



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a super weekend with the lovely spring sunshine.

Due to the number of chicken pox cases in school, and particularly in Class 2, we have decided to postpone this week's performance of Peace Child until after the Easter holidays. It is hoped that by moving it to Thursday 28th April at 6pm and Friday 29th April at 9.15am we can have all the children back in school and fit for the production they have worked so very hard on.

Help Ukraine

Thank you to everyone who supported the Ukrainian Appeal on Friday with the "Blue and Yellow day". As a school we raised an amazing £224.00.



Class News:

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

EYFS – This week in EYFS we have been talking about Mothering Sunday and why we celebrate it. We have thought about all the special things our mums do for us and have been busy making special cards. In maths we have learnt the names of 3D shapes, found different shapes in the classroom, printed using 3D shapes and sorted shapes based on their properties. In RE we have talked about Palm Sunday and have made our own palm leaves to wave.

Class 1 – In Class 1 this week, we continued to look at the story 'Flat Stanley' by Jeff Brown. The children spent time looking at adverbs and suffixes. We then wrote postcards to our parents, pretending we were Flat Stanley and had visited our friend Thomas in California. In Maths, Year 1s have been learning to measure length, mass and capacity. Year 2s have started learning about statistics, thinking carefully about the differences between tally charts and pictograms. We then used what we had learnt to try some problem-solving challenges. For P.E this week, the children loved taking part in tag rugby and enjoyed trying to gain different teams tags without losing their own! In R.E, we looked at Palm Sunday and why this is an important date for Christians to celebrate in the lead up to Easter

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 has been assessment week. We have taken the opportunity to showcase what we have learnt this term. We have also spent time working hard on our production, we are really looking forward to showing you all. We have also worked on creating a backdrop and props for the play.

Class 3 – In Class 3 this week, Year 5 have had an exciting trip to Thirsk High School and were commended on their ‘respectful and mature attitude’ from members of staff. Well done Year 5! All of the children have worked incredibly hard completing some tests this week during the morning sessions. I would like to take this time to congratulate them on their perseverance and determination. During science, they have been working on their experiment, creating salt crystals. The Year 6 children practised their woodwork skills, cutting bamboo when completing our bug hotels in Forest Schools. Thank you for all of the empty tins last week!

Staffing Update – Class 1 and Class 3

Miss Paterson has had a change in personal circumstances with her partner gaining a promotion at work. This is resulting in a move to Edinburgh at May half term. We are all sad to see Miss Paterson go and we will miss her as part of our team – we wish her all the very best for the future.

I will be advertising for a new teacher to start in September. In the meantime, for the last half term of the school year, we will be welcoming back Mrs Sue Edwards to take Class 1. Mrs Edwards is a very experienced Key Stage 1 teacher who has taught at Dishforth CE Primary for a number of years in the past and knows the school well. Mrs Edwards will be making visits to the school after Easter to get to know the children and have a smooth handover.

I am delighted to announce that Miss Ungerechts is expecting a baby and is going on maternity leave at May half term. Mrs Carolyn Blyton will take Class 3 full time for the last half term of the school year and we will welcome Miss Ungerechts back in September.

Year 5 Enrichment Day

Year 5 children thoroughly enjoyed their day at Thirsk High School last Monday. A highlight seemed to be the science lesson for many. We received many compliments about the children in terms of their positive attitudes and excellent behaviour throughout the day. Thank you to Mrs Burgess and Mrs Tennant for taking the children.

Boxercise Workshop

On Tuesday, we had a wonderful day with Dave from Box2Bfit. All children in school took part in a boxing session on the playground which involved using different equipment and working with a partner. We were so impressed with everyone's attitude towards learning new skills and trying their best.

Baldersby St James Church – Wednesday 6th April

Families are welcome to join us on the afternoon of Wednesday 6th April at Baldersby St James Church where the school, led by Year 5 pupils, will perform a short production of The Three Trees. We will aim to start at 1.45pm and finish about 2.15pm. The children can either return to school on the buses or can be collected from Church. Please inform Mrs McBride in the school office if you are taking your child/ren from church – thank you.

Promotional Dinner – Easter – Wednesday 6th April



Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding and Sage and Onion Stuffing
with
Roast or Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Broccoli and Sweetcorn

Followed by



Chocolate Fudge Pudding and Chocolate Sauce

Hard-boiled eggs – Friday 8th April

On Friday 8th April we would like all the children to bring in a hard-boiled egg to decorate (I recommend they each bring in two eggs to allow for breakages!) – there will be a range of materials for the children to use on the day to decorate their egg.

Friday 8th April – school finishes at 2.30pm for the Easter Holidays

PE and Forest Schools after Easter

After the Easter holidays, the classes will have PE on the following days. Please ensure that the children have their outdoor PE kit with them: plain white t-shirt, navy / black shorts and trainers. Children can also have a navy / black track suit as well.

EYFS – Monday and Wednesday

Class 1 – Monday and Thursday

Class 2 – Thursday and Friday

Class 3 – Monday and Wednesday

Forest Schools – Class 1 after Easter

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 1 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!!

Friends of Dishforth

Attached to the newsletter is the Friends of Dishforth letter regarding the forthcoming Auction of Promises. If you are able to offer a promise, please fill in the form and return it to the School Office by the 26th April – thank you!

Nursery Places – register

If you have a child under the age of 3 and you are interested in having a nursery place for them here at Dishforth Primary, please register your interest with Mrs McBride in the school office. This will help us with forward planning of numbers – thank you.

Easter Activities

Attached to this newsletter is a range of activities taking place over the Easter break for your information.

Hockey Heroes

Thirsk Hockey Club are hosting Hockey Heroes - an 8-week fun introduction to hockey for 5-8-year-old beginners for just £40 including your own kit:

2 sticks, a ball and a personalised t-shirt!

It starts on Monday 9th May, 6-7pm, at Thirsk Astro (next door to the high school)

To find out more and to sign up visit hockeyheroes.co.uk

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 worked very hard on saying how many items are in a group without counting, when using a tens frame. Well done Connie!

Class 1 - The ribbon this week goes to someone for their beautiful writing and their very kind attitude towards everyone in Class 1! Well done Amelia, you are a star!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown quiet determination and progress throughout the year and whose confidence is really starting to shine through. In all areas of the curriculum they are happy to contribute to discussion and offer ideas. Well done Rupert!

Class 3 – There could have been many children chosen for the ribbon this week for this reason. This person is someone who set an excellent example when representing our school on Monday at Thirsk High School. They challenged themselves to complete tasks in a calm and respectful way and worked well in a team. Well done Jack!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to someone for demonstrating our school values of compassion and respect. This person has been nominated for being nice and part of a group and letting people join in outside.



The award goes to Thomas who was nominated by William.

Well done, Thomas!

Kind regards,

J M Lyon - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

April 2022	
6/4/22	Afternoon – Baldersby Church – whole school – parents invited 1.45pm start
8/4/22	Break-up for Easter at 2.30pm
25/4/22	TRAINING DAY
26/4/22	School open for the summer term
28/4/22	RE-SCHEDULED PERFORMANCE OF PEACE CHILD BY CLASS 2 AT 6PM
29/04/22	RE-SCHEDULED PERFORMANCE OF PEACE CHILD BY CLASS 2 AT 9.15PM
May 2022	
2/5/22	May Day – school closed for the day
9/5/22	Year 6 SAT week
27/5/22	Platinum Jubilee celebration – further details to follow Break-up for May half term
June 2022	
6/6/22	School open
7-9 June	Class 3 residential
13/6/22	EYFS Balance Bikes
15/6/22	Workshop - PE
24/6/22	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ONE DAY
27/6/22	Year 6 Leaver's Service, All Saints Church, Northallerton (this is for Year 6 children only as it is a Diocesan event involving Year 6 children from a number of schools)

30/6/22	Year 5 enrichment day at Thirsk High School
July 2022	
20/7/22	Year 6 Leavers' Service in school 2pm – parents welcome
22/7/22	Break-up for summer holidays at 2.30pm
September 2022	
5/9/22	Training Day
6/9/22	School open for academic year 2022-23
7/9/22	No after school club due to safeguarding training
October 2022	
w/c 17/10/22	Parent / child / teacher consultations
21/10/22	Break-up 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