



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Newsletter 25 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend and enjoyed the milder weather. Just a reminder that school clubs have finished for the term and new clubs will be on offer after the Easter Holidays.

Thank you to everyone who supported Comic Relief on Friday – as a school we raised £61.00

### **Class News:**

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

**EYFS** – The week in EYFS we have been reading the story “Handa’s Surprise”. We have learnt the names of different fruits that don’t grow in our country, as well as the names of different animals found in Africa. We have continued learning about 9 and 10 in maths, as well as comparing the weights of the different fruit. At forest schools we worked in teams to make a house fit for a fairy or mouse – there were some very imaginative houses built! We have also been making special gifts for special people in our lives!

**Class 1** – This week we have been learning about lifecycles and have learned about the life cycle of a frog and a butterfly. We have also been busy making our printing blocks inspired by Charles Rene Macintosh. We will soon be layering our prints to make a final piece of work. We have also been working hard on our reading and maths, showing how far we have progressed in the term.

**Class 2** – This week in class 2 we have had assessment week. We have enjoyed having the opportunity to show off all that we have learnt this term. Outside of assessment we have continued to learn about fractions in maths. Concentrating on mixed numbers and improper fractions. We have also spent a lot of the week in preparation for our big performance in a couple of weeks. Please make sure you are spending time with the children making sure that they know their lines and are confident about when they need to speak.

**Class 3** - Class 3 have been fantastic this week. They have shown great determination and perseverance during assessment week. In the afternoon, they have been outside playing rugby games relating to passing and keeping form in the line. They have also designed their very own sculpture on SketchUp during computing. The children have spent time in the library choosing their favourite books to take home for two weeks. In Design and Technology, they have finished their toy or model using gears and skills they have learnt over the past half term.

### **Dentist Talk**

This week the children in EYFS are going to be learning all about the importance of looking after their teeth and how to brush them properly. Thank you to Dr Maguire for coming into school to speak to the children.

**FEAST – Food, Entertainment, Arts, Sport, Together**

**FEAST brings the fun to the school holidays, offering lots of different activities for everyone to take part in.**

All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of holiday activities, with free places and a free lunch for children and young people on benefits-related Free School Meals.

FEAST partners with leading holiday playschemes, clubs and activity providers from across North Yorkshire to offer a wide range of session for kids of all ages from 4 to 18.

For further information please visit:

<https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/>

**Easter School Lunch – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**



Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding with  
Sage and Onion Stuffing

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(V) Veggie Sausages and Yorkshire Pudding

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Roast or Mashed Potatoes

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Gravy

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Broccoli and Sweetcorn

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Chocolate Fudge Pudding and Chocolate Sauce

**'Inspirational Woman' competition for Year 3, 4 and 5 children**

Please see the attached poster regarding an essay writing competition for children in Years 3, 4 and 5 about inspirational women. The closing date is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

## **Class 2 Production – Mystery at Magpie Manor**

We are looking forward to seeing Class 2 perform 'Mystery at Magpie Manor' on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm and then at the later time of 6pm. For the evening performance, please can children return to school at 5.40pm.

School will be filming the dress rehearsal which the whole school will watch and then this will be put securely on the school website with a password.

There is to be no filming on mobile phones or any other device at the performances – thank you.



## **Egg Decorating**

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March children can bring a hard-boiled egg into school for our annual decorate an egg competition. I would advise that you send a spare hard-boiled egg as well in case of any breakages!



## **Baldersby Church – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, we are taking the children to Baldersby St James Church to take part in an Easter Service which will be led by Year 5 children performing 'Easter Praise!'

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 3.15pm for the Easter holidays.

The children can be collected straight from church for the Easter break if parents / carers 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 directly from church – thank you.

Please note the following:

- Children being picked up from church need minimal bags/lunch boxes/water bottles – it would be preferable if your child brings a packed lunch that this could be a disposable one
- At end of service all children will remain seated. Parents from each class will be invited one-year group at a time up the aisle to collect children who are going home. Teachers will hand over.

## **Class 3 trip to Eden Camp**

On the first day back after the Easter holidays, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, Class 3 children are visiting Eden Camp for the day to complete their learning about World War 2. The children are going with Year 5 and 6 from Dishforth Airfield Primary School.

## **School Uniform**

A polite reminder that children need to wear school shoes as part of their uniform. In summer, girls can wear red checked dresses. Again, school shoes are part of the summer uniform as opposed to

open-toe sandals. Children still need practical footwear for school that protects their feet, allows them to move about and climb on trim trails!

### **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 – this half term**

**EYFS: Friday**

**Class 1: Monday and Wednesday**

**Class 2: swimming Thursdays and dance**

**Class 3: Monday and Thursday**

### **Forest Schools**

Children in **EYFS** are having Forest Schools on a **Wednesday**. Please can children bring into school a waterproof coat, tracksuit bottoms and trainers / wellies – something that you don't mind getting wet and dirty!!

### **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.

### **Friends of Dishforth**

#### **Family Bingo**

Friends of Dishforth are holding a Family Bingo event on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March in Dishforth Village Hall from 6.30pm. Tickets cost £2.00, payable on ParentPay and a game of Bingo is £1.00.

Chocolate donations will be greatly appreciated – please deliver to the school office by the 22<sup>nd</sup> March – thank you!

#### **DishFest – Talent Show**

As part of DishFest there will be a Talent Show, this is free to enter. If you would like to enter please contact Sarah Lynch, either by telephone on 07792 253994 or via the village community page.

Payments for DishFest can be purchased via this link <https://dishforth-c-of-e-primary-school.sumupstore.com>

## 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 tried very hard to follow our class rules this week. He has made super progress in his maths sessions and is always keen to answer questions. He can work out the answers very quickly, having a super understanding of the learning we are doing – Well done Blake!

**Class 1** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown a great attitude to their learning. They work hard and have been making steady improvement. Keep up the great work Finnian!

**Class 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked incredibly hard in all areas of the curriculum and is beginning to reap the rewards. They have really put a lot of effort into their performance for the play and bring their character to life. Well done Holly!

**Class 3** – The ribbon is going to someone who has gone above and beyond with their practise SATs this week. They have persevered and thought carefully about how to answer some challenging questions in his Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation test. Keep up the excellent work! Well done William!

### **Values in Action**

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

This person has been nominated because in the tests that have been happening he never gave up and also with his spellings.

The award goes to Jack who was nominated by Esmay.

Well done, Jack!



## Attendance

### **Weekly Attendance**

**Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.**

Good attendance is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. Nationwide research has shown that the pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have had higher rates of attendance throughout primary school, compared to those with the lowest attainment. The government aims for all pupils to have a minimum of 95% attendance across the school year, and any child with less than 90% attendance is recorded as a persistent absentee. Here is our school's current overview of attendance:

<b>Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b>			
<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Class 3</b>
<b>96.7%</b>	<b>99.6%</b>	<b>96.6%</b>	<b>92.9%</b>

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>March 2023</b>	
<b>22/3/23</b>	<b>Dentist talk in EYFS</b>
<b>25/3/23</b>	<b>Friends of Dishforth event – Family Bingo 6.30pm Dishforth Village Hall</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>30/3/23</b>	<b>Children to bring in 1 or 2 hard-boiled eggs into school to decorate</b>
<b>31/3/23</b>	Baldersby St James Church – afternoon Easter Service 1.30pm – children can be collected from church for the Easter Holiday.  Break-up for Easter 3.15pm
<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 3.15pm
<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>23/06/23</b>	<b>TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR THE DAY</b>
<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