



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 16 Monday 9th January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend.

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 it has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the Christmas holidays. We have enjoyed talking about our Christmas experiences. We have been learning about the season of winter and have been talking about what winter is like and how it is different to other times of the year. We have made ice cubes and have observed what happens to ice over time.

Class 1 – We have had a fantastic start to the new year in class 1 beginning with some poetry writing about the galaxy. We have asked the question "Did people really go to the moon?" and looked at lots of different sources of information to help us to make a decision. We have also begun to explore the United Kingdom, learning where Scotland is and learning the seas that surround it. We have also learned about the winter. We looked around the school grounds and made notes about the changes that we could see. It has been a busy first few days back and the children have all been working very well.

Class 2 – It has been lovely to have the children back in school this week. We have introduced our new class text - Journey by Aaron Becker. We have looked at the story so far and added speech and written a setting description. In Maths we are looking at multiplication with year 3 looking at arrays and recapping multiples of 2s 5s and 10s while year 4 are looking at 6s 7s and 9s. We began looking at our new History topic of the Iron Age by looking at how the Stone Age evolved through the Bronze Age.

Class 3 – Class 3 have had a lovely start back to the spring term this year. They have finished perfecting their newspaper article from last half term and have been working incredibly hard in maths this week. The Y5 children have recapped adding fractions and Y6 have hit the ground running with converting metric units. We have had fun retrieving some fun facts about our previous history and science topics and started our PSHE this half term.

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.

Curriculum Letters

Curriculum letters are being sent out today which outline what your child /children are learning about this term in school.

Clubs

A letter regarding spring term clubs will be sent home later this week.

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.

PE and Forest Schools – spring term

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: Tuesday and 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 – this Thursday



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.

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 quietly perseveres in everything that they do. They love making books and writing stories for family members, trying very hard to form letters correctly and use the sounds they know to write words correctly. Well done Emi!

Class 1 - The ribbon in class 1 this week goes to someone who really blew my socks off with some amazing writing and ideas on Wednesday! They came up with so many excellent ideas and completed some fabulous writing about the galaxy. A huge well done to Oliver B!

Class 2 – This week the ribbon goes to somebody who always works hard in every lesson, they put great effort into everything they do and have settled back into the school routine well after Christmas. Well done Harriet!

Class 3 – This week the ribbon goes to someone for their great communication during PE this week. She worked well in her team and was a great team player. Well done Sophie!

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 they respect other people at playtime and they persevered in English when it was a bit hard.

The award goes to Amelia who was nominated by Eliza.

Well done, Amelia!



Attendance

Weekly Attendance			
Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.			
Week commencing 4 th January 2023			
EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
100%	90%	96%	86%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

January 2023	
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 Year 6 Parent / Carer information session regarding SATS at 4.30pm in the school hall
19/1/23	Promotional School Dinner – Chinese New Year
27/1/23	Open the Book Collective Worship
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
24/2/23	Open the Book Collective Worship
March 2023	
29/3/23	Class 2 Production of 'Mystery at Magpie Manor' Day performance: 2pm Evening performance: 6pm (children to arrive back at 5.40pm)
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