



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a super weekend and enjoyed the lovely autumn sunshine. It is a busy time in school as we seem to be whizzing through the term, therefore the newsletter today covers quite a bit of forthcoming events to help with planning for the festive season ahead.

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 started to learn about space as part of our Light and Dark topic. We have talked about the first moon landings and learned about Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin. We have made our own space shuttles and props for our own role play space station. We have all enjoyed dressing up in space suits and making up stories about taking a trip into space. In maths we have begun learning about 1 more and 1 less. We have sung lots of number rhymes to support this as well as using 5 frames to show one more.

Class 1 – In Class 1 this week, we have continued to learn how to write our own creative stories based on 'The Adventures of Egg Box Dragon'. We have enjoyed adding descriptive detail and appropriate punctuation, including question marks in our work. In Maths, we have revised our understanding of place value, addition and subtraction using different practical resources and strategies to help us. Nativity Rehearsals are well and truly underway. The children have now learnt all the songs, complete with actions and are focusing on adding expression into their performance. In Topic work this week, we have focused on our new project, The United Kingdom. We have looked at the four countries that make up the U.K and the capital cities for each.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2, year 4 have been working on converting centimetres to metres and looking at different questions using this knowledge. Year 3 have been busy looking at the column method of addition and subtraction. In Science we have continued our work on Space and in our Topic lesson we researched what types of clothing Anglo-Saxons wore. In Literacy this week we have written a diary entry in role as a character from our book and we have also looked at how we can use speech in our writing.

Class 3 – This week in class 3, we have been learning to write letters to portray emotions. In maths, we have learnt about factors and multiples. Within our topic lesson, we have been working on our map and atlas skills. We have learnt about where different foods come from and located these countries on a world map.

Advance Notice – 26th 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 26th 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.

Emergency Procedure for School Closure – weather related / loss of utilities

It is rare, (although not as rare as I would have liked back in January this year!) however there are occasions where it has been necessary to close schools because of inclement weather, no electricity or because of lack of heating, so I would like to bring to your attention the procedures I will follow if this event occurs now that we are heading towards winter:

- A notice will be posted on the school Facebook page
- An email will be sent to all families
- County Hall will be informed.

Hopefully, this will not happen this winter but I feel it is better to be prepared.

Please always assume school is open unless you hear via any of the above methods. Please do not phone the school to ask if we are open as we may need to keep the line clear in order to contact staff. Please check on the school Facebook page and check emails.

Learning would be sent home via the class email system.



Christmas Events 2021

Christmas Jumper sale – Friends of Dishforth - tomorrow

In preparation for Christmas, we are going to have a playground Children's Christmas Jumper sale. We think this is a fantastic way to recycle jumpers that are too small and your opportunity to pick nearly new Christmas tops! In addition, it is nearly the School Christmas Jumper Day on 10th December.

Christmas Cards

Children can bring their Christmas cards into school for special Dishforth delivery! Please can children bring their cards into school on a Monday or Tuesday and then they will be delivered towards the end of the week.

Children can start bringing Christmas cards into school on Monday 29th November – please ensure envelopes are named correctly.

Nativity Play

EYFS and Class 1 are performing 'Whoops a Daisy Angel!' this year.

Monday 6th December 6pm performance (children to be at school for 5.40pm to get ready)

Tuesday 7th December 9.30am performance

Due to the size of the hall, a maximum of two members of the family are able to watch each performance. Please let Mrs McBride know how many people are attending which / both performances so that we have a record of who to expect.

admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 10th December, we are taking part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. For a £1 donation to the charity, children can come to school in a Christmas jumper – this can be a decorated jumper or a bought one.



DISHFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Friday 10th December 2021 – 3.15pm till 4.45pm at School

There will be games for the children, tombola, raffle, and a visit from Father Christmas.

All the stalls will contribute towards schools fundraising – there are external stalls coming along selling Christmas Gifts, Wreaths, Sweets, Toys, Handbags, Crafts, Books, Clothing, Scarves, Personalised Aprons, Jewellery, Rag Dolls, Cosmetics and more. School will also have stalls / games.

All children need to be accompanied by an adult as this is an after-school event.



Christmas School Dinner – Wednesday 15th December

School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch – order in advance

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15th December, this meal will need to be ordered in advance and the deadline is this Wednesday!

Christmas Party afternoon – Thursday 16th December

On Thursday 16th December, the children will have their Christmas Party in classes. Please can children come to school wearing their uniform and bring their party clothes in a named bag to change into after lunchtime. Thank you.



School Christingle – Baldersby St James Church

On Friday 17th December, every child in the school will make a Christingle and we will have our own school led Christingle Service at Baldersby St James Church. The Service will begin at 1.30pm and parents / carers are welcome to join us. The children will then return to school where we close at 2.30pm.

The children can be collected straight from church for the Christmas break if parents would like to do this. If you are collecting, please can you let Mrs McBride know by emailing her.

Break-up for Christmas – early closing – Friday 17th December

On Friday 17th December, school closes early for Christmas at 2.30pm.

Christmas Reading Challenge

North Yorkshire Libraries have launched their annual Christmas Reading Challenge for children aged 4-11 years. If children can read four library books before Christmas, they will earn stickers, prizes, a certificate and a personalised bauble for a Christmas Tree. Please contact your local library for further details and join the challenge!

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 who has made good progress in his handwriting and phonics work. Well done. Richard!

Class 1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their fantastic attitude and kind, cheery disposition in class. Well done, Samuel!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for his excellent work in Science. Mrs Blyton has been really impressed with all of your hard work. Well done, Sebastian!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working extremely hard in all areas of learning but particularly in Maths. Well done, Phoebe!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Grace for demonstrating our school value of compassion.



Grace was nominated by Molly as Grace notices when people do not have anyone to play with and asks them to play.

Well done, Grace!

Kind regards,

J M Lyon - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

November	
23/11/21	Christmas Jumpers, T-shirts and Party Tops sale – school playground at 3.15pm
December	
3/12/21	Open the Book Collective Worship
6/12/21	EYFS and Class 1 Nativity 6pm (children back at school for 5.40pm)
7/12/21	EYFS and Class 1 Nativity 9.30am
10/12/21	Christmas Jumper Day – children may wear a Christmas Jumper or decorate a jumper for a £1 donation which will go to Save the Children
10/12/21	Friends of Dishforth Christmas Fair 3.15pm
15/12/21	Christmas School Dinner
16/12/21	Christmas Parties
17/12/21	Children to Baldersby Church for School led Christingle Service to start at 1.30pm School closes for Christmas at 2.30pm
January 2022	
4/1/22	Staff Training Day
5/1/22	School open – Spring Term 2022
26/1/22	No afterschool childcare club – whole staff health and safety training
February 2022	

w/c 14th February	Parents Evening Monday 14 th February and Wednesday 16 th February
18/2/22	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