



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Newsletter 13 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Dear Parents,

I am delighted that our new trim trail has been installed next to the playground. We shall be showing the children how to use it safely over the coming days.

There are many events to look forward to over the next two weeks so please read this newsletter carefully to check for dates and times as there is a lot of information regarding the festive period and updated plans.

A reminder also that on Friday it is Christmas Jumper Day where the children can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper for a £1 donation for Save the Children.

#### **Class News:**

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

**EYFS** – This week has been very busy in EYFS. We have all practised our nativity play and enjoyed putting on our costumes for the dress rehearsal. We have been looking at the nativity story in our literacy and RE lessons. We have enjoyed playing with the nativity set, naming each of the characters. In maths we have started to learn about time and have been talking about different times of the day – morning, afternoon and evening. We finished our art work for the Christmas display in the hall. We hope you have chance to look at our display when you come to the Nativity play!

**Class 1** – In Class 1 this week, it has been assessment week and we have enjoyed showing off everything we have learnt so far! We have had a busy week rehearsing and getting ready in our costumes for our Nativity. Our dress rehearsals have gone splendidly and we have had a fantastic time performing Whoops a Daisy Angel for Key Stage 2 who were a wonderful audience for us. In Maths and Numeracy, we have looked at the different features and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We then used what we had learnt in a mini DT project, creating our own towns and villages out of junk. This has also tied in nicely with our current class project about the United Kingdom and encouraged the class to use their team building skills to work together.

**Class 2** – This week has been assessment week in Class 2 and we have been working hard to show off all of our learning from this term. In Science we have written the story of the first moon landing and in English we have written letters to a friend explaining a key part of our class text. On Thursday we loved watching the EYFS and KS2 Nativity which has got us into the spirit of the season.

**Class 3** – Class 3 have been busy reviewing their learning from the autumn term. In P.E we have continued to develop our tag rugby skills. In topic, we have learnt about imports and exports and used our maths skills to create bar charts. In science, children have written information texts about space. We also enjoyed watching the EYFS and KS1 nativity.

### **Online Safety Newsletter**

Please find attached to this newsletter, the December edition of the Online Safety Newsletter which has lots of advice about devices and keeping children safe online.

### **Nasal Flu Catch Up Clinic**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December:**

**09:00-13:00pm**

**Thirsk Town Hall:**

**NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED FOR NASAL FLU SPRAY - JUST DROP IN**

### **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.

### **Advance Notice – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> April and school will open for the children on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 -updated

Due to newly released guidance from Public Health North Yorkshire regarding organising activities in school this winter in light of Covid, there are some changes to our forthcoming plans. The changes have been made due to consideration around control measures, numbers of people involved, size of space, duration of activity and type of activity and also transport. The plans affect the School Christmas Fair and the Christingle – these are not cancelled; however, the format of both events has changed after reviewing guidance.

Please be mindful that despite the changes made, if cases do arise there would be further action surrounding the events at potentially very short notice.

### 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.

Please ensure envelopes are named correctly!

### Nativity Play

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

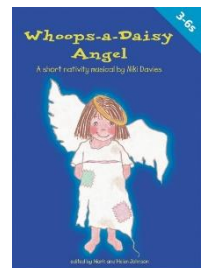
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 6pm performance (children to be at school for 5.40pm to get ready)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am performance

**Please can all adults take a lateral flow test prior to the performance and all are to wear face coverings. Adults will be asked to wait outside until near the time of the performance to limit time in school. Doors will be open throughout so please wear extra layers of clothing.**

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](mailto:admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk)



### Christmas Jumper Day – this Friday!



On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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**

There will be stalls outside on Friday selling hot chocolate cones, a raffle for a family hamper, Christmas tree decorations made using the 3D printer in school and a cake stall.

Please see below from Friends of Dishforth:

#### **Cake stall.**

Please can we have donations of cakes and biscuits to the school office or to Claire Herbert (Ellie's Mum).

Under new food regulations, please can people attach an ingredients list to their donations. Donations for the cake stall can be brought in right up to the fair time.

#### **Hamper Raffle**

The Christmas Family Hampers are always a great success.

If you would like to donate to the Hamper, please bring to school any item that you think would be suitable for a Christmas Hamper, this can be any bottle, any food item (that can stay out of the Fridge), any table game, any home decoration item, or your very own idea. Please can we have donations in by Wednesday evening so we have time to arrange the hamper.

If you cannot attend the fair after school on Friday, you can buy your raffle tickets on Parent Pay. Each £1 you spend gets you five tickets, once you have sent £1 on parent pay, Friends of school will ensure 5 tickets are in the draw with your name on.

**Jingle Jars Stall** - Please start to make up Jingle Jars! Jingle Jars are very popular and are sold for £1 at the fair. Jingle Jars are wrapped up Jars of any size in paper, so the contents are a surprise. Your donated Jar can be filled with any surprise you wish, such as sweets, toys, pencils, hair ornaments, anything!! Most are unisex but if it is specifically for a boy or girl, please can you add a tag or wrap it in pink or blue paper. If you have empty jars to fill, also please drop these into school because Friends of School have been donated some sweets of which we can fill them with. Please bring your jars in anytime to school by Thursday morning.

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Class 3 Christmas Fair Games to share with the children in school**

Class 3 have worked very hard on making games for the Christmas Fair and are looking forward to sharing them with the children in school. There are 8 different games for the children to play ranging in price from 20p to 25p with prizes to be won!

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December all the children will be given the opportunity to play the games. If they would like to pay to play the games as they would have done at the Christmas Fair, please can they bring in some money in a named envelope (any amount up to a maximum of £2, preferably in change) which then can also be a maths opportunity for the children in counting out money and working out change. The money element is optional!

Class 3 are in the process of making adverts for their games which will be shown to the rest of the children in school so they know which games there are and how to play them.

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

### **School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch**

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.



## **Christmas Party afternoon – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> December**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30 a.m. Breakfast Service (Coffee and Croissants)

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 10.45 a.m. Communion Service.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 6.30 p.m. Carol Service.

### **January 2022**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – 10.45 a.m. Communion Service.

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

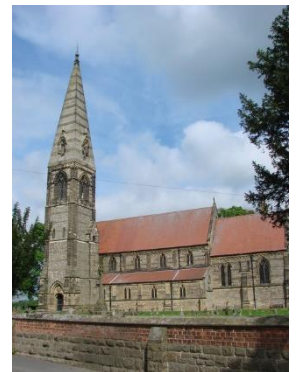
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January – 10.45 a.m. Communion Service.

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

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 who has listened really well at story time and has answered questions about what has happened in a story. Well done, Thomas!

**Class 1** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their expressive reading as a Narrator in the Nativity. Well done, Charlie!

**Class 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their fantastic attitude to learning. They are always ready, respectful and safe and have a smile on their face. Well done, Tyrell!

**Class 3** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for working hard in English lessons and producing excellent pieces of writing. Well done, Chloe!

### **Values in Action**

This week our Values Award goes to Riley for demonstrating our school values of trust and respect.



Riley is always respectful and kind to everyone. He is always ready to learn and if you have hurt yourself, he will see if you are okay.

Riley was nominated by Lola and Alex.

Well done, Riley!

Kind regards,

J M Lyon - Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>December</b>	
<b>6/12/21</b>	EYFS and Class 1 Nativity 6pm (children back at school for 5.40pm)
<b>7/12/21</b>	EYFS and Class 1 Nativity 9.30am
<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>	School Christingle Service 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