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Newsletter 14 Monday 13th December 2021

Dear Parents,

I can't quite believe we are at the end of the autumn term and break-up on Friday. I hope your preparations are well under way for the festive season and on behalf of all the staff, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

We break up on Friday afternoon at an earlier time of 2.30pm and we look forward to seeing the children on Wednesday 5th January when school opens for the spring term.

Class News:

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

EYFS – This week in EYFS we have really enjoyed taking part in our Nativity play – we hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing it. We have been making our Christmas cards and other Christmas surprises. We have read a range of different Christmas stories and have enjoyed talking about the stories that we have heard. Reception children have been practising using their Fred fingers to independently write CVC words.

Class 1 – In Class 1, it has been a busy week with our Nativity performances. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we are very grateful for the parent's support. Thank you! In Maths and Numeracy, we have learnt more about money and the different methods we can use to solve tricky maths problems. In Literacy, we have been reading a creative story called 'A Necklace of Raindrops' which the children are very engaged in. We have been using what we have learnt so far to plan our own creative stories. In R.E, we have been focusing on the Creation story. The children have been thinking about what Christians believe God is like and this has led to some interesting discussion about our different beliefs.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 we have been very busy in preparation for Christmas. We have been crafting and creating, making decorations, cards and calendars that we can't wait to share with you. In our Literacy lessons we have completed reading our story of the Iron Man, we used the text to write a newspaper article about The Iron Man's competition with the Space Dragon. In maths we have begun to look at multiplication and division in more detail. Our Science learning this week was all about the planets in our solar system and how we can order them.

Class 3 – This week, Class 3 have used their computing skills to create adverts to advertise the Christmas games they have made. We have continued to read our class novel, Cosmic, and have learnt more about the characters we have met. In maths, we have learnt about fractions and have compared and ordered fractions. We have also continued to work on our 3D printing skills in computing and have worked hard in art lessons to create our Christmas cards and calendars.

PE Spring Term

Please see below for the days when children need to bring their PE kits into school in January.

EYFS – PE on Monday

Class 1 – Monday and Thursday

Class 2 – PE on Tuesday and swimming on Thursday (swimming starts on Thursday 13th January)

Class 3 – PE on Thursday

Forest Schools Spring Term – Class 3 and EYFS

Forest School 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 3 are going to be undertaking Forest Schools this half term on a Monday. Please can children bring into school a waterproof coat, tracksuit bottoms and trainers / wellies – something that you don't mind getting wet and dirty!!

EYFS will have a Forest School session on a Wednesday.

Free Junior Cricket Set

Recently there was a completion on Facebook to win a free junior cricket set courtesy of Pete Keighley, Cricket Coaching, this was awarded to the school with the most votes. As he had received a huge response to the competition, all schools who were voted for received the set. This will be delivered to school in the New Year, via one of the parents who voted for us. If you would like more information about cricket coaching, please contact Pete Keighley Cricket Coaching via Facebook. He provides cricket camps in the school holidays, in February and Easter he will be at Ripon Grammar School and in the Spring/Summer he will be at Rainton CC.

Christmas Activities in North Yorkshire – FEAST (Food - Entertainment – Arts – Sport – Together)

The County Council has commissioned North Yorkshire Together, a partnership between Rural Arts, North Yorkshire Sport and North Yorkshire Youth, as lead provider for the holiday programme which is known as FEAST. FEAST stands for 'food, entertainment, arts and sport together'.

Over the Christmas holidays there are activities available for children as well as online activities.

Further information can be found through the web link below.

https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/?utm_campaign=2037953_CYPs%20eRed%20Bag%20-%2013%20December%202021&utm_medium=email&utm_source=North%20Yorks%20County%20Council&dm_i=4BPJ,17OHT,34L194,5KNZA,1

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.

Advance Notice – Monday 25th April

Due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, schools have been asked to change a training day that was previously allocated in July. The training day will now be straight after the Easter holidays on Monday 25th April and school will open for the children on Tuesday 26th April.

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

It is rare, 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 Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the School Christmas Fair on Friday. We had a secret visit from Father Christmas on Friday night which was filmed and shared with the children today and he has left a little gift for each child which will be sent home later in the week!

Today, the children have been enjoying playing the games made by Class 3 and soon we will be able to share with you the grand total of funds raised for the school. Thank you to all the children in class 3 for their hard work and to the parents who have donated prizes for the games – they have been very well received!

A huge thank you to Friends of Dishforth for organising the event!

Christmas School Dinner – Wednesday 15th December

School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15th December.



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 – service at school

On Friday 17th December, every child in the school will make a Christingle and we will have our own school led Christingle Service at school.



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!

St James Church

Please see the information below regarding forthcoming services in St James Church:

December 2021

Sunday 19th December – 10.45 a.m. Communion Service.

Friday 24th December – 6.30 p.m. Carol Service.

January 2022

Sunday 2nd January – 10.45 a.m. Communion Service.

Sunday 9th January - 9.30 a.m. Breakfast Service. (Coffee and Croissants)

Sunday 16th January – 10.45 a.m. Communion Service.

Sunday 23rd January – 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer. (Short spoken service)

Sunday 30th January – No Service.

All Services followed by Coffee.

St James Church wishes everyone a Very Happy Christmas and the Best of Health for 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 finding lots of opportunities to read cvc words independently. Well done, Lottie!

Class 1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their confident performance in the Nativity production. Well done, Lara!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their excellent application in class. They can always be relied upon to work hard and they show great maturity in all learning. Well done, Kingsley!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their super attitude towards learning. They have also worked hard in science and Maths learning. Well done, Molly!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to someone for demonstrating our school values of trust and respect. This person respects everything and everyone and is always kind to people.



The award goes to Sophie, who was nominated by Dacian.

Well done, Sophie!

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards,

J M Lyon - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

December	
15/12/21	Christmas School Dinner
16/12/21	Christmas Parties
17/12/21	School Christingle Service 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