



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

The term has absolutely flown by and I am sure we are all looking forward to a rest over Easter - fingers crossed for some lovely warm spring weather. On Friday we break up for Easter and I wish you all a very peaceful two weeks off school. School closes at the slightly earlier time of 2.30pm and we will look forward to seeing the children for the summer term on Tuesday 26th April.

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 enjoyed looking at the book “That’s not a Daffodil”. This has led to lots of discussion about planting seeds and bulbs and growing. We have read and written instructions for planting seeds and have planted our own sunflower seeds – we hope that they will grow very tall! In maths we have been making more complicated patterns using at least 3 different colours or objects. We have made finger print patterns and body movement patterns as well making patterns with beads. We have been busy practising the songs that will be sung at the Easter service in church next week.

Class 1 – In Class 1 this week, the children spent time analysing information leaflets and what important features they should include. We then created our own National Art Gallery leaflets, remembering to include adjectives, varied sentence structures and appropriate punctuation. In Maths, Year 1s have been learning about money. We have thought about the different coins and notes, and how we can use them properly. Year 2s have continued to learn about statistics, creating their own tally charts for surveys. We then used what we had learnt to try some problem-solving challenges. In R.E, we looked at Holy Week and what symbols are important for Christians at this time of year. Finally, in History we started to research George Stephenson and why he was significant. We looked at a variety of primary sources and compared them to the things we use in our daily lives today.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 we have enjoyed learning all about crime and punishment in Roman Times. We investigated the 12 laws first set up by Rome in 400BCE and then looked at how they are similar today. We also took on the role of a Roman judge and decided on the punishment for the crime of stealing some cows! In English this week we have written the build up to Roald Dahl's The BFG, looking at "Show not tell", explaining how a character is feeling, without actually saying how they feel. In Maths Year 4 have been adding and subtracting fractions while Year 3 have been looking at length and perimeter. In RE this week we have begun looking at the Christian festival of Easter.

Class 3 – This week Class 3 have been challenging themselves to research the features of narratives, analysing pieces of writing and looking at how writing impacts the audience. Next week, we are going to have a look at planning and writing our own narrative. In maths, Year 6 have been looking at ratio and Year 5 have been working out how to find the area of a compound shape. The children have all been enjoying practising our singing in music! In forest schools, they have designed an orienteering map from a birds-eye-view.

Baldersby St James Church – Wednesday 6th April

Families are welcome to join us on Wednesday afternoon 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.

Please note the following:

- Children being picked up from church need minimal bags/lunch boxes/water bottles
- At end of service all children must remain seated. Parents from each class will be invited one-year group at a time up the aisle to collect children who are going home. Teachers will hand over.

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.

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

Update Covid Guidance – for your information

All COVID-specific guidance for education settings has been removed and is now contained within “[health protection in schools and other childcare facilities](#)” generic guidance.

General COVID-19 guidance has also been updated and can be found here [People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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.

School Uniform

A polite reminder that children need to wear school shoes as part of their uniform. In summer, girls can wear red and white checked dresses. Again, school shoes are part of the summer uniform as opposed to open-toe sandals. Children still need practical footwear for school that protects their feet, allows them to move about and climb on trim trails!

AWARDS

Celebration Assembly

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



Ribbons

EYFS – The class ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked very hard listening to and following instructions during our PE session – well done Edmund!

Class 1 - The ribbon this week goes to someone for displaying perseverance within her writing task - well done Katie!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked ever so hard to prepare for the play - they have really stepped up to the mark. Their behaviour around school is always good and they greet everyone with a cheery hello each morning. Well done, Isla!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week, is going to someone who has been trying extremely hard on their attitude in the classroom. A massive well done to George!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to someone for demonstrating our school values of compassion.

This person has been nominated because whenever you are down or alone she will come and talk to you and comfort you at break.

The award goes to Lily A who was nominated by Gracie.

Well done, Lily!



On behalf of all the staff, may we wish you all a very Happy Easter!

We will look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 26th April.

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
29/4/22	RE-SCHEDULED PERFORMANCE OF PEACE CHILD BY CLASS 2 AT 9.15AM
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 afternoon – 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