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### **Newsletter 39 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Dear Parents / Carers

We have had a super year in school albeit a very challenging one – particularly over the last couple of weeks. We are all looking forward to spending time at home with our families over the summer break – fingers crossed we will be able to enjoy some lovely weather as well! We have much to be proud of at Dishforth C of E Primary School where the staff are dedicated and passionate in supporting every child to reach their potential.

I do hope you all have a lovely summer and I wish you well in all your plans.

#### **End of term – early closing Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

School closes at 2.30pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July for the summer holidays.

#### **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 continued our work on minibeasts. We have designed our own minibeast, drawn them and written sentences about them. We have been on minibeast hunts in our gardens and have made bug hotels. We have all enjoyed practising our races for sports day.

**Class 1** – Class 1 have all worked extremely hard on their remote learning this week. In Literacy, we have continued to read our Tiddalik story. This week, we enjoyed sharing jokes we would tell to Tiddalik to try and make him laugh. We have continued to develop our writing skills, learning about different sentence types and also writing an invitation to invite Tiddalik to a Funny Show. In our topic lesson, children have learnt more about Aboriginal art. Some children decided to create their own artwork on paper and on rocks. We have even had some children making their own paint from things around them just like the Indigenous people would have done! Well done Class 1 on a fantastic week of remote learning!



**Class 2** – In Class 2 this week we have finished reading 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman and we have written our own alternative endings to the story. In Maths we have been completing lessons focussing on consolidating our learning from this year, ready for new challenges in September. In our Geography learning this week we all researched different aspects of Chinese culture and presented to the class, Mr Duffy then gave us a quiz on the different aspects we researched. In Science we revised our topic of Animals and their Habitats and in DT we designed a moving Chinese Dragon, which we will be making next week.

**Class 3** - In Class 3, we have written haiku poems describing six main stages of the human lifecycle and we have presented the poems in specially crafted poetry books. We have explored volume and capacity in maths and translated a poem in French. We have enjoyed watching recordings of our Macbeth performances and comparing the two versions. We also read and discussed our final book of the term, 'Town is by the Sea'. For homework, we have been designing, making and decorating boxes and we have enjoyed examining these in class and working out how they have been constructed.

### **COVID Restrictions – end of term plans**

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, adults wearing face coverings on school grounds and class bubbles will remain in place for this last week.

### **Government Guidance for Schools from Step 4**

The Government issued updated guidance 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](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](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)

### **School Reports**

School reports for the children are being sent home tomorrow when all the children are back in school. The Department for Education has laid regulations to remove the outcomes of national tests and also attendance data for this year's reports due to the national pandemic. If you would like to discuss your child's report then please contact the class teacher through the admin email system to arrange this.

## **Sports Day - tomorrow**

Our Sports day will take place tomorrow **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.



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 and wear a face covering. 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 21<sup>st</sup> July at 2pm for the Year 6 children and their parents.

**Transition:** A whole school transition session will now take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. As things stand we will start at 8.45am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September and finish the day at 3.15pm – this is for all children. **If there are any changes in the summer holidays from the government I will send an email to parents.**

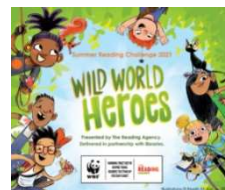
## Girls Group

**Girls Group** is a five-week virtual course which aims to support young girls. There are two different age groups: 10-14 years and 14-18 years.

These sessions aim to provide the girls with many tools to support their emotional & physical well-being, have a better understanding of relationships and make healthy choices. Please see the attached leaflet for further details and information.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July or 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Celebration Assembly**

The following children were awarded our weekly ribbons on Friday;



### **Ribbons**

**EYFS** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their super model of a bridge with a very clear explanation about how it works. Well done, Daisy!

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

**Class 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has recently joined our school and has shown an excellent attitude towards her learning and has been a really welcome addition to Class 2. She always has a big smile on her face and is happy to contribute to whole class discussions. Well done, Phoebe!

**Class 3** – This week the ribbon goes to someone for their super work in Maths. Well done, Florence!

**I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment over the last year – we have a fabulous team of staff who work incredibly hard to ensure that the children have an exciting curriculum and make excellent progress.**

**On behalf of the staff and governors, may we wish you a relaxing, peaceful summer break.**

**We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45am.**

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

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