



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Covid Update

I am updating you to let you know that we have an increasing number of cases of Covid within our school staff and across every class in school.

At this stage we are operating as normal and, as I have stated in previous letters, this is our priority however I feel it is going to be a very challenging couple of weeks. If cases continue to rise and we have a significant number of staff off, then school would not be in a position to operate fully and we would then need to put alternative measures in place.

In the event of significant numbers of staff off school, we may need to close class bubbles and remote learning would take place for these children. Classes in school may also need to be merged.

Children of critical workers and vulnerable children would still be able to come to school. If you are unsure if you fall in to this category, please click on the link below which gives you all the information you need.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

At this time these are back-up plans and I hope that they won't be needed, however, I feel it is prudent to share this with you in case you need to have alternative arrangements in place as information regarding staff cases is likely to be received early on a morning resulting in decisions needing to be made with very little time or warning to families. Notification would be via email.

I would like to thank you all again for your support and understanding through this challenging time and **please continue to test your child / children daily before school.**

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 continued learning about Penguins and Antarctica. We have enjoyed exploring our role play area which has been a Polar Explorers Work Station. We have made binoculars and telescopes to help us view penguins in the wild. In Maths we have continued to explore number 5 and we have used numicon to explore number bonds for 5. In forest schools we made bird feeders using cereal and pipe cleaners and we have hung our feeders on the trees around school. Next week we will be learning about Chinese New Year.

Class 1 – In Class 1 this week, we have been learning about 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. We looked carefully at past and present tense, expanded noun phrases and interesting punctuation that we can add to our writing. We acted out the story and went on a sound walk to see what we could hear around our school. We then wrote our own versions of What the Ladybird might hear if she came to Dishforth Primary. In Maths, we have focused on multiplication and division. Year 1s have been learning how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s fluently whilst solving different mathematical problems. Year 2s have looked at how to use the multiplication symbol in their calculations and have begun to explore the concept of division. In Topic work this week, we have explored different kinds of houses and homes that we might find in our local area. We used our class collected junk to make our own houses and homes that our class teddy bear might want to live in. In Science, we continued to explore our new project. We thought about life cycles and researched the life cycles of different animals, including humans. We then put this information into our own diagrams. Finally, in Art we have begun to explore Aboriginal painting. In particular, we have studied 'The Dreaming' and what that means in Aboriginal culture. We then created our own dot paintings, using the different symbols that Aboriginals use.

Class 2 – In Class 2 this week we have continued to work hard on our times tables work. Year 4 have been looking at multiplying more than 2 numbers while year 3 have worked on their 3, 4- and 8-times tables. In literacy we have completed the reading of our class text and have written book reviews. For topic, we investigated the path of Roman roads in Britain. We also really enjoyed our swimming session this week.

Class 3 – Class three have had an exciting end to this week, finishing our published rhyming couplet poems. We have worked hard in maths looking at the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. In geography, we have made our own biomes in a bag, ready to observe over the next two weeks. Additionally, the children have started our music this week, based on a jazz topic.

Car parking Grange Close

Please can I remind families who drive to school to try and avoid parking on Grange Close. There were times last week where residents were unable to park in their designated parking spaces. Thank you.

White Rose Maths – 1 minute-maths app – for information

The writers of the maths scheme we use throughout school, White Rose Maths, have designed an app for use both in class and at home, called 1-Minute Maths. The app helps children build greater number confidence and fluency through targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks.

This first version of the app is aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils with individual one-minute tasks focusing on adding and subtracting – and on 'Subitising', the skill of instantly recognising the number of items in a group without counting. Multiplication and division are going to be added soon.

The app is free and is really useful for building number fluency and confidence and compliments the teaching strategies used in class – worth a look!

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 – this Wednesday

Due to whole staff health and safety training, there will be no after school childcare club on Wednesday 26th January 2022.

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 super sentences about penguins, using her phonic sounds to help her write phonically decodable words. Well done, Lottie!

Class 1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their wonderful ideas during our class discussion on how to be a good friend in the playground. Class 1 are lucky to have you! Well done Molly!

Class 2 - The ribbon this week goes to somebody for their attention to detail. They are working hard to constantly improve work and try new things to develop their writing. Well done, Lily!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for writing a lovely rhyming couplet poem and also for supporting friends. Well done, Travis!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to someone for demonstrating our school value of respect.

She is always kind to everyone and has a positive mindset.

The award goes to Ella, who was nominated by Jack.

Well done, Ella!



Kind regards,

J M Lyon - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

January 2022	
26/1/22	No afterschool childcare club – whole staff health and safety training
February 2022	
3/2/22	Promotional Dinner – Chinese New Year
7-13 February	Children’s Mental Health week ‘Growing Together’
8/2/22	Online Safety Day
w/c 14th February	Parents Evening Monday 14 th February and Wednesday 16 th February
18/2/22	Break-up for February half-term
28/2/22	School open
March 2022	
3/3/22	World Book Day – dress up as a character from a book
22/3/22	Workshop PE
30/3/22	Class 2 Production ‘Peace Child’ 6pm – further details to follow
31/3/22	Class 2 Production ‘Peace Child’ 9.30am – further details to follow
April 2022	
6/4/22	Afternoon – Baldersby Church – whole school – parents invited 1.30pm
8/4/22	Break-up for Easter at 2.30pm
25/4/22	TRAINING DAY
26/4/22	School open for the summer term
May 2022	
2/5/22	May Day – school closed for the day
9/5/22	Year 6 SAT week
27/5/22	Break-up for May half term
June 2022	
6/6/22	School open
7-9 June	Class 3 residential
7/6/22	EYFS Balance Bikes
15/6/22	Workshop - PE

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