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## Newsletter 29 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

It looks like we are going to have a wet week weather wise this week so please ensure children have a coat with them!

### Welcome

A very warm welcome to Bobby, Bibi and Denny who have joined our school family today in Year 1 and Nursery.

### Class News

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

**EYFS** – This week we have enjoyed reading the story of Handa’s Surprise. We have explored all the different types of fruit that Handa took to her friend, including squeezing oranges to make juice for snack time. We have talked about healthy eating. We made a story map of Handa’s Surprise and have practised retelling the story in order, in preparation for story writing next week. In maths we have been thinking about shape and spatial awareness.

**Class 1** – This week class 1 have been learning about continents. They have learnt to locate these on a world map and have begun to create an information book about each one. In P.E children have continued to work on developing their tennis skills. They have been learning how to hold a racket correctly, throw underarm and hit the ball.

**Class 2** – In Class 2 this week we have looked closely at a variety of war time poetry and developed our understanding of the vocabulary used. We made switches and added them into our circuits in our science lesson and in RE we looked at how the 5 pillars of Islam guide Muslims through their journey of life. On Tuesday we investigated the social hierarchy of the Shang Dynasty and looked in depth at how each group of people lived.

**Class 3** – In Class 3 we have experimented to differentiate soils by their permeability and their ph. We found out about how Danegeld was used during Viking invasions to try to keep the Vikings away and we learnt how to say more of our hobbies in French. We did our first read through of our Macbeth play script and explored the characters of the three witches through art and descriptive language. We have been learning the third of the songs for our Macbeth musical: ‘Temptation’ which has a swing/blues style. Within this, we have enjoyed trying vocal improvisation by ‘scat’ singing - using nonsense words such as doo-be-doo, bad-u-wa.

### **Parliament Workshop – Class 3**

On Thursday Class 3 are going to take part in a live virtual workshop to learn about UK Parliament and its work.

### **Passport of Experiences**

A huge thank you to families who have returned their ideas for our passport of experiences – the range of ideas are superb. The aim of these experiences is to enhance our curriculum in school and the children will complete the passports in school throughout their time with us. If families have any further ideas for experiences, please return the form by Friday.

### **Advance Notice – start and end of school day timings**

It is hoped that during the second half of the summer term, restrictions around social distancing will be lifted with an anticipated date of the 21<sup>st</sup> June. If all goes to plan and this turns out to be the case, we would hopefully be able to have one start and finish time in the school day instead of the current staggered system.

Therefore, when schools are allowed to cease with the staggered system, the start time at Dishforth CE Primary will be 8.45am and the school day will finish at 3.15pm. I will of course keep you informed with the exact date this will be implemented as the term progresses and we are all hoping it will be from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

### **End of key stage assessments – Year 2 and Year 6**

As you will be aware, the national curriculum assessments due to be held in summer 2021, including tests for children in Year 2 and Year 6 and also the Year 1 phonics screening check, have been cancelled.

Assessment in school happens all the time - during every lesson, teachers are assessing how the children are meeting the objectives set and they keep records of this throughout the year that capture this formative assessment. In addition to this, every term in line with the school's assessment policy, children take a summative assessment in reading and maths which is used to support judgements.

Children in Years 2 and 6 will continue to be assessed as they have been throughout the year and they will also have the opportunity to take a past assessment paper in order to support teacher assessment at the end of the summer term.

Further information on assessment in school can be found through the link below to the school website:

<https://dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk/assessment-without-levels/>

### **Online Safety Newsletter**

Attached to this newsletter is this month's online safety information for families.

### **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.

### **Library Donations**

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the development of our school library so far. I'm delighted to say that we have purchased a system to catalogue the books. This system has a bar code scanner and will track who has which book when the library becomes operational.

We still have quite a way to go with this project however we are getting closer! 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 on Friday;



#### **Ribbons**

**EYFS** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for trying so hard with their reading and writing. Well done, Celeste!

**Class 1** – This week the ribbon goes to someone for their excellent writing in English. Well done, Florence!

**Class 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has had a great week with his reading and Maths. He showed great comprehension skills in our poetry lessons this week and in maths he really impressed us with his hard work. Well done, Jack!

**Class 3** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for a combination of superb shape work in maths and also for their impressive writing. Well done, Florence!

### **Cleaner/Caretaker Vacancy**

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

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>May</b>	
<b>6/5/21</b>	Parliament virtual visit for Class 3
<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>25/6/21</b>	Music for Life whole school concert and workshops for KS2
<b>28/6/21</b>	New Reception children Parent Information Session 6pm
<b>July</b>	
<b>1/7/21</b>	New Reception transition morning
<b>8/7/21</b>	New Reception transition morning
<b>15/7/21</b>	New Reception transition morning plus school dinner
<b>19/7/21</b>	School Reports home
<b>20/7/21</b>	Sports Day (TBC)
<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
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