



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Newsletter 19 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend now that the days are drawing out as we head into February this week.

#### **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 based our learning on the story of The Gingerbread Man. We have read the story and used a story map to retell the story to a friend. We have made predictions about what will happen if a gingerbread man is placed in water. In maths we have been learning about capacity and have confidently used the vocabulary "full" and "empty". In PE we have learnt how to do a pencil, teddy and forward roll.

**Class 1** – In Class 1 this week we have read the story 'Man on the Moon' and written letters to the main character Bob. In science we have been learning about reptiles and in Maths Year 1 have been learning doubles and Year 2 have been working on multiplication and division.

**Class 2** – In Class 2 this week we have enjoyed our English work. We have been looking at writing a non-chronological report on Angler Fish and have developed our vocabulary on all about the deep sea and the appearance, diet and habitat of the fish. In Maths this week we have continued our learning on multiplication and division and in science we created circuits using motors and buzzers. We enjoyed our trip to Thirsk for swimming and in our Art lesson we investigated the work of Henry Moore, a local artist, later this term we will be looking to recreate some of his work using charcoal.

**Class 3** - Class 3 have had a brilliant week this week, planning our non-chronological reports about a chosen aspect of WW2. I would like to say a big thank you to all of the parents and volunteers involved in our WW2 day. The children were fully immersed in the 1940's. The children have also learnt about being cryptographers in computing and have created their own codes. They had the opportunity to try different foods from the wartime.

## Class 3's WW2 Day



Today we had a fully-immersive experience, going back in time to 1939.

In the morning, we had some brilliant volunteers who came to talk to the children about their personal and their family's experiences of WWII.

The children learnt about: The Glider Pilot Regiment, D-Day and Pegasus Bridge with Major Linegar. They also got to try on some clothing and enquire about artefacts with Mr Lynch. To finish the morning, the children tried some delicacies from the wartime (vegetable stew, spam, corned beef and eggless sponge).

In the afternoon, we had visitors from Lister House and created our own class museum of our artefacts and replica's. Children had a webinar with a survivor of the Holocaust- Peter Lantos. We then created a class film about Dishforth Airfield in WWII.



### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

It has been announced that Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February is a strike day for teachers in the NEU union. School will be open as normal.

### Children's Mental Health Week 6-12 February

Place2Be's Children's Mental Health week is taking place week commencing the 6<sup>th</sup> February. Now in its ninth year, Place2Be hope to encourage more people than ever to get involved, spread the word and raise funds for children's mental health. In school, the children will undertake some activities using the Place2Be resources on this year's theme, 'Let's Connect. **Let's Connect** is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.

For further information please visit the website below:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

### Parent and Carer/ Teacher / Child consultations

Parent and Carer / Teacher / Child consultations are next week on Monday and Wednesday in the school hall.

### World Book Day – promotional lunch – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Beauregarde's Beef Dinner

With Baked Baby Potatoes

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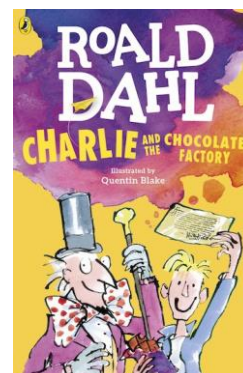
Sausage and Bean Feast (V)

Oompa Loompa Carrots

Mr Bucket's Cabbage

Grandpa's Gravy

Mrs Bucket's Homemade Bread



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Charlie's Chocolate Pudding  
With Chocolate Waterfall Sauce

## **Minecraft and Snapchat**

A reminder to families about the age ratings of Minecraft (10 years +) and Snapchat (13 years +).

There are guides for parents from National Online Safety (Minecraft) and the NSPCC (Snapchat) on the links below for your information:

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/sites/norfolk/files/minecraft.pdf>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-snapchat-safe-for-my-child/>

## **Reading**

**All children need to read at home every day.** Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text and / or pictures. Please ensure that you record what your child has read and how they have managed with their reading in their record book. **Reading and record books need to be in school every day so that they can be checked and new books issued.**

## **PE and Forest Schools – spring term**

**EYFS: Monday**

**Class 1: Monday and Wednesday**

**Class 2: swimming Thursdays (starting 12<sup>th</sup> January) and Friday**

**Class 3: Tuesday and Thursday**

## **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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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!!

## **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.**

## **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 has made super progress in following instructions during carpet time. He always listens carefully to follow our class rules.

This week he has worked very hard to build some amazing buildings in the construction area - well done Noah S!

**Class 1** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked really hard in English. They have done a fantastic job of retelling the story of 'The Man of the Moon'. Well done, Vinay!

**Class 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked really hard on their writing this term. They have become very studious around their spelling and strive to improve with each piece. They take care over their presentation and are working hard on learning new vocabulary. Well done Chloe!

**Class 3** – The ribbon this week, goes to someone for their ongoing efforts with their handwriting with Mrs Burgess and Mrs Chester. A big well done to Ash! Keep up the good work.

### **Values in Action**

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

This person has been nominated because in Maths they persevere and when they get a question wrong, they try again to get it right.

The award goes to Casey who was nominated by Chloe.

Well done, Casey!



## Attendance

<b>Weekly Attendance</b>			
<b>Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.</b>			
Week commencing 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023			
<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Class 3</b>
72.7%	88.1%	98.1%	97.2%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>February 2023</b>	
<b>1/2/23</b>	Collective Worship led by Canon Matthew from Ripon Cathedral
<b>w/c 6/2/23</b>	Parent / Teacher / Child consultations  Children's Mental Health week
<b>10/2/23</b>	Break-up for February half term
<b>20/2/23</b>	School open
<b>24/2/23</b>	Open the Book Collective Worship
<b>March 2023</b>	
<b>2/3/23</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
<b>6/3/23</b>	<b>Year 5 Enrichment Day Thirsk School</b>
<b>29/3/23</b>	<b>Class 2 Production of 'Mystery at Magpie Manor'</b>  Day performance: 2pm  Evening performance: 6pm (children to arrive back at 5.40pm)
<b>31/3/23</b>	Break-up for Easter
<b>April 2023</b>	
<b>17/4/23</b>	School open for the summer term  Class 3 trip to Eden Camp with Dishforth Airfield
<b>May 2023</b>	
<b>1/5/23</b>	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for one day
<b>8/5/23</b>	Bank Holiday Monday – King's Coronation

<b>9-12 May 2023</b>	Year 6 SAT week Tuesday – Friday
<b>26/5/23</b>	Break-up May half term
<b>June 2023</b>	
<b>5/6/23</b>	School open Year 4 Multiplication Check window begins
<b>12/6/23</b>	Phonic Screen Check window
<b>29/6/23</b>	Year 5 Enrichment Day Thirsk School Day 2

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