



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a super weekend after a festive-filled week in school with the Nativity Play and Christmas Fair. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair on Friday by attending and also to Class 3 who spent a lot of time and effort into making the games we all enjoyed playing.

The success of the Fair is down to the organisation and work of Friends of Dishforth, led by Mrs Lynch. Many thanks to all the parents who helped with the Fair preparing the stalls and running them. Overall, £1466.07 was raised for the school which will be used to support the purchase of curriculum resources to support the teaching and learning across school.

Christmas jumper day raised £72.00 which will go to Save the Children. Thank you to everyone who donated.

I can't quite believe we are at the end of the autumn term and break-up on Friday. I hope your preparations are well under way for the festive season and on behalf of all the staff, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. We break up on Friday afternoon at an earlier time of 2.30pm and we will look forward to seeing the children on Wednesday 4th January when school opens for the spring term.

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 been looking at the nativity story. We all enjoyed acting and singing in our nativity play – we hope you enjoyed it! We have continued to think about the nativity play, thinking about the different characters and deciding who was the most important character. We have been looking at texture in art and have made some beautiful pieces of art work for our calendars – I'm sure you will enjoy looking at the calendar over 2023!

Class 1 – This week has been a fantastic week with the Nativity performance and lots of exciting things. We have some future stars in the making! We are working on 2D and 3D shapes in maths with children naming, describing and sorting shapes according to their attributes. In writing we have been writing instructions and the children have worked incredibly hard to include some amazing vocabulary and to re-read and check their work. We have really enjoyed reading and performing our writing to the class. We have begun making calendars and have learned about the seasons as we worked.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 we have had a great week. On Tuesday we got to meet up with the Year 3 and 4 class from the Dishforth Airfield school and take part in a football tournament. The

competition was closely contested and great fun was had by all. We look forward to meeting up with them again in the future if possible. Also, this week we enjoyed learning all about the boiling and cooling of water with Mrs Blyton and we have begun to look at writing a job advertisement using formal language through the ASDA Christmas advert with Buddy the Elf.

Class 3 – Class 3 have had a lovely week showing our adverts to children in the school for the Christmas fair. In literacy we have begun analysing newspaper reports and looking at some different language features that are utilised to inform and persuade the reader. In maths, the children have been finishing their learning on fractions. In art, we have started our calendars ready for the new year. We had a fantastic lesson in RE debating about science vs. creation as part of our topic. The children thought of some contrasting and similar thoughts related to Genesis. They explained their ideas and reasoned with one another well.

Key Stage 2 Sport afternoons with Dishforth Airfield

It was a lovely opportunity for the key stage 2 children to get together with their peers from Dishforth Airfield last week for a sporting afternoon. We are intending to build on this with other sports throughout the year. Well done to the teams from Dishforth CE Primary for winning the tournaments.

Free Parenting Course

Attached to this newsletter is information about the free parenting offer available across North Yorkshire to support families.

Sensory Needs and Christmas

Attached to this newsletter is a really helpful leaflet about supporting and managing Christmas activities for children who have sensory needs.

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

PE Kit

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

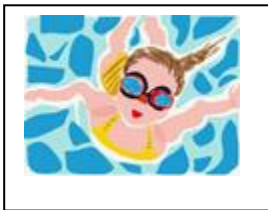
At this time of year, the children's trainers are getting rather muddy during PE sessions, please can children bring a spare bag to put their footwear in – thank you.

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 is **£5.00 each week**, this is a voluntary contribution which School has already heavily subsidised 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.

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>

Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Check

Children in Reception and Year 6 are due to get their height and weight checked on the 16th January. We have also been asked to remind all families that children should have their eyes checked once a year and this is free.



Christmas Events 2022

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.

It would be really helpful if the children had only their coats with them on Friday. If your child / children are having a packed lunch, please can this be in something that can be disposed of at school rather than taking packed lunch boxes to church. School will also provide water for the children on Friday so that they don't need to bring water bottles in.

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!

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 always tries their very best in everything that they do. They are always ready to learn! This week they have been developing their fine motor skills, drawing super pictures and trying to write words – well done Wilfrid!

Class 1 - The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked particularly hard in the past few weeks. They have tried really hard in phonics lessons, learning all of the set 2 sounds and can now use them in their writing. In maths they have been working hard to explain their thinking and generally being all round amazing! Well done Thomas!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to somebody who has shown a great attitude to learning this term. They have made the step up to KS2 seamlessly and have worked hard every day. They are quiet and respectful - their attitude and manners do not go unnoticed. Well done to Xander!

Class 3 – The ribbon is going to someone for their reasoning during RE when we were debating. She explained her ideas clearly and waited for the opposing team to respond. Well done Abigail!

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 at breaktimes he always lets you join in games and can be seen to be kind and helpful. He always uses his manners.

The award goes to Kingsley who was nominated by Josh.

Well done, Kingsley!

Attendance

Weekly Attendance			
Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.			
Week commencing 5 th December 2022			
EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
98.2%	97.8%	93.8%	90.3%

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

December 2022	
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)
16/1/23	Height and Weight check for children in Reception and Year 6
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