



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the new school year!

The children have come to school looking very smart and ready for the new academic year. All the children came into their classrooms cheerfully and settled quickly and there has been a calm and purposeful atmosphere in school. It is looking like we are in for a wet week after all the beautiful summer weather so please ensure your child / children has a waterproof coat with them every day so that they can get outside for some fresh air.

The school day times are 8.45am – 3.15pm. Please can children arrive at 8.40am (no earlier) ready for learning to start at 8.45am – thank you.

A newsletter is published every week throughout the school year which is e-mailed via the School Office and uploaded onto our school website – it is also available to read outside the school gate on the display board. Please ensure that you read them every week as they contain essential up-to-date information. At the end of the newsletter there are diary dates so please do check these weekly as sometimes changes are made.

As this is the first newsletter of the year it is lengthy, so I suggest you make yourself a drink, sit down with a calendar or diary and read on!

Welcome

A very warm welcome to all the children and families who have joined us over the summer holidays:

Nursery (FS1) – Noah, Lily, Ollie, Chris

Reception (FS2) – Jax, Edward, Oliver, Alice, Liv, Fallon, Alice, Tomas

Class 1 – Rosie, Matthew, Bobby, Matthew

Class 2 – Eliza

Class 3 – Tyler, Ash, Jacob, Abigail, Esmay

Staffing Update

We warmly welcome Mrs Cawood and Mrs McCue who have joined our team. Mrs Cawood is teaching in Class 1 and Mrs McCue is a Teaching Assistant in EYFS and Class 1. Also, a warm welcome back to Miss Ungerechts after maternity leave.

Class Structure and Staffing for 2022-23

Please see below the staffing structure for the next academic year.

Head Teacher: Mrs Lyon

EYFS and Senior Teacher: Mrs Chaplin

Class 1: Mrs Cawood

Class 2: Mr Duffy

Class 3: Miss Ungerechts

Mrs Blyton will be working in Class 2 and 3 covering PPA each week.

Wednesday 7th September – no after school childcare

Due to whole school Safeguarding training, there will be no after school childcare on Wednesday 7th September.

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.

Reading books will be prioritised this week in school and homework will commence next 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.**

Early Reading and Phonics Session for Reception Parents

Mrs Chaplin will be sending out information to Reception families regarding a meeting about our phonics scheme, Read Write Inc. in the next week.

Curriculum Class Newsletters

Curriculum Class newsletters which give information about the subjects which are to be taught this term will be sent out to families later this week. The class newsletters will also be uploaded to the school website and will be available for reference for the whole term.

Parents Evening

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

School Uniform

The children look very smart in school wearing their uniform – a lot of shiny shoes! Just a reminder about full school uniform:

Boys:

- Charcoal grey trousers (short or long)
- Burnt yellow polo
- Burgundy sweatshirt
- Grey or white socks
- Black shoes

Girls:

- Charcoal grey skirt or trousers or in the summer term, red and white check dress
- Burnt yellow polo
- Burgundy sweatshirt
- White socks or grey tights
- Black shoes with sensible heels.

For indoor PE, all children require, black shorts, a plain white PE t-shirt and black elasticated pumps which should be kept in a small PE bag at school from Monday to Friday each week.

For outdoor games and after school clubs, children in Years 3 to 6 will also need trainers and may wear joggers if they prefer.

In accordance with health and safety advice, children should not wear jewellery or hooded tops in school.

Plain stud earrings may be worn in pierced ears, but must be removed for all PE activities.

Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.

PE - timetable

EYFS - Monday

Class 1- Monday

Class 2 – Thursday and Friday

Class 3 – Tuesday and Thursday (swimming)

Swimming Class 3 – September



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.

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.

Walking home unaccompanied

Children in Class 3 may want to walk home unaccompanied. If you are happy for your child to do this please could you complete and return the attached form. The form is also available on the website.

Playtime Snack

Children in EYFS, Year 1 and 2 receive a free fruit snack every day which is Government funded. Children in Year 3-6 can bring a piece of fruit in from home to keep in the classroom for playtime. I

strongly recommend that you send fruit in for children in Year 3-6 as they have a long morning and often need a snack. Please can this be put in their book bag and not their packed lunch box as it is easier for them to access at break time – thank you.

Milk

Children under 5 are entitled to Free Milk. Older children can also receive milk (at a charge) and orders are needed by yourself through the Cool Milk website. Forms are available outside the office in the foyer.

Water Bottles

Children are asked to bring a named water bottle into school every day filled with water. These will be sent home every afternoon for washing.

Online safety newsletter

Attached to this newsletter is this month's edition of the Online Safety newsletter. These newsletters are invaluable in the ever-changing world of technology and they offer guidance as to how to keep children safe.

Instrument Lessons – Year 5 and 6 children

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

Music Service – Instrumental Information

If families are interested in their child / children learning an instrument through a peripatetic teacher, information can be found on the North Yorkshire Music Hub website to find out about which lessons that can be provided.

www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk

The website includes details of the tuition fees and information about benefits which will qualify for remissions.

Clubs

A letter regarding extra-curricular clubs will be sent out in due course.

Information for Parents of Year 6 children

Information regarding applying for secondary school is attached to this newsletter from North Yorkshire County Council. Applications need to be submitted from 12th September and by 31st October.

We have so much to look forward to this year and I will share further information with you over the coming weeks. If you have any questions do please contact me at school via email: admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk or I will be outside every day either at the start or end of the school day. Please see below for diary dates.

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

Diary Dates

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
15/9/22	Class 3 swimming at Thirsk Pool until 8 th December
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	
5 th 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