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Newsletter 7 Monday 17th October 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

The first half term seems to have come around very quickly with us breaking up on Friday for a week.

We have our Harvest Festivals to look forward to on Thursday morning for EYFS and Class 1 starting at 9.15am and Key Stage 2 Harvest on Friday afternoon at 2.30pm – we do hope you can join us. Due to the size of the hall, please can a maximum of two people from each household attend Harvest - thank you.

Foodbank donations

Our School Council are collecting foodbank donations. There is a box at the front of school if you are able to support this.

Parent / Teacher / Child consultation – Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th October

Parent / Teacher / Child consultations will be taking place in the hall today and on Wednesday.

Flu Immunisation

Please can I remind you to book your child / children for the flu immunisation by the end of this week to ensure that their names are on the list for when the immunisation team come to school – thank you.

Class News:

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

EYFS – This week in Early Years we have been looking at the story The Enormous Turnip. We have retold the story using actions and also with small wood toys. We have thought about objects which need pulling and pushing to make them work. In maths we have been sorting picture representations of the numbers 1, 2 and 3. In RE we have been learning about belonging to a faith community and how a baby is baptised into the Christian Church family.

Class 1 – It has been a busy week in class 1! We have been writing our own shape poems on the theme of Harvest and everybody has done brilliantly. We are all able to write using adjectives, similes and alliteration. In maths we have been focussing on number bonds and learning to write fact families. We are very much enjoying preparing for the harvest festival, learning our songs and practising our presentation.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 we were delighted to welcome a local historian, Tanya, to talk to us all about the Stone Age. She came dressed as a Stone age woman and spoke to us about what people wore, how they lived and how they hunted. We had a great time learning more about our Stone Age topic.

Also, this week we have learned more about the different periods within the Stone Age. We found it fascinating the way the Mesolithic and Neolithic periods happened so quickly when the Palaeolithic period lasted for millions of years. We have also enjoyed beginning to write some harvest poetry to share in our harvest festival assembly next week. In RE we began to look at how we see The Holy trinity in prayer and we had a go at writing some of our own poetry. During our French learning we recapped numbers to 10 and colours as next week we are designing our own monsters using all of our learning this half term.

Class 3 – Class 3 have begun studying narratives this week in literacy and have challenged themselves to plan a story about a refugee, linked to our class book. In maths, the children have been persevering with their learning when trying different methods to answer multiplication questions. We have learnt that maths is represented in different ways and can be very diverse. In geography, the children had the opportunity to interview a gentleman from Romania. They asked some intriguing questions and looked at some traditional Romanian toys and clothing. The children have also looked at line work in art this week, perfecting their skills whilst drawing animals.

Stone Age Workshop – Class 2

On Friday morning, Class 2 welcomed in a local historian named Tanya into school, to help us to understand more about how Stone Age people lived. She brought with her a series of artefacts, various tools, weapons and outfits which really brought the period back to life for our Class. Tanya also told us some fantastic Stone Age Tales and we even got the chance to mill our own flour!



Individual School Photograph Day – 2nd November

On Wednesday 2nd November it is school photograph day. As with previous years the family photographs are to be taken first from 8.30am, these are for children in school who have siblings who are not at school. If this applies to you, please come to school for 8.30am to have your children photographed together. Individual photographs and siblings who come to this school will be taken during the school morning.



Black History Month

In the UK, October marks the beginning of Black History Month. This national celebration aims to promote and celebrate the contributions of those with African and Caribbean heritage to society and to foster an understanding of Black history in general. Through Black History Month, we learn so much about ourselves and our abilities to overcome challenges both big and small. We learn to reason and wonder about things morally. We also learn from mistakes people made in the past and learn the importance of treating others with compassion – we learn to be givers and helpers. Through this month we are using a number of assemblies to learn about significant people in history such as Dr Martin Luther King, Mary Seacole and Rosa Parks.

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 2 are going to be undertaking Forest Schools after 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!!

PE Kit

A reminder that now the weather is turning a bit cooler, the children can wear a tracksuit for PE. Please ensure PE kits are in school every day.

EYFS - Monday

Class 1- Tuesday & Friday

Class 2 – Tuesday (Forest Schools) & Friday

Class 3 – Monday & Thursday (swimming)

Breakfast and After School Club – important booking information

Please can any families who would like to use this facility ensure that bookings are made by 12pm on a Friday for the following week.

We can't take any bookings after this time at short notice as we need to ensure we have staff in place.

Friends of Dishforth

Friends of Dishforth are holding a Halloween Party on Sunday 23rd October at Dishforth Village Hall.

EYFS and Class 1 at 3.30pm-5pm

Class 2 and 3 at 5.30pm-7pm

Tickets cost £5 and can be purchased on ParentPay

October Half-Term Activities at Carlton Lodge

Activities are aimed at children **aged 8-14 yrs**. And will be running over 3x days.

Tuesday, 25th Oct - Crate stack, Climbing Wall, Archery, Problem Solving.

Wednesday, 26th Oct - Bridges, Egg Challenge, Bushcraft, Orienteering

Thursday 27th Oct - Mini Olympics, Raft Build, Leap of Faith, Zip.

[Registration is from **9.10am**] Activities start at **9.30am** and finish at approx. **4.30pm**.

Covid safe measures are in place.

Places are limited, so please check out the EventBrite site to secure your place[s]

To book your child[ren] for Activities please go to the Eventbrite site: [Carlton Lodge Activity Centre Events | Eventbrite](#)

Bookings can only be made through the Eventbrite site.

Places can be booked for children as individuals or in multiple numbers at a cost of **£40 per child + booking fee**. [£43.71]

Don't forget to bring a **packed lunch, shower kit & towel** and a **change of clothes**.

Come prepared for the season's weather conditions!

Children will be allocated into a group of 8 individuals and will be given instruction throughout the day by one or two instructors.

We look forward to seeing you!! 😊 Gillian Harrison - *Office Administrator*

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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 made super progress in his reading. He tries hard with all of his work – well done Levison!

Class 1 - This week the ribbon goes to someone who has completed some amazing writing. He worked hard to use adjectives and a simile in his poem and tried really hard to present his work carefully.

Well done Freddie!

Class 2 – The ribbon in Class 2 this week goes to someone who has shown a real maturity so far this year. They can be relied upon to make the right choices and to help others around them make the right choice too. This person is a good friend and classmate and always tries his best. Well done Kingsley!

Class 3 – The ribbon is going to someone who has shown great perseverance with their maths work. They have worked hard to use mental strategies to answer multiplication questions this week. Well done, William!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they always listen to the teacher, they never give up and you can always trust them to do whatever they are told.

The award goes to Ava who was nominated by Evie M.

Well done, Ava!

We hope you all have a lovely half term break and we shall look forward to seeing you all on Monday 31st October.

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Head Teacher

Diary Dates

October 2022	
17/10/22 or 19/10/22	Parent / child / teacher consultations
20/10/22	EYFS and Class 1 Harvest Festival – morning 9.15am
21/10/22	Class 2 and 3 Harvest Festival – afternoon 2.30pm Break-up half term 3.15pm
31/10/22	School opens 8.45am
November 2022	
1/11/22	Fire Safety Talk – Fire Brigade
2/11/22	Individual school photograph morning
18/11/22	Children in Need Day – non-uniform
21/11/22	Year 6 Crucial Crew afternoon – funded by Friends of Dishforth
23/11/22	Flu Immunisation
24/11/22	Class 3 Mini-Medics afternoon – funded by Friends of Dishforth
December 2022	
5/12/22	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	Whole school Christingle Service at Baldersby Church – 1.45pm. Families welcome and children can go home from the church for the Christmas holidays. (Transport funded by Friends of School) 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