude at all times. Well done, Ophelia!

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>December</b>	
<b>8/12/20</b>	Sporting competitions: KS2 morning archery KS1 afternoon football Warm outdoor kit needed for all children.
<b>11/12/20</b>	Christmas Jumper Day £1 for Save the Children
<b>14/12/20</b>	School Christingle
<b>16/12/20</b>	Christmas School Dinner
<b>17/12/20</b>	Christmas Parties
<b>18/12/20</b>	Break-up for Christmas Staggered finish: EYFS and Class 3 finish at 2.20pm Class 1 and 2 finish at 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
<b>26/1/21</b>	Skip 2 be fit day
<b>February</b>	
<b>12/2/21</b>	Break-up half term

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