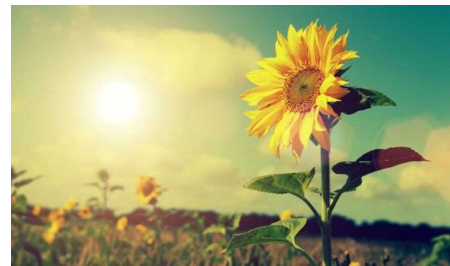




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Dear Parents / Carers

I appreciate that the news over the weekend has affected many families as a result of a confirmed case of COVID within the school community. On Saturday I spoke to the Public Health Officer for schools to ensure that I followed all the guidance and procedures that are necessary in this situation. The letters that were sent on Saturday were standard letters and written by Public Health England (PHE). Schools are required to send them to families as quickly as possible when there is a confirmed case of COVID in a school setting. One letter is written for people who are direct contacts and one letter is for the rest of the school community.

I am also writing to ask for your help and support moving forward for this week and next week. Public Health England have advised that it would be very helpful if parents and carers took a lateral flow test on themselves twice a week until the end of term. If a parent tests positive on a lateral flow test they would then need to book a PCR test for the family including the children.

Class News

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

EYFS – We were all very excited to see that our butterflies had emerged from their cocoons. We watched them in the butterfly net for a day and then decided that it was time to let them go free. We all enjoyed watching the butterflies in the outdoor area. Some children were very lucky that the butterflies chose to come and rest on their hands for a while. We have written our own versions of “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” this week as well as working on our problem solving skills in maths.

Class 1 – In Literacy Class 1 have been learning off by heart the story of Tiddalik. They have developed their reading comprehension skills and have begun to plan a character description. In design technology, Class 1 have worked hard on their puppets and add their finishing touches. Children have enjoyed using their puppets to perform a puppet show. In maths children have learnt more about position and direction and have worked to describe movement on a grid. In our Geography lesson, children have been finding out about the weather in Australia and how this compares to the weather in the U.K.

Class 2 – We have had a fantastic week in Class 2 this week. In Maths we have used our time recapping our learning from this year. In our literacy we have written diary entries in the role of Chulak, one of the main characters of our class text. For Geography, we have created booklets all

about The Great Wall of China, using our research skills. In Art we have completed still life drawings of fruit and vegetables and in PE we have been practising to be ready for sports day.

Class 3 - We have recorded two versions of our Macbeth production. Everybody performed extremely well and the costumes were fantastic. We have also had our puberty talk and we attended a live online assembly about water safety from Yorkshire Water's Education Team. This week, we have been learning about colours in French and about volume, area and perimeter in maths. During our topic session, we explored the features of our coastline and how these features are formed. We have continued our journalistic account of the Battle of Dunsinane, from the closing scenes of Macbeth, during literacy.

The links for Class 3's production of Macbeth will be sent out to their families this week.

COVID Restrictions – end of term plans

As there is only one week left in school when the restrictions lift on next Monday 19th July, we are following advice and maintaining our COVID systems for the last week of term. As a result, staggered start and end times for the school day, along with bubbles will remain in place for the last week.

Government Guidance for Schools from Step 4

The Government issued updated guidance last week for schools regarding the lifting of restrictions and I have included the links for this below for your information.

Primary Schools

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak?utm_source=06%20July%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Early Years Setting

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/999798/Actions_for_early_years_and_childcare_providers_during_the_COVID-19_pandemic.pdf

Sports Day - Tuesday 20th July

Our Sports day will take place on **Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 10am**. Whilst we fully appreciate that the government restrictions around the pandemic are lifting from the 19th, we will be running Sports Day in a way that is in line with our COVID systems. I discussed this with Public Health England on Saturday as well as North Yorkshire Public Health today and it was said that we can go ahead with our plans as the isolating children are back in school on Tuesday 20th July, with a proviso that the plan will be kept under review in case of further COVID cases or any changes in government announcements today.



As things stand, the plan is as follows:

- Parents / carers are welcome to watch – there will be an allotted place clearly marked out on the field. **Spectators are kindly asked to respect the feelings of others and to maintain a reasonable distance. Spectators are to stay in this area only. Please do not go to the finish line or cross the track where the classes will be sitting.**
- The weather forecast is looking like it will be warm – please ensure your child / children have sun cream on them before coming to school and they must bring a sun hat. There is no shade on the field.
- Please bring your own chair or rug if you would like to sit down
- There will be no access into school – no toilet facilities for spectators
- The events will run like they have in previous years at the school. Nursery children will run in the first race and then they will go back to the classroom.
- Children in Reception – Year 6 have been allocated a colour team and they will wear a colour band to represent this team (red / yellow / blue / green). Different races will take place and the winning colour team will receive a trophy at the end.
- Sports Day will start promptly at 10am. Please ensure that your child / children has their PE kit and trainers in school.

Thank you to Mr Duffy for organising the event.

Leavers' Assembly: The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly is on Wednesday 21st July at 2pm for the Year 6 children and their parents.

Transition: A whole school transition session will now take place on Thursday 22nd July in the morning where the children will have the opportunity to spend some time with the class teacher they are going to have in September.

Start and end times of the school day: The staggered start and end times of the school day will remain in place for the rest of this term. It is hoped that in September we will be able to have one start and one finish time as previously shared in past newsletters: 8.45am – 3.15pm. Details will be shared before we break up for the summer when we receive information from the DfE.

Class Structure and Staffing for 2021-22

Please see below the staffing structure for the next academic year. The children in school will get the opportunity to spend some time with their class teacher on the transition morning of Thursday 22nd July.

Head Teacher: Mrs Lyon

EYFS: Mrs Chaplin

Class 1: Miss Paterson

Class 2: Mr Duffy

Class 3: Miss Wells

From September, Mrs Blyton is reducing her hours in school and will be working on a Wednesday in Class 2 and 3 covering PPA.

Class Teacher Miss Paterson

I am delighted to welcome Miss Paterson to our teaching team from September. Miss Paterson is a very experienced primary school teacher who has taught in all age ranges over the years in mixed age classes within the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 age groups. Over the last five years, Miss Paterson has focused on the Key Stage 1 age groups where she has also undertaken a Lead Teacher course in Outdoor Learning. We are really looking forward to welcoming her to Dishforth CE School and on Thursday 22nd July Miss Paterson will be in school to meet the children on the transition morning.

Friends of School Virtual Disco Party - TONIGHT AND TOMORROW!

Monday July 12th 6pm EYFS & Class 1 Disco

Tuesday July 13th 6pm Class 2 & 3 Disco

Please find attached joining instructions to 'join in with the fun' with the teams link.

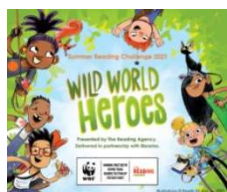


For ease this is the party link <https://teams.live.com/meet/94866246301294>

We understand how busy everyone is so don't panic if you haven't had chance to pay – you can do it on the night or after the disco's.

Kind regards,
Friends of Dishforth School

Summer Reading Challenge and Holiday Activities



Please see below information regarding the Summer Reading Challenge from Thirsk Library:

We challenge all 4 - 11 year-olds to read 6 books over the holidays!

Our theme is Wild World Heroes so discover how to save our planet with this summer's reading challenge. Come to the library after school on Mon, Tues, Thurs or Fridays before **5pm** or between **9.30 - 3** on **Sat 3rd July or 10th July** to sign up or throughout the holidays.

You will get a record card and stickers and rewards every time you come in to choose more books. When you have read 6 books you get a medal and a certificate all FREE! Also we have Buzzy Bee's Honey Hunt for preschool children with stickers and rewards.

Also, attached to this newsletter is a leaflet from Thirsk Community Library which outlines a number of events and activities they are holding over the summer holidays.

North Yorkshire holiday programme FEAST (Food Entertainment Activities Sport Together)

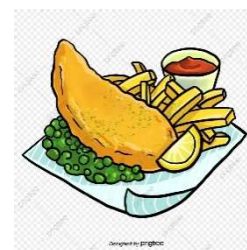
As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, it was brought to my attention that a holiday food and activity programme is going to be delivered throughout North Yorkshire over the summer holidays that will be open to children (there will be a cost for sessions). Further information is expected in due course for schools to publicise this to their school community and I have included a link to the website below. The website will also be updated as this term progresses, however there are links to social media on there which may be of interest to families in order to gain up to date information over the coming weeks about where these events will take place, ages of children they are open to and cost.

<https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/>

School Dinner promotion – this week!

Seaside Special – Thursday 15th July

Harry Ramsden Crispy Battered Fish (Vegetarian Option available)
Chips
Mushy Peas
Tomato Ketchup
followed by
Doughnut Muffins



Menu Change – Friday 16th July

Due to the Seaside Special lunch on the 15th July, Beef Lasagne will be served on Friday 16th July.

Celebration Assembly

The following children were awarded our weekly ribbons on Friday;



Ribbons

EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone for trying very hard to spell words independently in her writing. Well done, Elodie!

Class 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone for working really hard on their independent writing. Well done, Casey!

Class 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone for their incredible homework research project. Well done, Ava!

Class 3 – This week the ribbon goes to someone for learning his lines as King Duncan in our production of Macbeth and for performing the role really well. Well done, Perseas!

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

Diary Dates

July	
15/7/21	School Dinner promotion: Seaside Special
19/7/21	School Reports home
20/7/21	Sports Day morning 10am
21/7/21	Leavers' Assembly for Year 6 children and their parents at 2pm
22/7/21	Whole school transition morning Year 6 treat
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 8.45am
October	
13/10/21	Individual School Photographs
22/10/21	Break-up Half Term 3.15pm
November	
1/11/21	School open
w/c 15/11/21	Anti-bullying week
19/11/21	Children in Need Day
December	
15/12/21	Christmas School Dinner
16/12/21	Christmas Parties
17/12/21	School closes for Christmas at 2.30pm

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