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Dear Parents / Carers

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break.

The announcement last night of the closure of primary schools for the next six weeks was something we were not expecting as it had been made clear over the last few weeks that primary schools would remain open. It is different planning and delivering work to children remotely as opposed to a classroom environment and I would like to thank the staff in adapting this at incredibly short notice after already planning the half term for being in school.

Work in the event of a closure

The teacher will set work for their class and this will be sent through the class email. A range of resources and learning activities will be provided as there has been previously. The learning will be appropriate to the age and stage of development the child/ren are working at.

The class email is to support everyone in having a direct communication with the class teacher and support staff to ensure children access their learning, understand their learning and can receive support if needed as well as feedback.

Resource Packs

A resource pack was made for each child and given out in November – these now need to be used as outlined by the teacher.

Communication between home and school in the event of a closure

We, as a school, need to know that you have received the learning and that your child understands what they have to do during the day. Staff then need to see completed work and give feedback. However, I do recognise and understand that every family has different circumstances and if children are at home learning, families will do what they can and will send work back at a convenient time. All I would like to ensure is that you have a 'check in' with your child's teacher so that we know everything with your child/ren is alright in terms of their well-being and that they are accessing learning.

Government guidance for remote learning:

When teaching pupils remotely, we expect schools to:

- › set assignments so that pupils have meaningful and ambitious work each day in a number of different subjects
- › set work that is of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school, and as a minimum:
- › primary: 3 hours a day, on average, across the school cohort
- › secondary: 4 hours a day, with more for pupils working towards formal qualifications this year
- › provide frequent, clear explanations of new content, delivered by a teacher or through high-quality curriculum resources or videos
- › have systems for checking, at least weekly, whether pupils are engaging with their work, and inform parents immediately where engagement is a concern
- › gauge how well pupils are progressing through the curriculum using questions and other suitable tasks, and provide feedback, at least weekly, using digitally facilitated or whole-class feedback where appropriate
- › enable teachers to adjust the pace or difficulty of what is being taught in response to questions or assessments, including, where necessary, revising material or simplifying explanations to ensure pupils' understanding

Class News

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families – the following news is from the last week of the autumn term:

EYFS – This week in EYFS we have been very busy getting ready for Christmas this week. We enjoyed learning songs and making Christingles for the Christingle Service. We designed our own Christmas cards, printing Christmas shapes and using lots of glitter! On Thursday morning we all helped to prepare for the party, making place mats and party hats. We have all had a super week!

Class 1 – This week in Class 1, we have enjoyed making Christingles and learning about what each part represents. In Maths we have been learning about 3D shapes and their properties. Children have enjoyed making cards and Christmas crafts!

Class 2 – In Class 2 we have had a wonderful week. On Monday we made Christingles and took part in a whole school Christingle Service outside. We have also made our own Christmas Eve boxes and enjoyed using the saws and glue guns. We have also made our Christmas cards and Lowry inspired calendars.

Class 3 – This week Class 3 enjoyed making Christingles and being part of the Service. We have also enjoyed experimenting with printing techniques to make our calendars. Our major focus of the week has been developing computer animations of moving steam trains with added sound.

Friends of Dishforth School

SELF PORTRAIT SCHOOL TEA TOWEL

The tea towels made £228. There are a few tea towels remaining if anyone would like to buy one – please contact Mrs Clark on the admin email.

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR 2020

£225 has been raised through the virtual Christmas Fair.

A huge thank you to Mrs Lynch for co-ordinating the events and to all who have supported school.

Celebration Assembly

On Friday afternoon, we have our Celebration Assembly. On the 18th December the following children were given our weekly ribbons;



Ribbons

EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has done super work in reading by learning all the sounds and is blending with confidence. Well done, Elodie!

Class 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has carried out excellent work on multiplication facts. Well done, Kingsley!

Class 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who always maintains high standards in their work and has produced a very nice Christmas Eve box. Well done, Grace!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has produced high quality science work and has excellent behaviour in class as well as providing peer support. Well done, Lola!

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

Diary Dates

January	
4/1/21	Training Day for staff
13/1/21	No after school childcare club due to staff training in Safeguarding
February	
12/2/21	Half term break begins

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