



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Newsletter 11 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a super weekend and enjoyed lovely autumn sunshine yesterday. It is a busy time in school as we seem to be whizzing through the term, therefore the newsletter today covers quite a bit of forthcoming events to help with planning for the festive season ahead.

Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need on Friday, we raised £116.00.

A huge thank you also to all the families who have supported the Bags 2 School. The bags weighed in at 268kg, which is 100kg more than last time. The driver said it was a good weigh in as lots of donations have been much smaller than they have ever known. The total received for school was £107.20.

#### **Last week of clubs**

Just a reminder that this week is the last week of clubs run by school staff and Sporting Start. A new set of clubs will be on offer to the children after Christmas. Thank you to all the staff who have given up their time this term to run the clubs.

#### **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 continued our topic Light and Dark. We read the story “Can’t You Sleep Little Bear” and thought about how little bear was feeling at different points in the story....we wondered whether Little Bear was really scared of the dark or whether he just wanted to play for a little bit longer! This led to some interesting class discussions! We have practised our scissor skills, making our own paper lanterns. In maths Nursery have continued to learn about number 2. In Reception we have been exploring the composition of 4 and 5 using double side counters.

**Class 1** – It has been a busy week in class 1. We have been writing diary entries, this time from the point of view of other animals in our story. The children have really enjoyed thinking and talking about the feeling of all the animals in the book. We have loved learning different types of rolls in PE and now can all do log, egg, rocking chair and dish rolls! In history we have been discussing how we know when a toy is old and have used some great vocabulary. We have begun making our clay pots and have learned how to "pinch" the clay to make a pot.

**Class 2** – This week in Class 2 we have continued reading our class text, "Pebble in my Pocket". We have followed the pebble's journey through time and have begun to write a narrative about the journey. In maths, year 3 have had a great week, beginning to use exchanging when crossing ten and one hundred using column addition while year 4 have looked at estimating and using the inverse.

Our RE this week looked at the origins of the Hindu faith and in Geography we looked at early settlements and where would make a good settlement.

**Class 3** – Class 3 have begun reading a new book in literacy, which the children seem to really enjoy reading. They have begun analysing the main character and making inferences about his behaviour. In maths, the children have been looking at adding and subtracting fractions, equivalent fractions and converting improper fractions into mixed numbers. We had a fantastic discussion about energy in the UK and where we source natural energy from in geography. The children had a lovely day on Friday for children in need and completed some activities in PSHE related to anti-bullying week and children in need.

### **Crucial Crew**

This afternoon, Year 6 went to Carlton Lodge to undertake activities in Crucial Crew which is an event organised by North Yorkshire Police. The children saw various scenarios which they may encounter in everyday life, each one posing problems or dangers to them. The children, working in small groups and under close supervision tackled each scenario with feedback given as they completed each one.

### **Mini-Medics**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> November, Class 3 children are taking part in mini-medics training where they will learn important First Aid information and life-saving techniques.

### **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 **15<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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 on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November – 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 5<sup>th</sup> December 6pm performance (children to be at school for 5.40pm to get ready)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



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### Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch**

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.



### **Christmas Party afternoon – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



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 16<sup>th</sup> December**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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!

## 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 class ribbon goes to someone who is working hard at his fine motor skills to help him with his handwriting – Well Done Edward!

**Class 1** - The ribbon this week goes to someone who is working hard in reading and writing. They are a whizz at remembering new phonic sounds and they are really working well to use their phonics when writing. Keep up the amazing work Bobby!

**Class 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has shown great maturity this year. They are keen to offer answers in guided reading and Mrs Chester has really noticed a maturity to their learning. Well done Bibi!

**Class 3** – The ribbon is going to someone who sets a fantastic example in our class. They are kind and caring to everyone and always have good manners with adults at school, our music teacher and swimming instructors. A big well done to Mati!

### **Values in Action**

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

This person has been nominated because when I am in the playground by myself, she will come and talk to me and see if I am alright.

The award goes to Esmay who was nominated by Phoebe.

Well done Esmay!



### Attendance

<b>Weekly Attendance</b>			
<b>Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.</b>			
Week commencing 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2022			
<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Class 3</b>
92.2%	92.2%	93.1%	93.7%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>November 2022</b>	
<b>21/11/22</b>	Year 6 Crucial Crew afternoon – funded by Friends of Dishforth
<b>23/11/22</b>	Flu Immunisation
<b>24/11/22</b>	Class 3 Mini-Medics afternoon – funded by Friends of Dishforth
<b>December 2022</b>	
<b>5/12/22</b>	Nativity – EYFS and Class 1 evening performance 6.00pm  Year 5/6 sport afternoon with Dishforth Airfield Primary School (at Dishforth CE)
<b>6/12/22</b>	Nativity – EYFS and Class 1 morning performance 9.30am  Year 3/4 sport afternoon with Dishforth Airfield Primary School (at Dishforth CE)
<b>8/12/22</b>	Last swim session for Class 3. Class 2 children to go after Christmas.
<b>9/12/22</b>	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children  Friends of Dishforth Annual Christmas Fair 2.45pm
<b>14/12/22</b>	Christmas School Dinner (TBC)
<b>15/12/22</b>	Christmas School Parties – afternoon – children to bring their party clothes in a named bag to get changed into
<b>16/12/22</b>	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)  <b>School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm</b>
<b>January 2023</b>	
<b>3/1/23</b>	Training Day
<b>4/1/23</b>	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