



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have had a super first week back at school. They have settled back into routines very well and there has been a lovely, purposeful atmosphere in school.

Like you all, we, as a school community, are deeply saddened by the death of the Queen last Thursday and, through this period of national mourning, we are talking with the children about the Queen's life and her dedication to the country and the Commonwealth as well as discussing their own thoughts and feelings. We are all very aware of the significance of the past few days and coming weeks as a marker in history and as you will know, next Monday is the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II and school will be closed on the 19th September, re-opening on Tuesday 20th September.

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 all been settling into our new class. We have been learning our new routines and rules. We have been thinking about our feelings and the feelings of others, looking at the story of The Colour Monster. We have explored all the areas of the classroom and have made good progress in tidying up at the end of each session. We are all looking forward to our first full week next week and taking part in a PE and forest school session.

Class 1 – Class 1 have settled into school really well and have been enjoying exploring their new classroom. We have been learning how to use each area and how to work independently. We have begun with the story of the Colour Monster, learning about different feelings and thinking about our own feelings. We have learned strategies to keep calm and what to do if we become upset or angry. In maths we have been counting. Year 2 have been learning to read and write numbers to 100 in numerals and words and Year 1 have been focussing on correct number formation to 10 and learning how to represent numbers using a tens frame. We have begun our geography topic by making a map of our classroom and practised describing where the different areas are using geographical vocabulary.

Class 2 – We have had a wonderful first week back in Class 2. It has been lovely to welcome the children into class and get to know the Year 3 children better. We have enjoyed learning about

the Artist Paul Cezanne in our Art lesson and starting to understand more about the Stone Age. In English we created characters and setting that can help us in our writing this year.

Class 3 – What a fantastic start back at school! Class 3 have settled back into school incredibly well and have welcomed some new children into our class. We have been looking at Roman numerals and place values in maths. Some of us have been challenging ourselves to use Roman numerals outside of our maths lessons too. In literacy the children have been writing a recount, learning all about the different features and telling me about the exciting things they have experienced in their holidays. In history and geography, the children have begun telling me everything they know about transport beyond 1066 and their knowledge of Europe.

Homework

Homework begins this week. Materials to support homework – spelling tips and paired reading - are attached to this newsletter. I would also like to draw your attention to our Maths scheme, White Rose Maths, there is an app which accompanies this that children can use at home. This has been updated and would be useful for all children in school to have access to:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths#download>

In addition to this, there is advice and guidance regarding Maths on the White Rose Maths website which families may find useful:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/advice-and-guidance>

Clubs

A letter regarding extra-curricular clubs is being sent home this week.

Early Reading and Phonics Session for Reception Parents / Carers

Mrs Chaplin will be holding a parent/carer information session on our phonics scheme, Read, Write, Inc on Friday 23rd September at 2.30pm in the EYFS classroom. This is for families who have children in Reception.

Swimming Class 3 – September – this Thursday



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 5 and Year 6 children start on Thursday 15th September.** Please ensure your child has swimwear, goggles and a towel (named). It is helpful if girls wear socks and not tights on swimming days. Due to the layout and number of cubicles at Thirsk swimming baths, some children need to share a cubicle in order to change before and after the lesson. If any parents have questions or queries about this then please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Lyon. After Christmas children in Years 3 and 4 will go swimming.

The cost of swimming will be **£5.00 each week**, this still has to be paid even if your child misses a swimming lesson as we still have to pay for the bus, pool hire and swimming instructors. Payments must be made on your Parent Pay account. School has subsidised the cost of swimming due to rising prices from the bus company and constraints imposed by Thirsk Pool.

Home Learning Policy

At our school, we believe that children learn best when parents, the school and children work together in partnership. Home Learning should be a positive experience which is manageable, meaningful and enjoyable for parents, teachers and children.

Homework will begin this week. Please refer to the table below regarding homework for each class.

Class	Homework	Homework Given	Collected and Tested
EYFS: Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speed Sound Books• Daily Reading• Show and Tell task	Daily Daily Weekly	Mrs Chaplin will provide more information in a separate letter.
CLASS 1 Year 1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily reading• Spellings• Mental Maths• A weekly task linked to current learning	Daily reading Friday Friday Friday	Daily Thursday Thursday Thursday
CLASS 2 Year 3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily reading• Spellings• Mental Maths• A weekly task linked to current learning	Daily Friday Friday Friday	Daily Wednesday Wednesday Wednesday
CLASS 3 Year 5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Reading• Spellings• A Maths activity relating to in-school learning during the week• A weekly task linked to current learning	Daily Friday Friday Friday	Daily Wednesday Wednesday Wednesday

Year 6

Year 6 children might sometimes have an additional piece of homework. Hand-in dates will be made clear by Miss Ungerechts.

Reading

All children need to read at home every day. Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text and / or pictures. Please ensure that you record what your child has read and how they have managed with their reading in their record book. **Reading and record books need to be in school every day so that they can be checked and new books issued.**

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be week commencing the 18th October – further details will follow in due course.

PE - timetable

EYFS - Monday

Class 1- Monday

Class 2 – Thursday and Friday

Class 3 – Tuesday and Thursday (swimming)

Forest Schools

All the children in school will be undertaking Forest Schools at some point through the academic year. 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 Tuesday. Please can children bring into school a waterproof coat, tracksuit bottoms and trainers / wellies – something that you don't mind getting wet and dirty!!

Before and After School Childcare

If you are using the Before and After School childcare facility, please ensure that you book places in advance for the month.

Breakfast Club is run by Mrs Burgess. After School Club is led by Mrs Burgess on a Monday, Mrs Roberts on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and Mrs Chester on a Friday.

Instrument Lessons – Year 5 and 6 children

All the Year 5 and 6 children will be learning to play a clarinet this year in school as part of their music lessons starting tomorrow.

Information for Parents of Year 6 children

Information regarding applying for secondary school was attached to last week's newsletter from North Yorkshire County Council. Applications need to be submitted from 12th September and by 31st October.

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 ribbon goes to someone who has been a fantastic role model for our new children. She has been sensible, ready to learn and kind to everyone. Well done, Elenna!

Class 1 - The ribbon goes to someone who has worked incredibly hard all week. They are always ready to learn, have greeted everyone with a fantastic smile and given 100% in every lesson. Well done Polly!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has taken to the demands of KS2 like a duck to water. His attitude to his work has been exemplary and his desire to work hard is a real example to others. Well done, Charlie!

Class 3 – The ribbon is going to someone who really persevered with their learning in maths when looking at Roman numerals. A big well done to Lilly A!

Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because in class he never gives up and keeps going.

He is kind and very happy in every subject.

The award goes to Jack who was nominated by Joshua.

Well done, Jack!



Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

Diary Dates

September 2022	
15/9/22	Class 3 swimming at Thirsk Pool until 8 th December
19/9/22	School closed due to State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II
20/9/22	School re-opens
23/9/22	Read, Write Inc information session for Reception children parents / carers at 2.30pm in the EYFS classroom
October 2022	
17/10/22 or 19/10/22	Parent / child / teacher consultations
20/10/22	EYFS and Class 1 Harvest Festival - morning
21/10/22	Class 2 and 3 Harvest Festival - afternoon

	Break-up half term 3.15pm
31/10/22	School opens 8.45am
November 2022	
18/11/22	Children in Need Day – non-uniform
23/11/22	Flu Immunisation
December 2022	
5th December	Nativity – EYFS and Class 1 evening performance
6/12/22	Nativity – EYFS and Class 1 morning performance
8/12/22	Last swim session for Class 3. Class 2 children to go after Christmas.
9/12/22	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
14/12/22	Christmas School Dinner (TBC)
15/12/22	Christmas School Parties – afternoon – children to bring their party clothes in a named bag to get changed into
16/12/22	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm
January 2023	
3/1/23	Training Day
4/1/23	School Open for the Spring Term 8.45am

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