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Dear Parents / Carers

It looks like we are set for another chilly week with the weather after a frosty weekend! I've included quite a bit of information on this week's newsletter so please take your time to have a good read through as it is Children's Mental Health week this week and also Safer Internet Day tomorrow.

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 continued to look at The Gingerbread Man book. We have written speech bubbles and thought bubbles to show what the Gingerbread Man said as he was running away and to show what the fox was thinking when he saw the Gingerbread Man. In maths we have been looking at the numbers 6, 7 and 8. We have looked at the number bonds to make these numbers using different equipment. We continued to develop our programming skills in IT, directing the Gingerbread Man around a grid. In school our nursery children helped Mrs Hainsworth to make ginger scented playdough.

Class 1 – This week, Class 1 have continued reading Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram. Children have explored the thoughts and feelings of characters and they have used their knowledge of the story to write in role as Bob. Children have learnt about compound sentences and how to use a range of sentence openers. In topic we have been learning about astronaut Neil Armstrong. In R.E we have been thinking about the question: What do songs tell us about God and the belief of Christians? Children listened to a range of songs to help them to answer this question.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 we have learnt all about the Battle of Britain. We imagined we were eye-witnesses during an air raid and wrote all about the sights, sounds and smells of the air raid. This work fit nicely with our English work where we imagined we were at the funfair where Wilbur was being judged. We imagined what we could see, feel, smell and taste in a funfair and then designed our own. We have had some fantastic models sent in, made from Lego, plasticine or drawn. I have been really impressed. In Science this week we discussed whether we thought gases like carbon dioxide had a weight and following our investigation we were surprised to find out they did.

Class 3 – In Class 3, we have calculated the area of increasingly difficult shapes during maths. We have used Scratch to improve our computer programming skills. We have found out about Death Valley and compared living there to living in North Yorkshire. During science sessions, we are exploring why plants need light and we have written instructions to set up investigations. We have

found out about the work of Christian Aid in RE. We did an online drumming lesson in music and explored how colour can depict feelings during our art session.

COVID over February half term

If your child has been attending school and develops COVID symptoms over the weekend of the 13th and 14th February which then leads to a positive COVID test result, then you must inform school on this dedicated email:

COVID19@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk

Please include the following information:

- Name of child and class they are in
- Date symptoms began
- Evidence of the positive result (email notification)

COVID Testing in Primary Schools for school staff

COVID testing for primary school staff began last week as part of a national testing programme. Staff are tested twice a week using the lateral flow test. Please be mindful that if there is a positive case, then bubbles of children in school would need to isolate if they have been a contact. If this does occur, there would be very little notice given to families.

Children's Mental Health Week

This year Children's Mental Health Week by Place2Be is celebrating with the theme of Express Yourself! It is so important to remind children to find ways for them to express who they are, and how they are feeling as we know feeling good and functioning well is at the very heart of our wellbeing. Every child and young person is special and unique and this Children's Mental Health Week is a great time to remind them of that.

The Children's Mental Health Week website have a wealth of resources for families and schools -to access the resources please click on the link below.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 9th February

Safer Internet Day 2021 will be celebrated in the UK with the theme:

An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world

This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day explores reliability online. The internet has an amazing range of information and opportunities online, but how do we separate fact from fiction? Safer Internet Day will be celebrated globally with the slogan: Together for a better internet.

The children will be exploring this further during the week through their learning and further resources, information and materials can be found on the following website:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2021>

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this newsletter, February's online safety newsletter.

Positive Parenting Course

Please click on the link below if you are interested in this nurturing 5-week programme. The course looks at the challenges of being parents and share tips and advice. There is a focus on family rules, what is age appropriate and how to encourage everyone to follow them. In addition to this, the course looks at how we praise positive behaviour at home and how this is rewarded and much more.

https://ebsontrackprospect.northyorks.gov.uk/Page/Prospectus_CourseOverview?uio_id=12102

Menu change: Thursday 11th February Chinese New Year

Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice

Carrots and Peas

Mandarin Jelly and Ice cream



Thirsk Library – information for families

We have hundreds of books on our shelves (from board, picture, early readers to full teenage novels) which should be in people's homes, available for loan. Either our volunteers can select a book bundle for collection at the door or we can deliver.

We can also help those struggling with online learning due to a lack of facilities. Families can also access our free IT and printing services by booking a computer if they don't have access to wi-fi or IT equipment at home for home schooling. Bookings can be made either by phone 01609 534589 or email: library@thirskcommunitylibrary.org.uk

We have started a jigsaw loan and have over 80 jigsaws that can be borrowed for a 4-week period, which is something to help the boredom and keep people active, ranging from children's to adult 1000 pieces. In the next couple of weeks, we shall be launching a virtual Lego Club too.

AT HOME or CLICK & COLLECT

Can't get out or haven't time to come to the library? Why not get our books, jigsaws, audiobooks, music and DVDs delivered to you by our team of volunteer drivers? Or our volunteers will choose books for you and your family to collect.

1. Contact us on **01609 534589** or email: library@thirskcommunitylibrary.org.uk
2. Discuss books, authors you and your children like or dislike. NEW: we have jigsaws for all ages to loan now: £1/4 weeks & 50p/children's jigsaws.

3. Receive your books delivered by our friendly volunteers at an agreed time and keep for as long as you need. No fees or fines. Contact us when you need new ones.

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DfE: Lockdown lunches and meal plans

Change4Life have created recipes and shopping lists for families which can be used to create lunches for around £15 each week. We have been asked to share this information with parents/carers.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas>

Healthy Minds website

Please find a link to the Go To website newsletter which provides some useful information about the 'healthy minds' website for North Yorkshire for young people, professionals and parents/carers

As part of the development of the website they have developed 3 short 'walkthrough' videos to help you have a greater understanding of the website and how to navigate more easily through The Go-To website. Each video guides you through a different sections of the website. You can take a look at the videos [here](#).

There are short videos about:

- The home page
- The young peoples' pages (this would be good to share / promote with secondary aged young people)
- The parents / professionals page (this may be good to signpost both staff and parents/carers to watch to increase their understanding of what the website can offer)

Welcome to The Go-To Newsletter

Click [here](#) to view the January edition of the newsletter.

The Go-To
For healthy minds in North Yorkshire

The Go-To website is the home of wellbeing and mental health for young people in North Yorkshire.

We're here to signpost young people, parents, carers and professionals to the right help and support.

Visit www.thegoto.org.uk

The banner features a stylized illustration of a diverse group of people: a man in a red shirt, a woman in a blue dress, a child in a yellow shirt, and a woman in a wheelchair. The background is orange with a white wave at the bottom and decorative purple and orange symbols (a plus sign and circles).

Celebration Assembly

The following children have been awarded our weekly ribbons;



Ribbons

EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has produced some super writing based on her interests at home. Well done, Josephine!

Class 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been working really hard on her Maths learning. Well done, Charlotte!

Class 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has inventive presentation skills and a consistent high standard to his work. Well done, Joshua!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked really hard on their writing which included a great combination of long and short sentences, fronted adverbials and a range of correctly placed punctuation. Well done, Jack!

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

Diary Dates

February	
9/2/21	Safer Internet Day
12/2/21	Break-up half term – school closed
22/2/21	School open
March	
4/3/21	Thursday 4 th March – World Book Day – dress up as a character from a book
26/3/21	Break-up Easter holidays at 2.30pm
April	
12/4/21	Training Day
13/4/21	School open for the summer term
May	
3/5/21	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
13/5/21	Skip 2 Be Fit Day
28/5/21	Break-up May half-term
June	
7/6/21	School open
July	
19/7/21	School Reports home
21/7/21	Leavers' Assembly
23/7/21	School closes for summer holidays at 2.30pm
September	
6/9/21	Training Day
7/9/21	School open for the autumn 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