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### **Newsletter 37 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Dear Parents / Carers

What a wonderful weekend of sport we have just enjoyed with very inspirational football and tennis - fingers crossed it continues this week! As we approach the final few weeks of this academic year, it is always a busy time in school with many activities to fit in, so please read on carefully!

#### **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 patiently waited for our butterflies to emerge from their cocoons - we are still waiting so hopefully it will happen soon. We have done lots of activities based around butterflies and The Very Hungry Caterpillar this week, including making butterfly life cycles, painting and making symmetrical butterflies. We have sorted healthy and unhealthy food and have put the days of the week in order. In PE we have practised different races on the tracks on the school field.

**Class 1** – This week in class, we have been learning about habitats around the world. Children worked in groups to create a poster detailing the plants and animals living in these habitats. In our design technology lesson, we have worked hard to learn how to use a needle to create a running stitch. Children definitely persevered with learning to thread a needle and tie knots! In literacy, we have begun to listen and respond to Aboriginal Dreamtime stories starting with the story of Tiddalik the Frog.

**Class 2** – This week in Class 2 we were very excited to record our production for you all! In our literacy this week we looked at persuasive writing, making links to our class text "The Firework Maker's Daughter". In Science this week we turned our classroom into an Escape Room! We used our knowledge that we have accumulated this term, to answer question that gave us clues to unlock a secret code. It was great fun. In our Geography lesson this week we looked at how China's economy has grown over recent decades and we created bar charts to illustrate where a lot of Chinese exports go.

**Class 3** – It has been a busy assessment week in Class 3. Alongside our assessments, we have been polishing off our Macbeth performance in preparation for it being filmed next week. We have also been designing and making our own comic books telling a summary of the story of Macbeth. During maths we have been looking at coordinates before and after reflections in a mirror line. In our

science session we each described an environment and then invented a creature which was well-adapted to live there.

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Mrs Clark will be leaving school on September 10th after nearly thirteen years of working at the school as the school administrator. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank Mrs Clark for her dedication to the children (past and present) and the school where she has ensured smooth running and efficiency at all times. I am hugely appreciative of all Mrs Clark's support throughout this academic year. We wish Mrs Clark all the very best for the future and good luck in her new position at Harrogate Hospital.

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup> July Miss Paterson will be in school to meet the children on the transition morning.

### **Library Update**

I am delighted to update you all with news that many collections of non-fiction books have been bought for the new school library along with new atlases. We are now in a position to be trained in using the Reading Cloud facility and setting up the Dewey System in the library area. We are seeking to have an official opening in the autumn term and we will be continuing to raise money in order to keep adding books to the collections. A huge thank you to everyone who has generously supported this throughout the year.

### **COVID Restrictions**

As you know, COVID restrictions are remaining in place until the 19<sup>th</sup> July. My understanding is that details surrounding the lifting of restrictions will be outlined this evening. Following this, schools usually receive separate guidance from the DfE and then from North Yorkshire. When we have further details and clarification I will share our plans with you about the last week of the academic year and also plans for September.

**Productions:** Class 2's production of Edith's Wartime Scrapbook was sent out to their families on Friday and Class 3's production of Macbeth will be sent this week.

**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.

**Sports Day and Leavers' Assembly:** Sports Day and the Leavers' Assembly are scheduled for the last week of term and these will go ahead as planned. Sports Day is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 10am and the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly is on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 2pm for the Year 6 children and their parents.

**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.

### **Autumn Term Menu**

For your information the autumn term school dinner menu is attached to this newsletter.

### **Online Safety Newsletter**

Please find attached to this newsletter the July edition of the online safety newsletter.

### **Sleep Webinars for parents**

Please also find attached to this newsletter information about free webinars for parents to support their child/ren who have sleeping difficulties.

### **Friends of School Virtual Disco Party**

Please see the attached Disco Posters. Join your class for an 'at home disco' filled with fun and music. Put on your dancing shoes and fancy dress outfits. All the family are welcome! Kirstie has put together a fabulous play list and prepared games to keep you all dancing around your home! Those who have danced the night away at our Halloween parties will have experienced Kirstie's party game magic!

Raffle and Duck race live on the night!

Disco, Raffle and Duck Race tickets all to be purchased on Parent Pay.

Disco Ticket - £1 per child. Adults are free!

🔪 Raffle tickets £1 each to be bought on parent pay.

No limit to amount of tickets. Your name will be put against individual ticket numbers. Your Duck can enter as many races as you wish to purchase. £1 per race. Chocolate prizes to be won.

Donations of raffle prizes and chocolate for the duck race prizes would be greatly appreciated, please pass to Sarah Lynch or the office. Nearer the date, we will send out how to load Teams and join the party.

Thank you very much, Friends of 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 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.

### **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

### Seaside Special – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Harry Ramsden Crispy Battered Fish (Vegetarian Option available)

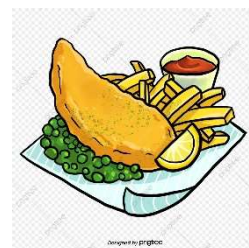
Chips

Mushy Peas

Tomato Ketchup

followed by

Doughnut Muffins



### Menu Change – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

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

### **Celebration Assembly**

The following children were awarded our weekly ribbons on Friday;



#### **Ribbons**

**EYFS** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for a super attitude towards everything she has done, especially independently writing party invitations and working out money problems. Well done, Rosie!

**Class 1** – This week the ribbon goes to someone for always working hard and being a responsible member of the class. Well done, Daniel!

**Class 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone for their insightful contributions in all lessons this week. Well done, Louis!

**Class 3** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their excellent spelling work. Well done, Savannah!

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

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| <b>July</b>      |  |
| <b>12/7/21</b>   | EYFS and Class 1 Virtual Disco Party at 6.00pm                 |
| <b>13/7/21</b>   | Class 2 and Class 3 Virtual Disco Party at 6.00pm              |
| <b>15/7/21</b>   | School Dinner promotion: Seaside Special                       |
| <b>19/7/21</b>   | School Reports home  |
| <b>20/7/21</b>   | Sports Day morning 10am  |
| <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<br>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                                |

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 |