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Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend.

Class News:

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

EYFS – We have all settled back into school after the Christmas holidays. It was lovely to hear about all the experiences the children had had over Christmas. We are pleased to welcome Polly, Blake and Monty into nursery. We have been learning about winter this week. We have painted snowy pictures, cut out snowflakes and thought about the sort of clothes we need to wear in winter. We have learned about hibernation, learning about which animals hibernate and why.

Class 1 – In Class 1 this week, we have been learning about seasonal changes through poetry based on 'Out and About' by Shirley Hughes. We looked carefully at the different features of a non-rhyming poem, making sure to include interesting punctuation, a variety in sentence structure and adjectives. In Maths, we have focused on place value and money, using what we have learnt so far about the different operations to help us work out the answers to tricky problems. The children enjoyed meeting their new dance teacher this week and had fun in a 'getting to know you' session. Class 1 will be taking part in P.E every Monday and Thursday this term so please make sure that children have appropriate indoor footwear and that all property is named. In Topic work this week, we have finished learning about the four countries of the U.K and their different features. The class were interested in Loch Ness and finding out more about the Loch Ness Monster.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 we have been settling back into school following our Christmas break. We have begun reading our new class text - Bill's New Frock and looking at stereotypes in different occupations. In Science with Mrs Blyton we have started our new topic all about magnets and forces whilst in Topic we looked at the Legend of Romulus and Remus for our first lesson all about the Roman Empire. In Maths this week we have looked at various methods of division.

Class 3 – This week in Class 3 have had a nice return after the Christmas holidays. We have begun our poetry topic in literacy based on 'The Carnival of The Animals' by Camille Saint-Saens. With Mrs Blyton, we have started our science topic about living things and their habitats. We surprised ourselves in RE, looking closer into research on religions in our local area. This will lead onto our focus 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?'. In Maths this week, we have looked at multiplying fractions by integers by other fractions.

Updated Covid Guidance

Guidance has been updated over the Christmas period with regards to Covid – particularly around self-isolation and contacts:

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for Covid-19 has been reduced to 7 days provided there are two negative LFD tests on day 6 and day 7.

The updated guidance includes a link to the most up to date public health advice on self-isolation. The full self-isolation period is 10 days, however if an individual gets a negative LFD test result no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and a further negative test 24 hours later (day 7) then the individual no longer needs to complete the full 10 days and may end their self-isolation after the second negative test provided they do not have a high temperature. This also applies to children under 5, “with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion”.

Daily testing for close contacts for Covid-19

The public health advice also states that those close contacts who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months “*should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time*”.

The updated guidance can be found on this link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection?utm_source=2%20January%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Curriculum Letters

Curriculum letters are being sent out today which outline what your child /children are learning about this term in school.

Swimming

Class 2 (Year 3 and 4) will start swimming on Thursday at Thirsk. Please ensure that the children have their swimming kit in a named bag along with a towel. It would be helpful if socks were worn on a swimming day as opposed to tights and please can earrings be removed. Thank you.

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

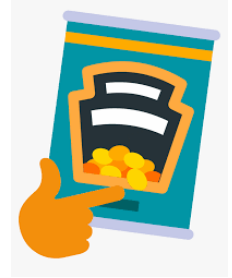
Forest School is an inspiring process which is a specialised approach that aims to develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning outside.

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.

Promotional Dinner – Heinz Day – Thursday 20th January

Sausage and Beans Casserole with Delicious Dumplings
with
Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn and Broccoli



Jam Sponge and Custard

Promotional Dinner – Chinese New Year – Thursday 3rd February

Sweet and Sour Chicken
with



Oriental Vegetables, Red Dragon Rice, Peas and Sweetcorn

Sachima (Rice Cakes)

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, 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.

AWARDS

Celebration Assembly

On Friday, we had our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;



Ribbons

EYFS – This week the class ribbon goes to someone for listening carefully to the instructions whilst we were painting pictures and for persevering with his painting and trying hard to follow these instructions. Well done, Oliver!

Class 1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for her fantastic ideas that she had when creating her own poem about playing outside. Well done, Elodie!

Class 2 - The ribbon this week goes to somebody for their beautiful presentation of work and for having a mature attitude in class. Well done, Lily!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for her perseverance in maths and being ready to challenge herself. Well done, Ava!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to someone for demonstrating our school values of trust and respect. This person was showing respect to the adults in collective worship by setting a good example and ensuring that others showed good listening skills.



The award goes to Charlotte, who was nominated by Evie M.

Well done, Charlotte!

Kind regards,

J M Lyon - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

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| January 2022 | |
| 13/1/21 | Class 2 swimming starts |
| 20/1/22 | Promotional Dinner – Heinz Day |
| 26/1/22 | No afterschool childcare club – whole staff health and safety training |
| February 2022 | |
| 3/2/22 | Promotional Dinner – Chinese New Year |
| 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 |
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| 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 |