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Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a good weekend. With regards to a Covid update, we now have confirmed cases in each class in school. I would like to thank everyone for their support and also for the daily testing that has been carried out. As I have said in a letter last week, my priority is to keep classes and school open so your help is crucial. Please can I ask that the daily testing continues this week as we still have cases coming through.

Self-isolation rules change as of today and I sent a letter out on Friday with links to the government guidance. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mrs McBride in the school office if there is anything you are not sure of or information about when your child can return to school:

admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk

I have included the letter again, just for your reference.

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 started to learn about Penguins. We have looked at the globe and atlases to find the South Pole. We have made ice cubes and explored what happens when ice cubes are left out of the freezer – we were surprised at how quickly they melted out in the winter sunshine this week. In maths we have continued to look at how we can make numbers up to 5 and have continued to use a five frame to show this. We have drawn and written lists of items we would take with us on a trip to the South Pole.

Class 1 – In Class 1 this week, we have been learning about Julia Donaldson. We looked carefully at the different features of the story 'A Squash and a Squeeze', paying particular attention to exclamation marks, question marks and inverted commas. We also focused on present and past tense and incorporated this into our writing. In Maths, we have continued to focus on place value and money. Year 1 have been learning about one more and one less with numbers up to 50. Year 2's have been using their number knowledge to work out the difference and find change in money problems. The children enjoyed starting their new Science project this week, 'Animals Including Humans'. We looked at how animals can be grouped into different classifications and recorded our observations on how offspring can look the same or different to their adult. In R.E this week, we explored Judaism and what it means to be Jewish. We researched the different symbols associated with the religion and thought about what Jewish people believe in.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 we have really enjoyed going swimming! It was great to get to the pool and have our first lesson back for a long time. In our literacy lessons we have looked in detail and the main character of our story "Bill's New Frock" using our inference skill to see what we can learn

about the boy from the text. In maths we have been continuing our work on multiplication and division and in topic we looked at the key dates of the Roman Invasion of Britain. Our science investigation this week was all about the impact of angles and resistance on forces, using lengths of guttering and toy cars to see how far the cars travelled.

Class 3 – This week Class 3 have been working hard to complete their Italian sonnets in literacy, based on the Carnival of the Animals. In maths, we have been focusing on problem solving involving fractions and the four operations. Science has been exciting with Mrs Blyton, focusing on finishing researching the life cycle of their chosen animal. Additionally, in geography the children have been interviewing each other as an indigenous person from their chosen biome.

<u>Promotional Dinner – Heinz Day – Thursday 20th January – this week!</u>

Sausage and Beans Casserole and Delicious Dumplings

with

Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn and Broccoli



Jam Sponge and Custard

<u>Promotional Dinner – Chinese New Year – Thursday 3rd February</u>

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.

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 writing a super list of items he would take to the South Pole, using his phonics sounds confidently. Well done, Harley!

Class 1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for her wonderful retelling of our new class story 'A Squash and a Squeeze' Well done Polly!

Class 2 - The ribbon this week goes to somebody for his excellent answers in class. He always offers valuable, insightful and interesting answers in whole class discussion. Well done, Willem!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for her perseverance in literacy, when writing her Italian sonnet. The structure of this poem was particularly complex. She has written a powerful poem about her predator (lion). Well done, Georgia!

Values in Action

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

He is always kind and caring to lower school and he will never give up.



The award goes to Zach, who was nominated by George.

Well done,

Kind regards,

J M Lyon - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

January 2022	
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 14 th February	Parents Evening Monday 14th February and Wednesday 16th 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	Dishforth C of	Dishforth	Dishforth C of	Dishforth
	Airfield	E Primary	Airfield	E Primary	Airfield
Afternoon	Dishforth C of	Dishforth	Dishforth C of	Dishforth	Dishforth C of
	E Primary	Airfield	E Primary	Airfield	E Primary