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## Newsletter 40 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

A short last newsletter to round the week off!

We have had a super year in school and we are all looking forward to spending time at home with our families for a few weeks over the summer break and hopefully we will be able to enjoy some lovely weather as well! We have much to be proud of at Dishforth CE Primary School. The staff are dedicated and passionate in supporting every child to reach their potential. I do hope you all have a lovely summer and I wish you well in all your plans for the future if you are a family moving on.

### **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 enjoying the final days of the school year. We have been exploring new equipment in the outdoor water tray, especially the pipes. We have been using our problem-solving skills to transport water over a distance. We have been using our communication skills to talk about our plans for the summer. The Early Years team would like to wish everyone a lovely summer break!

**Class 1** – It has been another busy week in Class 1. The week got off to fantastic start with sport day when everyone in class 1 showed excellent sportsmanship, I think we have some athletes to watch in the future! We have been solving some mathematical problems, whilst practising all that we have learned throughout the year and have really enjoyed re capping the common exception words. We have completed our ICT unit "We are games testers" and have loved playing a coding game to practise all of the new skills they have learned.

**Class 2** – What a fantastic week we have had in Class 2. On Monday was Sports Day. We had a great time competing and we were glad the weather held out for us. On Tuesday we went on the trip to the Ripon Museums as part of our history topic on the Victorians. We learnt all about what life was like for children in the Victorian era and also experienced how justice was served in those times. We have also spent time finishing off our topic work in Science and Geography as well as preparing for the end of the school year. We hope you all have a fantastic summer and come back refreshed for a new school year in September.

**Class 3** - Class 3 have had a spectacular final week at school. We have had a very special send off for all of our amazing Y6 children. The children have also written the end of a narrative in English about a very brave little squirrel Ninbus! We have written lyrics for a song for our leaver's service. The children have created their own board game during maths and had their final fun session in music when playing the clarinet. Our class have also finished their final prints in art, and they have tried their best to finish their noughts and crosses bags in DT. In computing, the children have edited and

finished their websites to keep children safe online! We just want to say a big thank you to all of the children for challenging themselves this year to try their absolute best in all of their subjects at school. Y6 children will be greatly missed!

### **Class 2 Trip – Ripon Museum**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> July we travelled over to Ripon to go to the museums. We went to the police museum, the courthouse and the Victorian museum. My favourite part was learning about the Victorian classroom and seeing all the punishments they had. We learnt in the courthouse that you would be sent to Australia if you were guilty because in Britain, they didn't want thieves in their country. It was a very nice time there and I want to go again. By Teddy



### **School Uniform**

A reminder about school uniform for September:

- Charcoal grey trousers (short or long) / skirt
- Burnt yellow polo
- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan (branded optional)
- Grey or white socks
- Black school shoes – not trainers

### **PE kit**

- White loose plain T-shirt (no logos)
- Black plain shorts (no logos)
- Plimsolls or trainers
- Children can wear a plain black or navy tracksuit in the colder months.

Earrings must be removed

**Please put your child's name in everything including shoes and trainers.**

**School bags need to be small in size to fit in the cloakroom.**

## Car Park

I am expecting the new car park to be operational from the beginning of the new academic year on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Please ensure the children stay on the footpaths around the edge of the carpark on their way to the gate into school.

## After School Club from September

From September the after-school club will be running on a Monday for one hour only – 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

We have tried to recruit a member of staff to cover the childcare club for the last year, but so far have been unsuccessful. We will continue to advertise the role and once we have someone, then Mondays will go back to finishing at 5.15pm. We do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause some families.

Breakfast Club remains the same with Mrs Burgess.

Monday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Short session only	Mrs Roberts
Tuesday	3.15pm - 5.15pm		Mrs Roberts
Wednesday	3.15pm - 5.15pm		Mrs Roberts
Thursday	3.15pm - 5.15pm		Mrs Roberts
Friday	3.15pm - 5.15pm		Mrs Chester

## Class Structure – academic year 2023-24

Please see below the staffing structure for the next academic year. The children in school will get the opportunity to spend time with their class teacher on the transition morning of Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Head Teacher: Mrs Lyon

EYFS and Senior Teacher: Mrs Chaplin

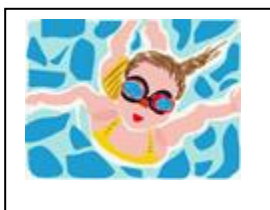
Class 1: Mrs Cawood

Class 2: Mr Duffy

Class 3: Miss Ungerechts

Mrs Blyton will be working in Class 2 and 3 covering PPA each week.

## Swimming – September



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Class 3 children start on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September.** 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. After Christmas children in Years 3 and 4 will go swimming.

The cost of swimming will be **£5.00 each week**, this still has to be paid even if your child misses a swimming lesson as we still have to pay for the bus, pool hire and swimming instructors. Payments must be made on your Parent Pay account. School has heavily subsidised the cost of swimming due to rising prices from the bus company and constraints imposed by Thirsk Pool.

### **Ear-rings in PE**

Please can I remind parents of the policy regarding the wearing of ear-rings in PE? Guidance was updated by the Association for PE a number of years ago.

*All personal effects should be removed including earrings.*

*Newly pierced earrings can be removed after a 6-week healing duration. During this period students should be given alternative tasks within physical education such as officiating.*

*Students unable to remove earrings were previously permitted to make them safe by taping. The guidance on the aforementioned has now changed based on national advice issued by the Association for Physical Education (afPE) 2019. It is now felt that the taping of earrings 'creates a perception of safety and is not recommended', as there have been several incidences within the local authority where children's ears have been injured from earrings being pulled out from under the tape.*

*Teachers/TAs are not permitted to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves, therefore, it would be helpful if earrings could be taken out at home on PE days.*

*If a child has recently had their ears pierced and is unable to remove their earrings, they will not be permitted to take part in the practical aspect of PE lessons for six weeks, after which time they will be expected to remove their earrings in order to participate in PE lessons. During this six-week period the child will be able to take on the role of umpire, referee or coach where appropriate.*

Please be aware that this policy will be followed by school staff and Sport coaches.

**If your child is going to have their ears pierced, please do so at the start of the summer holidays rather than during term time.**

### **PE Days in SEPTEMBER**

**EYFS: Friday**

**Class 1: Monday and Friday**

**Class 2: Thursday and Friday**

**Class 3: Monday and Thursday (swimming)**

## **Summer Holiday Activities**

### **Reading Challenge Summer 2023**



### **Get active with the Summer Reading Challenge 2023!**

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Ready Set Read! and is all about the power of play, sport, games and physical activity.

The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited-edition Ready Set Read! medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 15<sup>th</sup> July until Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sept.

There will also be a fantastic programme of activities in libraries all summer, many of them free, to go with the challenge – look out for flyers with more details which have been sent to schools for children to bring home.

### **FEAST: Food. Entertainment. Arts. Sport. Together**

Please see the information below regarding the FEAST programme in North Yorkshire over the summer holidays.

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

*All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of sessions, with free places and a free lunch for those on benefits-related Free School Meals, thanks to funding from the Department for Education.*

*To see all the fantastic activities on offer and learn more about how to claim a free place, <https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/>*

*There is so much to choose from – come and take a look at what's on!*

The FEAST programme is provided by North Yorkshire Together, commissioned by North Yorkshire Council and funded by the Department for Education.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [hello@northyorkshiretogether.co.uk](mailto:hello@northyorkshiretogether.co.uk)

### **Summer Holiday Provision**

Please click on the link below to find local camps and activities for children of all ages from our local Early Help Consultant.

<https://harrogate.mumbler.co.uk/school-holidays/holiday-care-fun-clubs/>

## School Dinners - September

We have been informed by County Caters that due to rising costs there will be a price increase on school dinners for children in Years 3-6 from September. The cost in September will be £3.13

Nursery meals will also increase to £2.10

## 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 always tries their very best. They love drawing and have really made progress in their art work in the last few months. They are a good friend to others. Well done Daniel!

**Class 1** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been working hard to improve their concentration and participation skills. They are enjoying learning more and growing in self-confidence. Keep up the great work Zachary!

**Class 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had an excellent final week. They were respectful to everyone we met and showed a great enthusiasm on our trip, they also have been a great help around the classroom this week. Well done to Jacob!

**Class 3** – The ribbon is going to someone who has been working extremely hard to make the best choices and listen carefully to instructions whilst outside on the playground! This person has been challenging themselves to be a great role model. Well done Jacob H!

### **Values in Action**

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

This person has been nominated because in Sports Day he waited for his friend during a race when they fell.

The award goes to Kingsley who was nominated by Isla.

Well done, Kingsley!



## Attendance

<b>Weekly Attendance</b>			
<b>Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.</b>			
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 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>			
<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Class 3</b>
80%	89%	95%	97%

## Year 6 Leavers

Goodbye and Good Luck to all the Year 6 children and families who are leaving Dishforth CE Primary School. It has been a pleasure to have the children in the school and we are all going to miss you!

**I would also like to thank all the staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment over the last year – we have a fabulous team of staff who work incredibly hard to ensure that the children have an exciting curriculum and make excellent progress.**

**On behalf of the staff and governors, may we wish you a relaxing, peaceful summer break. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45am.**

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>July 2023</b>	
<b>21/7/23</b>	Break-up for summer holidays at 2.30pm (no after school club)
<b>September 2023</b>	
<b>4/9/23</b>	TRAINING DAY
<b>5/9/23</b>	School open for the 2023-24 academic year
<b>14/9/23</b>	First swim for Class 3 (Year 5 and 6) children at Thirsk swimming pool

<b>21/9/23</b>	Class 2 trip to Aldborough Roman Site
<b>25/9/23</b>	Music Service assembly
<b>27/9/23</b>	Class 3 NSPCC workshop
<b>October 2023</b>	
<b>2/10/23</b>	Class 2 – Forest Schools afternoon
<b>9/10/23</b>	Class 2 – Forest Schools afternoon
<b>13/10/23</b>	Open the Book – Collective Worship
<b>16/10/23</b>	Class 2 – Forest Schools afternoon
<b>23/10/23</b>	Parent / Carer Evenings
<b>25/10/23</b>	
<b>26/10/23</b>	EYFS and Class 1 Harvest – morning (TBC)
<b>27/10/23</b>	Class 2 and Class 3 Harvest – afternoon (TBC)
<b>27/10/23</b>	Break-up October half term
<b>November 2023</b>	
<b>6/11/23</b>	School open
<b>8/11/23</b>	Number Fun Day – whole school
<b>10/11/23</b>	Individual Photograph morning
<b>December 2023</b>	
<b>1/12/23</b>	Open the Book – Collective Worship
<b>14/12/23</b>	Last swim for Class 3
<b>19/12/23</b>	Class 3 theatre trip to Leeds Playhouse to see 'Oliver!'
<b>22/12/23</b>	School breaks up for Christmas 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