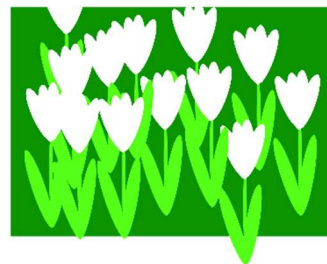




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## Newsletter 27 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you had a lovely weekend and were able to take advantage of the beautiful weather we are enjoying at the moment.

### 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 started our new topic on Africa. We have enjoyed starting to look at our new book *Anna Hibiscus' Song*, learning about Anna's life in *Amazing Africa*. We have found out what yams are and have had a go at pounding yams. We have been learning the air sound and have set up a hairdresser's role play area. In maths we have learned how to make the teen's numbers using Numicon, and have been practicing ordering numbers up to 20.

**Class 1** – Class one has been reading and writing nature poem. Children have worked hard to learn a poem off by heart and have worked in groups to write nature poems. In science we have begun our learning about plants. Children have learnt about the different parts of a plant and their functions. They have also planted a range of vegetables which we are looking forward to watching them grow.

**Class 2** – This week in Class 2 we have all settled really well into the new term. We have really enjoyed building simple circuits in science this week, adding bulbs and buzzers to check our circuits are complete. In English we have begun writing a diary entry, writing in role as our characters from the play, imagining how they would feel at the outbreak of World War 2. Year 4 have been looking at increasingly complex problems using decimals this week while year 3 have continued their work on fractions. In our art work with Mrs Appleton we looked at adding silhouettes to a painted jungle background.

**Class 3** – This week we have begun our topic about Viking life by developing our own timelines and we have started learning a song for our Macbeth musical. We have been learning about timetables and angles in maths and examining and composing love letters during literacy. During art and design, we made blankets in the style of Gustav Klimt's picture, 'The Kiss', using cotton fabric which we overlaid with a wide variety of art materials including paint, pastel, fabric and beads.

### **School Uniform**

A polite reminder that children need to wear school shoes as part of their uniform. In summer, girls can wear red checked dresses. Again, school shoes are part of the summer uniform as opposed to sandals or flip flops. Children still need practical footwear for school that protects their feet and allows them to move / run about safely.

### **Sun Cream**

Please can I ask parents to ensure the children have sun cream applied to them before they come to school in the morning when the forecast is due to be sunny and also please do send into school a bottle of sun cream labelled with your child's name on it so that they can apply it when necessary over the summer months – thank you.

### **Library Donations**

School has kindly continued to receive donations from families, people in the local community and businesses to support the development of the school library. As many of you know, we are working on expanding the number of non-fiction books we have in school and our aspiration is to have a full lending library in place for the children. This would require all the books to be catalogued under the Dewey system and recorded on library software. As I am sure you will appreciate, this is a costly project and if any families would like to support this project directly, then please get in touch with us for further information at:

[admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk)

### **Celebration Assembly**

The following children were awarded our weekly ribbons just before the Easter break;



#### **Ribbons**

**EYFS** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their super attitude to all learning, especially completing lots of this week's challenges. Well done, Polly!

**Class 1** – This week the ribbon goes to someone for their excellent group reading work. Well done, Lara!

**Class 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone for their excellent work in English this week. They have worked really hard and their work in grammar, identifying the characteristics of writing in the first, second and third person, was fantastic. Well done Lilly B!

**Class 3** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their excellent listening skills and their thought-provoking contributions to our class discussions. Well done, Zach!

### Cleaner/Caretaker Vacancy

Facilities Management are looking to appoint a cleaner/caretaker at the school, please see their attached advertisement.

### Request for unwanted mobiles

In order to further enhance our learning, we would like to explore the possibility of creating some VR headsets for use in the classroom. To do this, we will require a number of used/unwanted mobile phones - these do not have to function as a phone (the SIM card must be removed for security/privacy purposes, as will any personal details etc), but the phone must be able to connect to the internet. If you have an old mobile phone and you feel able to donate it to school, then please leave it in the box, situated just outside the front entrance to school.

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

### Diary Dates

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| <b>April</b>     |   |
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| <b>May</b>       |   |
| <b>3/5/21</b>    | May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed     |
| <b>13/5/21</b>   | Skip 2 Be Fit Day                           |
| <b>28/5/21</b>   | Break-up May half-term                      |
| <b>June</b>      |   |
| <b>7/6/21</b>    | School open                                 |
| <b>July</b>      |   |
| <b>19/7/21</b>   | School Reports home                         |
| <b>21/7/21</b>   | Leavers' Assembly                           |
| <b>23/7/21</b>   | School closes for summer holidays at 2.30pm |
| <b>September</b> |   |
| <b>6/9/21</b>    | Training Day                                |
| <b>7/9/21</b>    | School open for the autumn term             |

I will be in each school every day as follows:

| Day       | Monday                      | Tuesday                     | Wednesday                   | Thursday                    | Friday                      |
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| Morning   | Dishforth<br>Airfield       | Dishforth C of E<br>Primary | Dishforth<br>Airfield       | Dishforth C of E<br>Primary | Dishforth<br>Airfield       |
| Afternoon | Dishforth C of E<br>Primary | Dishforth<br>Airfield       | Dishforth C of E<br>Primary | Dishforth<br>Airfield       | Dishforth C of E<br>Primary |