



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 28 Monday 24th April 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend despite the wet weather on Saturday. Next week's newsletter will be out on Tuesday 2nd May as of course school is closed on Monday for May Bank Holiday.

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 started to learn about our new topic on Life Cycles. We have been reading the book “Bog Baby”, using our imaginations to picture what a Bog Baby would look like after listening to a description. We then drew our own Bog Baby and made one using playdough. Reception children have been learning about how to make numbers from 11 – 20 using tens and ones, as well as ordering these numbers. In PE we have started to practise throwing and catching large balls. We have loved exploring the new equipment in the outside area.

Class 1 – It has been a fabulous start to the new term in class 1. We have begun our new topic which is Famous Explorers. We have begun learning about Christopher Columbus and have begun learning the 7 continents and Oceans of the world. We were very excited to start our DT topic all about fruit and have been describing different fruits and drawing them really carefully using fantastic observation skills. We have even written a pirate adventure story using descriptive language and following our own story plans.

Class 2 – We have had a great first week back from our Easter break here in Class 2. We have loved getting stuck into our new topics in History and Geography. In History we looked at the beginning of the industrial revolution as part of our Victorians topic and we looked at capital cities and languages spoken in South America for our Geography. Year 4 have begun looking at Decimals while Year 3 have been concentrating on Fractions in our Maths and in Science with Mrs Blyton, the children have enjoyed beginning their topic on Animals including Humans which is looking at healthy diet.

Class 3 – The children have had an exciting start to the week, exploring Eden Camp on Monday. We found out much more about World War II, including about prisoners of war. The children all set a great example and enjoyed looking at planes, tanks and the interactive Blitz experience. We have begun their new topic in Geography, looking at the coast. In maths, the children have been looking at fractions, decimals, percentages and the four operations for revision. In English, we have started looking at the award-winning animation: Alma. The children have analysed narrative writing and begun identifying important features within exemplifications.



Coronation Assembly – Friday 5th May at 2.15pm

We would like to invite families to join us for our Celebration Assembly on Friday 5th May at 2.15pm where we will mark the Coronation of King Charles III with a presentation and special song followed by light refreshments. The assembly will take place outside – you would be very welcome to bring your own chairs / picnic rug – please prepare for all types of weather!

The children can wear red, white and blue on this day and they will all receive a Coronation pin to commemorate the occasion.

Coronation School Dinner – Friday 5th May

As a school we will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles of Friday 5th May with a promotional school dinner.

A selection of homemade sandwiches

Homemade sausage rolls

Homemade cheese straws

Vegetable sticks

Celebration cupcakes

Class 3 trip to Eden Camp

Last Monday, Class 3 visited Eden Camp to finish their WW2 history topic. We spent the day exploring the different huts which were each about a different part of World War 2. We began with the rise of Hitler, went on to learn about U-boats, the Blitz (which was a loud, smoky and dark hut!), the role of women in the war and what happened during each year from the start to the end of the war. We walked down replica streets from the 1940s and got to see vehicles and tanks that would have been used in the war. We had a brilliant day with the children from Dishforth Airfield and it was a super way to end our topic.



EYFS

Over the Easter break, our EYFS classroom and outside area has had some new equipment made to further facilitate and enhance learning opportunities for the children to develop their skills in aspects of the curriculum. Inside the classroom there have been some changes too with a new kitchen area with a high- and low-level sink for food preparation.



Class Photos

Class photographs are being taken on Friday morning this week.

Fakeaway Day – promotional school dinner – Thursday 18th May

Pizza Baguette

Chips

Salad

Cookie

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 Days

EYFS: Friday

Class 1: Thursday and Friday

Class 2: Monday and Wednesday

Class 3: Monday and Thursday

Sun Cream

Please can I ask parents to ensure the children have sun cream applied to them before they come to school in the morning when the forecast is due to be sunny and also please do send into school a bottle of sun cream labelled with your child's name on it so that they can apply it when necessary over the summer months – thank you.

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

Fashion Show

Friends of Dishforth have organised a Ladies Fashion Show and Pop-up Shop which will take place on the 24th May 2023, please see leaflet attached for more information.

Numbers are limited so please buy your tickets as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Tickets can be purchased through your ParentPay account.

DishFest – Cake Donations

Friends of Dishforth would be very grateful for any donations of cakes for DishFest. Please bring donations to the Pavilion at midday on Saturday 28th April or to school on Friday 28th April. 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 with everything he has set his mind to. He has persevered in his writing and is gaining confidence in having a go on his own. He has tried very hard to sit and listen well at carpet times – well done Tomas!

Class 1 – This week in Class 1 the ribbon goes to someone who gives their best and really listens to feedback and uses it to improve their work. They confidently share their ideas in lessons and they are getting really good at supporting others during read, check and improve time. Keep up the great work Matthew W!

Class 2 – The ribbon for class 2 this week goes to someone who has worked really hard in their maths this week. they have offered great answers in whole class discussion and they are really knuckling down and enjoying their work. Well done Katie M!

Class 3 – The ribbon could have gone to many children this week, but one child stood out for their enquiry skills on the school trip to Eden camp. They explored the resources well, set a great example for the school and were kind and polite when getting to know the children at Dishforth Airfield. Well done Evie M!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they are always being respectful to others and compliments people in the playground.

The award goes to Molly D who was nominated by Ava.

Well done, Molly!

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:

| Week commencing 17th April 2023 | | | |
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| EYFS | Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 3 |
| 93.3% | 99.2% | 96.6% | 96.6% |

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

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| April 2023 | |
| 28/4/23 | Class photographs |
| 29/4/23 | DishFest event 2pm-9pm |
| May 2023 | |
| 1/5/23 | May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for one day |
| 3/5/23 | EYFS Balance Bike morning |
| 4/5/23 | Music for Life – whole school concert and workshop for class 2 (afternoon) |
| 5/5/23 | Coronation school dinner School assembly to mark the King’s Coronation – families welcome – 2.15pm Children can wear red, white and blue |
| 8/5/23 | Bank Holiday Monday – King’s Coronation – school closed |
| 9-12 May 2023 | Year 6 SAT week Tuesday – Friday |
| 17/5/23 | Year 3 and 4 multi-skills festival at Outwood Academy Ripon |
| 24/5/23 | Friends of Dishforth – ladies Fashion Show and Pop-up Shop Dishforth Village Hall – door open at 7pm show starts at 7.30pm |
| 26/5/23 | Break-up May half term 3.15pm |
| June 2023 | |
| 5/6/23 | School open Year 4 Multiplication Check window begins |
| 9/6/23 | Open the Book Collective Worship |
| 12/6/23 | Phonic Screen Check window |
| 23/6/23 | TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR THE DAY |
| 28/6/23 | Class 3 – Game of Actual Life Day |

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| 29/6/23 | Year 5 Enrichment Day Thirsk School Day 2 |
| July 2023 | |
| 13/7/23 | Whole school transition morning (TBC) |
| 17/7/23 | School Reports home |
| 19/7/23 | Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – afternoon |
| 21/7/23 | 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 |
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| 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 |