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Newsletter 15 Wednesday 5th January 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and happy start to the New Year.

Class News:

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families and the last week of term was certainly a very busy one!

EYFS – This week we have embraced everything Christmassy! We have enjoyed playing class 3's Christmas games. The children enjoyed independently visiting each stall, listening to the rules of the games and having a go. We have been practising our Christmas songs ready for our Christingle service. The children enjoyed making their Christingle and learning about the different parts.

Class 1 – In Class 1, we have had a fantastic week with Christmas parties, making different Christmas crafts, having Christmas dinner and we even received an exciting visit from a very special visitor! In Maths and Numeracy, we have revised what we have learnt in place value, addition, subtraction and multiplication. In Literacy, we have continued our creative story, 'A Necklace of Raindrops' and focused on the different features of an apology letter. We have been using what we have learnt so far to write our own letters to one of the characters in the story, The North Wind. In Science, we have been finishing of our materials project and have showed off what we have learnt. In Topic, we have also been learning more about The United Kingdom and the different countries that make up the U.K

Class 2 – In Class 2 this week we have prepared for our Christingle service by creating our Christingle Oranges and practicing our songs. On Monday we really enjoyed playing Class 3's games that they had spent a lot of time creating. In English we have written a backstory for the character Ebanana Scrooge from a Christmas Carrot, thinking about what it was that made him so mean. In our Maths learning we have looked at different representations of multiplication and exploring commutativity. Have a fantastic Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Class 3 – This week in class, we have continued to develop our knowledge and adding and subtracting fractions. In our art lesson, children created calendars using their printing skills. On Monday, Class 3 had the opportunity to share their Christmas games with other classes. It was lovely to see them take on this responsibility. Well done children for all your hard work! In music, children have worked hard on their singing skills and have been busy practising songs for the Christingle. Children enjoyed making their Christingles in preparation for the service.

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

Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who support the Christmas Fair either by organising and running stalls or by taking part. The children in Class 3 enjoyed making and showing their games and managed to raise £99.83!

Over all the event raised £341.91

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.

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.

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 who has shown kindness and maturity in everything that he has done – Well done Thomas!

Class 1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their wonderful progress in reading. Well done, Ivy!

Class 2 - The ribbon this week goes to somebody who has shown a maturity to her learning this week and has always been ready to lend a hand around the classroom. Well done Charlotte!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked hard on their learning. They have shown perseverance in Maths and also a high level of self-awareness and demonstrated excellent behaviour within the classroom. Well done, Alex!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to someone for demonstrating our school value of perseverance. This person was brave enough to audition in front of the whole school and sang beautifully in Collective Worship.



The award goes to Dacian, who was nominated by Chloe and Lola.

Well done, Dacian!

Kind regards,

J M Lyon - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

January 2022	
4/1/22	Staff Training Day
5/1/22	School open – Spring Term 2022
13/1/21	Class 2 swimming starts
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