



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 13 Monday 5th December 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have a very busy week in school this week with much to look forward to – please read the newsletter carefully for events and timings.

EYFS and Class 1 are performing their Nativity tonight and tomorrow morning, please can I ask that the children in EYFS and Class 1 arrive back at school at 5.40pm and come to the main entrance in order to get changed into their costumes for the performance.

Class News:

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

EYFS – This week in EYFS we have loved reading the book "Aliens love Underpants". We have talked about what an alien is and have designed our own pants. We have ordered pants, numbered 1-10 on a washing line. We have spent some time practising our nativity play, and we hope you are looking forward to coming to see it!

Class 1 – Class 1 this week has been very exciting with Nativity rehearsals and our first dress rehearsal! We are all very excited to share our amazing production with you very soon. We have been working hard with our reading, answering questions about the text and investigating new vocabulary. We have begun learning about shapes, both 2D and 3D and are enjoying investigating their properties using some new vocabulary. In RE we are thinking about Advent and how Christians prepare for the birth of Jesus and have made some small Advent wreaths of our own.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 has been assessment week. The children have shown their best selves in completing the assessments to the best of their ability. Also, this week we have been busy putting together our Christmas display for the hall based on the carol "While Shepherds watched their flocks by night." In science this week the children completed an experiment looking at the evaporation and condensation of water and in Geography we looked at how the names of towns and cities reflect their history.

Class 3 – Class 3 have been busy this week, finishing their stalls for the Christmas fair and making advertisements in literacy. They have also been perfecting their skills in music when playing the clarinet. The children have worked incredibly hard this week and have tried their best with some challenges during assessment week. In science, they have created their own parachutes and tested them with Mrs Blyton.

Key Stage 2 Sport afternoons with Dishforth Airfield

Children in Key Stage 2 are visiting from Dishforth Airfield Primary this week to take part in a sports afternoon. Year 5 and 6 children are playing today and Year 3 and 4 children tomorrow. This is a super opportunity for the children to get to know each other and take part in sporting activities.

Key Stage 2 Science – STEM this week

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) **Ambassadors** are people with industry experience or professional knowledge of STEM subjects who volunteer to work with young people to develop their knowledge of how STEM links with the wider world and to inspire young people to follow a STEM future.

During science, Class 3 will be taking part in a live STEM virtual workshop, hosted on Zoom Webinar, to learn about some exciting gadgets and innovations from the world of STEM. They will hear from 3 STEM Ambassadors who actively work on innovations/gadgets/engineering projects, who will each be competing for the number 1 most useful addition to Santa's sleigh. The class will engage with the STEM Ambassadors through the Zoom Q&A function and will get an opportunity to vote in a poll for their favourite gadget.

During Class 2's science session, the children will have an opportunity to watch a virtual STEM Ambassador led workshop investigating what happens to water in the winter, including how water freezes and melts and how this affects the water cycle. The children will then see some exciting experiments with ice cubes, looking at how to keep ice insulated.

Community Foodbank Information

Attached to this newsletter is information regarding local foodbanks for your information.

Online Safety Newsletter

Attached to this newsletter is the December edition of the online safety newsletter.

Spring Term Dinner Menu

Our spring term 2023 school dinner menu is attached to this newsletter for your information.

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>



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.

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

Tomorrow - 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!

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 independent writing. They have practised writing letters, using the correct letter formation, in independent learning time - well done Oliver!

Class 1 - The ribbon this week in class 1 goes to someone who has been working incredibly hard in writing. They have wonderful ideas and concentrate hard to ensure that their work is always of a high standard. They are also getting very good at re reading, checking and improving their work. Well done Abigail!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown great maturity and leadership skills in a team situation. They took charge and directed other children and enabled the group to complete their task when issues arose. They have a strong will and a great sense of fun and their learning continues to go from strength to strength.
Well done to Willem!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their perseverance and determination in swimming. They have been jumping through hoops (quite literally) and swimming to the end of the lane with perfect swimming posture. Well done, Ash!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to someone for demonstrating our school value of respect.



This person has been nominated because they are always listening and they took our ideas onboard when working as part of a team for the Christmas Fair.

The award goes to Jacob K who was nominated by Jack.

Well done, Jacob!

Attendance

Weekly Attendance			
Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.			
Week commencing 28 th November 2022			
EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
98.2%	97.4%	98.1%	88.7%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

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