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Newsletter 12 Monday 28th November 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

As Advent started yesterday, we are very much looking forward to this period of time in school. Our Advent wreath will be lit, the hall boards changed to a Christmas Carol theme and we will be decorating the Christmas tree later this week. We have much to look forward to as we head into the festive season so please read the newsletter carefully to see what we have planned. Children can now bring Christmas cards in on a Monday or Tuesday and they will be delivered later in the week.

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 enjoyed reading the book “Whatever Next” by Jill Murphy. We have answered questions about the story and written a list of things we would take into space. We have made space rockets in the junk modelling area, developing our scissors and joining skills. In maths nursery children have been making repeating patterns and Reception have been learning about 1 more and 1 less than numbers to 5. We are busy practising our nativity play.

Class 1 – This week Class One have been thinking about Christmas and what it means to Christians. We have been working hard to perfect our Nativity performance, the singing is sounding great! We have been making toy time lines and discussing how toys have changed throughout the years. In maths we are beginning a new topic of shape and have been having a great time naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes. We are writing instructions in our English lessons about making a magic hat and soon we will be writing some instructions to make a magical invention to help Leaf return home from the island he got stuck on.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 we have really enjoyed looking at the features of an information text and have begun to write one all about the formation of sedimentary rocks. In maths this week Year 4 have begun looking at shape and area while year 3 have continued their work on column addition and subtraction. We investigated where the best area for pre-historic people to settle would be in Geography and in DT we carefully used craft knives to cut out nets for our 3D shapes. In computing we continued to design the coding for our times tables games.

Class 3 – Class 3 have begun designing their stalls for the Christmas fair this week. They have also designed and tested some parachutes in science as part of their topic about forces. The children have tried out a new times table challenge in the class, where they have to answer questions on whiteboards before the end of the theme tune finishes. Well done Molly for completing it! We have also been multiplying and converting fractions from improper fractions to a mixed number. In literacy, the children finished planning their diary entries and have started to write them. They will be looking at how to write a script for their filmed advertisements for the beginning of next week.

Mini-Medics

On Thursday Class 3 children took part in mini-medics training where they learnt important First Aid information and life-saving techniques.



Fundraising

As a school we have raised £77.27 for the Poppy Appeal and £116 for Children in Need – thank you!

Applying for a Reception place for September 2023

If you have a child in Nursery who is due to start Reception in September 2023, an application must be made to the Local Authority by the **15th January 2023**. Applications can be made through clicking on the link below.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school>

PE Kit

A reminder that now the weather has turned cold, the children can wear a tracksuit for PE in either black or navy.

At this time of year, the children's trainers are getting rather muddy during PE sessions, please can children bring a spare bag to put their footwear in – thank you.

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.

PE and Forest Schools after Christmas

Advance notice for when your child / children need their PE kits in school after Christmas up to February half-term:

EYFS: Monday

Class 1: Monday and Wednesday

Class 2: swimming Thursdays (starting 12th January)

Class 3: Thursday

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 3** are going to be undertaking Forest Schools after Christmas 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!!

Swimming Class 2 – January



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 3 and Year 4 children start on Thursday 12th January.** 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.

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.

Emergency Procedure for School Closure – weather related / loss of utilities

It is rare, however there are occasions where it has been necessary to close schools because of inclement weather, no electricity or because of lack of heating, so I would like to bring to your attention the procedures I will follow if this event occurs now that we are heading towards winter:

- An email will be sent to all families
- County Hall will be informed.

Hopefully, this will not happen this winter but I feel it is better to be prepared.

Please always assume school is open unless you hear via any of the above methods. Please do not phone the school to ask if we are open as we may need to keep the line clear in order to contact staff. Please check on the school Facebook page and check emails.

Learning would be sent home via the class email system.



Christmas Events 2022

We have much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season and I would like to share with you what we have planned so far.

Christmas Cards

Children can bring their Christmas cards into school for special Dishforth delivery! Please can children bring their cards into school on a Monday or Tuesday and then they will be delivered towards the end of the week. Children can start bringing Christmas cards into school today – please ensure envelopes are named correctly and have the class written on!

Nativity Play

EYFS and Class 1 are performing 'The Nativity' this year.

Monday 5th December 6pm performance (children to be at school for 5.40pm to get ready)

Tuesday 6th December 9.30am performance

Due to the size of the hall, a maximum of two members of the family are able to watch each performance. Please let Mrs McBride know how many people are attending which / both performances so that we have a record of who to expect.



admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 9th December, we are taking part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. For a £1 donation to the charity, children can come to school in a Christmas jumper – this can be a decorated jumper or a bought one.



DISHFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday 9th December 2022 – 2.45pm till 5pm at School



There will be games for the children, tombola, raffle, and a visit from Father Christmas.

All the stalls will contribute towards schools fundraising – there are external stalls coming along selling Christmas Gifts, Wreaths, Sweets, Toys, Handbags, Crafts, Books, Clothing, Scarves, Personalised Aprons, Jewellery, Rag Dolls, Cosmetics and more. School will also have stalls / games.

All children need to be accompanied by an adult as this is an after-school event.

Christmas School Dinner – Wednesday 14th December

School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14th December.



Christmas Party afternoon – Thursday 15th December

On Thursday 15th December, the children will have their Christmas Party in classes. Please can children come to school wearing their uniform and bring their party clothes in a named bag to change into after lunchtime. Thank you.



School Christingle – Baldersby St James Church

On Friday 16th December, every child in the school will make a Christingle and we will have our own school led Christingle Service at Baldersby St James Church. The Service will begin at 1.30pm and parents / carers are welcome to join us. The children will then return to school where we close at 2.30pm for the Christmas holidays.

The children can be collected straight from church for the Christmas break if parents would like to do this – please let Mrs McBride know by email so that we have a list of children who we know are leaving from church – thank you.

Break-up for Christmas – early closing – Friday 16th December

On Friday 16th December, school closes early for Christmas at 2.30pm.

Christmas Reading Challenge

North Yorkshire Libraries have launched their annual Christmas Reading Challenge for children aged 4-11 years. If children can read four library books before Christmas, they will collect stickers, a book mark and a Christmas tree decoration on the way. Please contact your local library for further details and join the challenge!

Spring Term – New Menu

Attached is the new spring menu which will start in January 2022

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 recognising their phonics sounds and who has persevered to make intricate models with the unifix blocks – well done Tomas!

Class 1 - The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown great perseverance. they have tried really hard even though they find writing difficult and really persevered when cutting out. They worked hard to speedy read words during phonics which has really helped to improve their reading fluency. Well done Richard!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to somebody who has a really conscientious attitude to learning and takes on board what is taught to them each week. Their writing in English is going from strength to strength through their use of a variety of sentence openers and excellent vocabulary choices. Well done Teddy!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week is going to someone for their hard work in maths when working out how to convert improper fractions into mixed numbers. He has really tried his best and has challenged himself to complete the second page of his maths work. Well done, Tyler!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because at Crucial Crew he asked some great questions in every workshop and set a good example, especially during the road safety talk.

The award goes to Seth who was nominated by Josh.

Well done, Seth!

Attendance

Weekly Attendance

Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.

Week commencing 21st November 2022

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
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89.1%	94.4%	93.8%	92.7%
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Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

November 2022	
December 2022	
5/12/22	Nativity – EYFS and Class 1 evening performance 6.00pm Year 5/6 sport afternoon with Dishforth Airfield Primary School (at Dishforth CE)
6/12/22	Nativity – EYFS and Class 1 morning performance 9.30am Year 3/4 sport afternoon with Dishforth Airfield Primary School (at Dishforth CE)
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 Friends of Dishforth Annual Christmas Fair 2.45pm
14/12/22	Christmas School Dinner
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
12/1/23	Class 2 swimming to Thirsk (finishes 30 th March)
February 2023	
w/c 6/2/23	Parent / Teacher / Child consultations
10/2/23	Break-up for February 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