



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We will be supporting Children in Need day this Friday through holding a non-uniform day for a £1 donation. If children would like to wear any of the fundraising items that have been on sale, then they are welcome to do so. The £1 donation can be paid via ParentPay.

Please take note of diary dates at the end of the newsletter as I have added various dates to do with activities for Christmas. I must emphasise that the format of these activities / performances may change at very short notice due to any revised guidance nearer the time.

In addition to the newsletter, there is a letter from Friends of Dishforth this week to update families on forthcoming events – thank you to Mrs Lynch for all her hard work on this and to everyone who is part of the committee and supporting the events.

#### **Class News:**

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

**EYFS** – In EYFS we have been reading the story of Owl Babies as part of our Light and Dark topic. We have talked about the different emotions the baby owls have when they find out that mummy has disappeared. We have thought about the different things we do when it is light and when it is dark. In maths we have started to learn about 4 and 5 and are working on recognising the number of objects in a group without counting. We have also begun to practise our songs for the nativity play.

**Class 1** – In Class 1 this week, we have been learning to write our own creative stories based on 'The Adventures of Egg Box Dragon'. We looked carefully at the different features of a creative story, making sure to include a descriptive setting, a problem, a resolution and a happy ending.

In Maths, we have focused on subtraction using two-digit numbers, thinking about how we can use the number line to help us. The children enjoyed their dance lessons this week. As you can imagine, there was lots of hilarity! Mainly from the children watching Miss Paterson dance! In Topic work this week, we have focused on Remembrance. We have thought about what the symbol of the poppy represents, who we can remember for Remembrance and why.

Nativity rehearsals are now in full swing! Wish us luck!

**Class 2** – This week in Class 2 has been very exciting. We had a visit from Billy Bob Buttons, an author, who presented a workshop on how to build character in our story writing.

In our Forest schools this week we looked at different types of leaves in our school field. In computing with Mrs Chester, we have begun to look at branching databases, linking this with our science learning all about the planets in our solar system.

In maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction of increasingly large numbers and we have begun to learn about Hockey in PE.

**Class 3** – This week, Class 3 have begun learning about Global Trade. Children have researched trade in the past and how this has changed over time. Within maths lessons, children have worked on

multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. In art we have begun to learn about artists that use pattern within their work. Children also took part in an author visit on Tuesday and enjoyed learning about the process of writing and publishing books.

### **Billy Bob Buttons – author visit 9<sup>th</sup> November**

On Tuesday KS2 were treated to a visit from Billy Bob Buttons, a children's author. Billy did workshops with Class 2 and 3 about how to write stories and after held a Q&A where the children could ask what it is like to be an author. We had a great afternoon and enjoyed learning about his books and the book writing process.

### **Anti-Bullying Week – this week**

The Anti-Bullying Alliance asked more than 400 young people, parents, and teachers what they wanted from this year's Anti-Bullying Week. Their answer was clear – they wanted it to be about hope and the positive and kind things we can do to combat bullying and spread more kindness.

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons that **'One Kind Word'** has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week taking place this week and the children will undertake a variety of learning activities around this theme.

### **Class 3 Teacher Appointment for January 2022**

As many families know, Miss Wells is leaving Dishforth CE Primary School at Christmas after eleven years of working at the school and we shall all miss her very much. Miss Wells has been a dedicated and very supportive colleague for many years and we all wish her the very best of luck for the future.

I am pleased to announce that school has appointed Miss Libby Ungerechts who will teach Class 3 from January. Miss Ungerechts is currently teaching in a very large North Yorkshire school and is relocating to the Northallerton area at Christmas.

Miss Ungerechts will be visiting school on a number of days throughout this half term in order to get to know the children and aid a smooth transition to the school prior to her appointment in January.

### **Applying for a School Place for September 2022 – Moving from Nursery to Reception**

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 they are due to start school in 2021-22. The primary school application round is now open and **the deadline to apply is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

### **Advance Notice – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – no after school childcare club**

Due to whole staff health and safety training, there will be no after school childcare club on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, however due to the nature of the training it is important that every member of staff is up to date in this area and I do not anticipate any further disruption to the After School Childcare Club in the academic year.

### **Christmas School Dinner – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch – order in advance**

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December and this meal will need to be ordered in advance. A letter was sent home last week which must be returned **for all children by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November.**



## AWARDS

### **Celebration Assembly**

On Friday, we had our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;



#### **Ribbons**

**EYFS** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for making super progress in learning his phonic sounds. Well done, Zachary!

**Class 1** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their fantastic ideas when planning their own creative story. Well done, Abigail!

**Class 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who can always be relied upon to follow our rules of being ready, respectful and safe. She has a great sense of fun and has been recognised for her great work in mathematics. Well done, Sophie!

**Class 3** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their thoughtful comments and contributions in our R.E. lessons. Well done, Zach!

### **Values in Action**

This week our Values Award goes to William T for displaying our school value of trust.

William was nominated by George who has written that he can always trust in William to be caring and respectful to others both inside and outside of class.



Well done, William!

Kind regards,

J M Lyon - Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>November</b>	
<b>w/c 15/11/21</b>	Anti-bullying week
<b>17/11/21</b>	FLU IMMUNISATION
<b>19/11/21</b>	Children in Need Day £1 donation non-uniform day
<b>23/11/21</b>	Christmas Jumpers, T-shirts and Party Tops sale – school playground at 3.15pm
<b>December</b>	
<b>3/12/21</b>	Open the Book Collective Worship
<b>6/12/21</b>	EYFS and Class 1 Nativity time TBC (early evening)
<b>7/12/21</b>	EYFS and Class 1 Nativity time TBC (morning)
<b>10/12/21</b>	Christmas Jumper Day – children may wear a Christmas Jumper or decorate a jumper for a £1 donation which will go to Save the Children
<b>10/12/21</b>	Friends of Dishforth Christmas Fair 3.15pm
<b>15/12/21</b>	Christmas School Dinner
<b>16/12/21</b>	Christmas Parties
<b>17/12/21</b>	Children to Baldersby Church for School led Christingle Service to start at 1.30pm  School closes for Christmas at 2.30pm
<b>January 2022</b>	
<b>4/1/22</b>	Staff Training Day
<b>5/1/22</b>	School open – Spring Term 2022
<b>26/1/22</b>	<b>No afterschool childcare club – whole staff health and safety training</b>
<b>February 2022</b>	
<b>w/c 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Parents Evening Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>18/2/22</b>	Break-up for February half-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