



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to the beginning of Advent in school as this week we will be decorating the Christmas tree and changing our displays in the hall with the theme of different Christmas carols. We have much to look forward to as we head into the festive season so please read the newsletter carefully to see what we have planned. Children can now bring Christmas cards in on a Monday or Tuesday and they will be delivered later in the week.

As I have communicated in previous newsletters, all of our plans are under review and subject to change if cases of Covid emerge over the coming weeks. The Health and Safety advice is to have a common-sense approach based on the context of cases within a school. Currently, there are no cases. In line with the latest government guidance regarding indoor gatherings, we are requesting that all adults attending the Nativity performances, the Christmas Fair and the church service take a lateral flow test prior to the event and wear a face covering.

In the event of updated guidance and risk assessments, if plans need amending an email will be sent directly to families to inform you of any changes.

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 all enjoyed reading the story “Aliens Love Underpants”. We thought that aliens coming to Earth to steal our pants was very funny! We have made our own aliens using play dough and have designed our own pair of pants! In our PE sessions we have been playing multi-skill games which have allowed us to practise different ways of travelling and balancing. In our forest school’s session, we have been looking for Stick Man and taking part in a scavenger hunt. Of course, we have also been very busy practising our Nativity play.

Class 1 – In Class 1 this week, we have been looking at the different features of poetry. We have looked a variety of poets including Robert Louis Stevenson and Christina Rossetti and have learnt about similes. In Maths and Numeracy, we have revised our understanding of multiplication and have begun learning about money, thinking about what we already know about addition and subtraction to help us. The children have enjoyed practising with Reception this week. The costumes are organised and the stage is set! The final countdown is on! In Science this week, we have learnt about the process of recycling. The children had lots of interesting comments to make about what they recycled at home and what more we could do in school.

Class 2 – In Class 2 this week, year 4 have been looking at calculating perimeter in their maths lessons, while year 3 have been learning different methods of column subtraction. In literacy we have been reading more of our Iron Man story and thinking about how authors create tension in their stories. In PE this week we tried our hand at shooting in hockey and Mrs Chester has been

showing the children all about branching databases in our computing lessons. On Google Classroom this week there is a quiz all about the Anglo Saxons for the children to have a go at.

Class 3 – Class 3 have been busy designing games for the Christmas Fair. They have worked collaboratively to come up with exciting games that they will begin to make this week. In Literacy, children have begun to read Cosmic and learn about the main character Liam who seems to be lost in space! In maths lessons, children practically explored square and cube numbers. In topic lessons, they have continued to develop their understanding of global trade by exploring the global supply chain and the stages from raw material to finished product.

Spring Term Menu

Please find the Spring Term school dinner menu attached which starts in January.

Homework

Homework will be given to the children on Friday 10th December to be handed in the following week. Homework will resume the first week back in January.

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

We have much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season and I would like to share with you what we have planned so far. Please be mindful that as guidance can, and no doubt will change relating to Covid that the following plans may need to be changed at 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.

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.

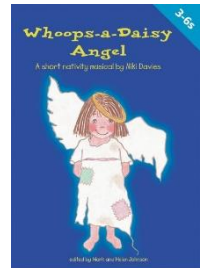
Monday 6th December 6pm performance (children to be at school for 5.40pm to get ready)

Tuesday 7th December 9.30am performance

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



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

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 – 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 – please let Mrs McBride know by email so that we have a list of children who we know are leaving from church – thank you.

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 5th December – 10.45 a.m. Communion Service.

Sunday 12th December – 9.30 a.m. Breakfast Service (Coffee and Croissants)

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 who has shown super listening skills during our Nativity play rehearsals. Well done, Vinay!

Class 1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their wonderful multiplication work in Mathematics. Well done, Harriet!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their super subtraction work in Maths where they have offered really great ideas in whole class discussion. Well done, Casey!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for really challenging themselves in Maths lessons and for being able to clearly explain to others what they have noticed when exploring number patterns. Well done, William!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Daniel for demonstrating our school values of compassion, perseverance, trust and respect.



Daniel was nominated by Ronan. In everything Daniel does, you can always rely on him. He is so nice to his peers and he never gives up. He also lets everyone join in and he follows our three school rules: respectful, ready and safe.

Well done, Daniel!

Kind regards,

J M Lyon - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

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