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Newsletter 15 Wednesday 4th January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and happy start to the New Year.

Welcome

We warmly welcome Erick and Daisy who have started school with us in Nursery.

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 really got into the spirit of Christmas. We have been immersed in Christmas crafts and have learned all about why we sing Christmas carols. We have enjoyed making Christingles and learning the songs we are singing in church – Happy Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Class 1 – This week has been a fun week with Christmas card making and Calendar making. We have kept learning by making our calendars to show the different seasons and learned about the changes that happen in each season. We enjoyed learning a song about the seasons. We have also been writing our own instructions, this time how to build a snowman with some fantastic descriptions. In maths we have completed our unit on shape and have had a good time making repeating patterns and describing the different shape properties.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 we have been preparing for Christmas. We have been learning the carols for our Christingle, making Christmas cards and calendars. In Maths we have continued our learning all about multiplication. On Thursday we loved our Christmas Party and our Christmas lunch was just delicious! Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year from Mr Duffy.

Class 3 – Class 3 have had a fantastic week on our final week before the holidays. We have been learning about Christingles before our service and have been perfecting the songs for our service. The children have also had the pleasure of visiting our class railway museum with the help of Mrs Chester! They have learnt more about how life changed with the coming of the railways and why it had such a big impact on food, manufacturing and the cost of living. We have had a lovely time celebrating Christmas with our dinner and class party. Have a brilliant holiday and we can't wait to see you again in the New Year!

Health Advice from UKHSA circulated to schools

Please see below an email which has been circulated to all schools from the UK Health Security Agency.

Following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are [currently circulating at high levels](#) and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also [continue to be reported](#).

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved. Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading. Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.

Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and, in some cases, can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.

Eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- all primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information [getting your child vaccinated against flu](#) on NHS.UK.

Promotional School Dinner Thursday 19th January – Chinese New Year

Sweet & Sour Chicken with Egg Fried Rice

Sticky Vegetable Noodles (V)

Cauliflower & Green Beans

Crusty Bread

Chinese Raspberry Snowflake with Custard



School Dinners

The cost of a school dinner for children in Years 3 – 6 will be £3.05 from January 2023.

Online Safety Newsletter

The January edition of the online safety newsletter is attached for your information.

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) and Friday

Class 3: Thursday

PE Kit

A reminder that 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 on a Tuesday starting next week, 10th January. 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.

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.

Year 6 Information session for parents / carers regarding SAT assessments

On Monday 16th January at 4.30pm, in the school hall, Miss Ungerechts will be holding a parent / carer information session about the Year 6 SAT assessments.

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 to follow our class rules of being Ready, Respectful and Safe. They have persevered in following the instructions for making our Christmas cards – Well done Lily!

Class 1 - The ribbon this week goes to someone who always works hard. They have made great progress in phonics and reading and always work hard with writing. They give 100% in lessons and a great role model to others in the classroom. Keep up the great work Lottie!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown great care and respect to others in the class. They took time out in our DT lesson to show others how to corrugate their own card. Well done Katie!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who continuously stands out for their kind and caring attitude in school. They try their best all of the time in all aspects of school. Well done, Finley!

Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because in Maths they listened and persevered in trying to find the naughty elf.

The award goes to Molly who was nominated by Felicia.

Well done, Molly!



Attendance

Weekly Attendance			
Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.			
Week commencing 12 th December 2022			
EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
91%	88%	95%	85%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

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
19/1/23	Promotional School Dinner – Chinese New Year
February 2023	
w/c 6/2/23	Parent / Teacher / Child consultations
10/2/23	Break-up for February half term
20/2/23	School open
March 2023	
31/3/23	Break-up for Easter
April 2023	
17/4/23	School open for the summer term
May 2023	
1/5/23	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for one day
8/5/23	Bank Holiday Monday – King’s Coronation
9-12 May 2023	Year 6 SAT week Tuesday – Friday
26/5/23	Break-up May 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