



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As a school we always take the time to reflect and remember the importance of Remembrance and this year the children will be learning about remembrance in a variety of ways within our classrooms.

We are selling poppies for Poppy Appeal again this year. If your child would like to buy a poppy, please send a donation into school in an envelope to give to their class teacher.

Class News:

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

EYFS – In EYFS this week we have really enjoyed learning about Diwali. We have learned about how Hindu and Sikh families prepare for Diwali. We have made Rangoli patterns using flower petals, chalk and rainbow rice. We all followed simple instructions to make mango lassi and we enjoyed tasting it. We learned about Diwali being a festival of lights and have used clay to make our own Diya lamps. In forest schools we enjoyed collecting leaves and making leaf clouds using the parachute and we also went on a bear hunt!

Class 1 – In Class 1 this week, we have been learning to write persuasive letters based on 'The Adventures of Egg Box Dragon'. We looked carefully at the different features of a persuasive letter, making sure to include adjectives, questions and different sentence starters. In Maths, we have focused on addition using two-digit numbers, thinking about how we can use the number line to help us. The children had their first session with Sporting Stars this week and thoroughly enjoyed the different outside team games that we took part in. From next week, we will be taking part in indoor dance classes so can you please ensure that your children have indoor PE shoes that they can wear on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon.

Class 2 – For our first week back after half term we have been getting to grips with some new topics. In English we are reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. We have really enjoyed the first chapter of the story and we are writing from the perspective of one of the characters. In topic we have begun learning all about the Anglo-Saxon settlements in Britain. We looked in detail at how and why Anglo Saxons chose to settle in certain places in Britain. Our new science topic is all about space and in RE we are investigating the question "What is it like to follow God?"

Class 3 – This week, children have worked hard on developing their multiplication and division skills. In Literacy lessons, children have developed their use of vocabulary and have used their senses to describe a setting. In Topic lessons, children have compared ancient and modern Olympics and how the games have changed. In French lessons, children have begun their unit Les Cadeaux and have used a bilingual dictionary to learn new words.

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.

Billy Bob Buttons – author visit 9th November

The award-winning, bestselling children's author, Billy Bob Buttons, will be visiting this school on the AFTERNOON of Tuesday 9th November.

He is the author of sixteen very popular children's books including Felicity Brady and the Wizard's Bookshop, the bestselling Muffin Monster, Tiffany Sparrow Spook Slayer, The Cool Kids Book Prize winner, WIDE AWAKE, and the UK People's Book Prize winner and bestseller, I think I Murdered Miss. Last year, this book sold over 40,000 in the UK alone and won the 2014 UK People's Book Prize.

Every year, he meets with approx. 50,000 primary school children to deliver his popular literacy workshops. Throughout the afternoon, he will be delivering the workshops to KS1 and KS2 children focusing on Planning a Story, Adventure Writing and Characters.

There will also be an opportunity for your child to meet Mr. Buttons and buy a signed and dedicated book. Attached to this letter is a price list plus lots of information on the different books they can pick from. If you wish your child to buy a signed book, simply put the money (the author will have change with him) in an envelope (with your child's name and class written on the front) and hand it to the school office / class teacher as soon as possible.

Mr. Buttons will be doing the book signing at the end of the school day, so if parents wish to meet him and help their child pick a book, they can do so then.

Anti-Bullying Week – week commencing 15th November

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 from 15th to 19th of November 2021 and the children will undertake a variety of learning activities around this theme.

Children in Need – Friday 19th November

We will be supporting Children in Need day on Friday 19th November, so if you ‘spot’ any of the fundraising items on sale and want to buy in advance please feel free to do so. Children will get a chance to wear/use them on the day in school as we are holding a non-uniform day and ask that children bring in £1 donation.



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 15th January 2022.**

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 persevering to develop his fine motor skills, especially in writing his name and using scissors. Well done Thomas!

Class 1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for her resilience and perseverance when making mistakes. Well done, Felicia!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked incredibly hard in maths, showing really good problem solving and perseverance. Well done, Chloe!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for his excellent multiplication work in maths. He showed confidence in his methods and was able to explain this to his peers. Well done, Jack R!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Kingsley for the shining example of respect. Kingsley treats everyone the same and is respectful when he is playing with his friends at the netball hoop.

Kingsley was nominated by Jack R.

Well done, Kingsley!



Kind regards,

J M Lyon - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

November	
9/11/21	Author visit – Billy Bob Buttons
w/c 15/11/21	Anti-bullying week
17/11/21	FLU IMMUNISATION
19/11/21	Children in Need Day
December	
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

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