



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Newsletter 26 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Dear Parents / Carers,

The term has absolutely flown by and I am sure we are all looking forward to a rest over Easter - fingers crossed for some lovely warm spring weather. On Friday we break up for Easter and I wish you all a very peaceful two weeks off school. We will look forward to seeing the children for the summer term on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**.

#### **Friends of Dishforth – Netbooks**

I am delighted to announce that through the hard work of Mrs Lynch and all the members of Friends of Dishforth, school has received 16 netbooks and a netbook trolley from the fundraising committee. We are thrilled to have the netbooks which will really support our delivery of Computing through the school and will be used in many other curriculum subjects as well. Also, a huge thank you to all the families who have supported the Friends of Dishforth events over the years to enable such a big purchase to be made which will benefit all the children.



## **PE Workshop for each class**

Please can all the children have their outdoor PE kit in school this week. The children will either be having an outdoor workshop on Wednesday or Thursday, so please ensure they have their kit with them – thank you.

## **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 we have been learning about keeping our teeth healthy. We had a super visit from Dr Maguire, who is a dentist. He told us all about what we should eat and drink to keep our teeth healthy. We have been learning about 3D shapes and finding out which shapes roll and which slide down a slope. In RE we have been learning about Palm Sunday. We have made our own Palm leaves and paper plate donkeys. We have been busy learning the songs for our Easter service.

**Class 1** – It has been another busy week in class 1. In science we have been learning about what animals need to live and begun writing a guide to taking care of a snail. In English we are still enjoying the story "the Pirates next door" and have been retelling the story and writing diary entries. We are really enjoying trying to talk like pirates! In maths we are weighing, working out the mass of objects and in year 2 practising addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We have even found some time to continue sewing our bags in DT!

**Class 2** – This week in Class 2 we have begun writing our own mystery novel in the style of Agatha Christie in homage to our production. In Maths, Year 3 have been calculating perimeter and length whilst Year 4 have been looking at addition and subtraction of fractions. Well done to Felicia and Dan for completing our reading challenge this week! We have had one final big push towards our production which we can't wait to share with you next week!

**Class 3** - Class 3 have had a busy week this week. They have written recounts in literacy and improved setting descriptions from last term. The children enjoyed editing work and making improvements on their chosen writing. In maths, they have started area, perimeter and volume. The children have developed their ideas for their virtual art gallery in computing. They have also been learning more about the different positions when playing netball. They have been enjoying their new song in clarinet and are becoming more confident when playing in smaller groups. Class 3 have been rehearsing for the Easter service.

## **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.



**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

**Early Years Dentist Visit**

This week Early Years had a fantastic visit from Mr Maguire, the dentist. We learnt all about looking after our teeth, making sure we brush for two minutes, twice a day. We talked about what happens when we visit the dentist. The children were all able to talk about how to look after their teeth. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Maguire for our healthy teeth goody bags – I'm sure they will help us to look after our teeth.



### **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.

### **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/>

### **Class 3 trip to Eden Camp – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

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 after Easter**

**EYFS: Friday**

**Class 1: Thursday and Friday**

**Class 2: Monday and Wednesday**

**Class 3: Monday and Thursday**

## **World Earth Day Family Event**

Please see the attached leaflet about a World Earth Day family event in Thirsk on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 10am – 1pm.

## **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**

### **Chocolate Bingo**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Chocolate Bingo event, either through donating chocolate and / or taking part in the bingo! Around £600 has been raised!

### **Nearly new school uniform**

A huge thank you also to Mrs Crabtree for her years of washing and selling the nearly new school uniform which has raised £215.

### **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 is making super progress in all areas. He is a whizz at maths and usually knows the answer before I have even finished asking the question. He always tries his best in everything he does – Well done Ollie!

**Class 1** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has made fantastic progress in reading. They are really growing in confidence and showing everything that they can do. You are a star, Celeste!

**Class 2** – The ribbon this week goes to somebody who has worked really hard to show their learning. They have really begun to step up to the mark in maths and their performances in dance really caught the eye of Sam. Well done Lara!

**Class 3** – The ribbon is going to someone who has been trying their hardest to up level their writing in English. They are always looking to improve words using a thesaurus and they are exploring using figurative language, including personification and metaphors. Well done Lily!

### **Values in Action**

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

This person has been nominated because "When I was upset in the playground this week she came over to see me and asked how I was."

The award goes to Lily S who was nominated by Jack L.

Well done, Lily!



## 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 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b>			
<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Class 3</b>
100%	99.6%	97.5%	92.4%

**On behalf of all the staff, may we wish you all a very Happy Easter!**

**We will look forward to seeing you all on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.**

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>March 2023</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>3/5/23</b>	EYFS Balance Bike morning
<b>4/5/23</b>	Music for Life – whole school concert and workshop for class 2 (afternoon)
<b>5/5/23</b>	School event to mark the King’s Coronation – details and time to follow
<b>8/5/23</b>	Bank Holiday Monday – King’s Coronation – school closed
<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>23/6/23</b>	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR THE DAY
<b>28/6/23</b>	Class 3 – Game of Actual Life Day
<b>29/6/23</b>	Year 5 Enrichment Day Thirsk School Day 2
<b>July 2023</b>	
<b>13/7/23</b>	Whole school transition morning (TBC)
<b>17/7/23</b>	School Reports home
<b>19/7/23</b>	Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly – afternoon
<b>21/7/23</b>	Break-up for summer holidays at 2.30pm (no after school club)

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