



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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## Newsletter 1 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome to the new school year! It was super to hold a school assembly this morning and see the children outside playing together after the challenges of the last 18 months.

The children have come to school looking very smart and ready for the new academic year. All the children came into their classrooms cheerfully and settled quickly and there has been a calm and purposeful atmosphere in school.

The school day times are 8.45am – 3.15pm. Please can children arrive at 8.40am (no earlier) ready for learning to start at 8.45am – thank you.

As this is the first newsletter of the year it is lengthy, so I suggest you make yourself a drink, sit down with a calendar or diary and read on!

A newsletter is published every week throughout the school year which is e-mailed via the School Office and uploaded onto our school website – it is also available to read outside the school gate on the display board. Please ensure that you read them every week as they contain essential up-to-date information. At the end of the newsletter there are diary dates so please do check these weekly as sometimes changes are made.

### Welcome

A very warm welcome to all the children and families who have joined us over the summer holidays:

**Nursery (FS1)** – Martha and Wilfrid

**Reception (FS2)** – Connie, Vinay and Thomas

**Year 1** – Ivy Bo

**Year 2** – Isabelle and Alex

**Year 4** – Ella-Mae

### Staffing Update

We warmly welcome Miss Paterson and Mrs McBride who have joined our team. Miss Paterson is teaching in Class 1 and Mrs McBride is the new administrator for the school.

We will be saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs Clark on Friday. We thank Mrs Clark for all her hard work over the years and wish her all the very best for the future.

### Home Learning Policy

At our school, we believe that children learn best when parents, the school and children work together in partnership. Home Learning should be a positive experience which is manageable, meaningful and enjoyable for parents, teachers and children.

Reading books will be prioritised this week in school and homework will commence next week. Please refer to the table below regarding homework for each class.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Homework</b>	<b>Homework Given</b>	<b>Collected and Tested</b>
<b>EYFS:</b> Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed Sound Books</li> <li>• Daily Reading</li> <li>• Show and Tell task</li> </ul>	Daily Daily Weekly	Mrs Chaplin will provide more information in a separate letter.
<b>CLASS 1</b> Year 1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily reading</li> <li>• Spellings</li> <li>• Mental Maths</li> <li>• A weekly task linked to current learning</li> </ul>	Daily reading Friday Friday Friday	Daily Thursday Thursday Thursday
<b>CLASS 2</b> Year 3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily reading</li> <li>• Spellings</li> <li>• Mental Maths</li> <li>• A weekly task linked to current learning</li> </ul>	Daily Friday Friday Friday	Daily Wednesday Wednesday Wednesday
<b>CLASS 3</b> Year 5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily Reading</li> <li>• Spellings</li> <li>• Learn by heart maths facts</li> <li>• A weekly task linked to current learning</li> </ul>	Daily Friday Friday Friday	Daily Wednesday Wednesday Wednesday

### **Year 6**

Year 6 children might sometimes have an additional piece of homework. Hand-in dates will be made clear by Miss Wells.

### Reading

**All children need to read at home every day.** Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text and / or pictures. Please ensure that you record what your child has read and how they have managed with their reading in their record book. **Reading and record books need to be in school every day so that they can be checked and new books issued.**

### Curriculum Class Newsletters

Curriculum Class newsletters which give information about the subjects which are to be taught this term will be sent out to families later this week. The class newsletters will also be uploaded to the school website and will be available for reference for the whole term.

### Early Reading and Phonics Session for Reception Parents

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm, Mrs Chaplin is holding an information session for parents on Early Reading and Phonics. This is aimed at parents of children in Reception and will be held in the EYFS classroom.

### Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be week commencing the 18<sup>th</sup> October – further details will follow in due course.

### School Uniform

The children look very smart in school wearing their uniform – a lot of shiny shoes! Just a reminder about full school uniform:

#### **Boys:**

- Charcoal grey trousers (short or long)
- Burnt yellow polo
- Burgundy sweatshirt
- Grey or white socks
- Black shoes

#### **Girls:**

- Charcoal grey skirt or trousers or in the summer term, red and white check dress
- Burnt yellow polo
- Burgundy sweatshirt
- White socks or grey tights
- Black shoes with sensible heels.

For indoor PE, all children require, black shorts, a plain white PE t-shirt and black elasticated pumps which should be kept in a small PE bag at school from Monday to Friday each week.

For outdoor games and after school clubs, children in Years 3 to 6 will also need trainers and may wear joggers if they prefer.

In accordance with health and safety advice, children should not wear jewellery or hooded tops in school.

Plain stud earrings may be worn in pierced ears, but **must be removed** for all PE activities.

**Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.**

### PE - timetable

**Class 1- Tuesday**

**Class 2 – Monday and Thursday**

**Class 3 – Monday and Thursday**

### **Forest Schools**

I am delighted to announce that all the children in school will be undertaking Forest Schools at some point through the academic year. Forest Schools is an inspiring process which is a specialised approach that aims to develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning outside.

Children in Class 1 are going to be undertaking Forest Schools this half term on a Thursday. Please can children bring into school a waterproof coat, tracksuit bottoms and trainers / wellies – something that you don't mind getting wet and dirty!!

### **Before and After School Childcare**

If you are using the Before and After School childcare facility which is run by Mrs Burgess and Miss Law, please ensure that you book your child / children in by completing the forms for the month.

### **Walking home unaccompanied**

Children in Class 3 may want to walk home unaccompanied. If you are happy for your child to do this please could you complete and return the attached form. The form is also available on the website.

### **Playtime Snack**

Children in EYFS, Year 1 and 2 receive a free fruit snack every day which is Government funded. Children in Year 3-6 can bring a piece of fruit in from home to keep in the classroom for playtime. I strongly recommend that you send fruit in for children in Year 3-6 as they have a long morning and often need a snack. Please can this be put in their book bag and not their packed lunch box as it is easier for them to access at break time – thank you.

### **Milk**

Children under 5 are entitled to Free Milk. Older children can also receive milk (at a charge) and orders are needed by yourself through the Cool Milk website. Forms are available outside the office in the foyer.

### **Water Bottles**

Children are asked to bring a named water bottle into school every day filled with water. These will be sent home every afternoon for washing.

### **Online safety newsletter**

Attached to this newsletter is this month's edition of the Online Safety newsletter. These newsletters are invaluable in the ever changing world of technology and they offer guidance as to how to keep children safe.

We have so much to look forward to this year and I will share further information with you over the coming weeks. If you have any questions do please contact me at school via email: [admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk) or I will be outside every day either at the start or end of the school day.

Kind regards

J M Lyon - Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>September</b>	
<b>6/9/21</b>	Training Day
<b>7/9/21</b>	School open for the autumn term 8.45am
<b>17/9/21</b>	2.30pm Early Reading and Phonic session for parents
<b>October</b>	
<b>13/10/21</b>	Individual School Photographs
<b>w/b 18/10/21</b>	Parent / child / teacher consultations
<b>22/10/21</b>	Harvest Festival 2.30pm (TBC) 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