



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have had a super first week back at school. They have settled back into routines very well and there has been a lovely, purposeful atmosphere in school.

Class News:

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

EYFS – Everyone has made a super start to the new school year in Early Years. We have been looking at our feelings using the book *The Colour Monster*. We have been talking about colours, sorting colours and choosing coloured paint to paint our own *Colour Monster*. Our children who are in Reception have been very excited to receive their first reading books!

Class 1 – Class 1 have had a fantastic week getting to know each other and settling into a new routine. The year 2 children have been fantastic role models and the year 1 children have been full of confidence and working hard. We have begun learning the story 'A Squash and a Squeeze' and have used some lovely story language, ordered the story and begun thinking about the different characters. In maths we have been learning about the place value of number with year 2 children consolidation their knowledge up to 20 and year 1 children thinking about the number up to 10. We have also begun learning about Alfred Wight in history and different materials in science. It has been a busy and very fun start to the new school year.

Class 2 – Welcome back to Class 2 from the summer holidays. this week we have enjoyed beginning all of our new topics. We have really enjoyed starting our English book of "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane" where we have inferred thoughts and feelings of the main character. In Maths we have started looking at place value and in History we looked at the story of how Romulus created Rome. In Geography we learnt all about the Water Cycle, ready for our new learning about Rivers and Mountains.

Class 3 – Class 3 have had a fantastic first week back at school this week. In English, we have begun our class book 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll. The children have all worked incredibly hard in maths, warming up their brains after the holidays, whilst learning about place value. In PE on Thursday, the children completed team building activities and used their communication to support one another. We have started our topic in French, looking at some facial features and colours. In science, the children started their topic about light and looked at the 10 principles of science.

Homework

Homework begins this week. Materials to support homework – spelling tips and paired reading - are attached to this newsletter. I would also like to draw your attention to our Maths scheme, White

Rose Maths, there is an app which accompanies this that children can use at home. This has been updated and would be useful for all children in school to have access to:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths#download>

In addition to this, there is advice and guidance regarding Maths on the White Rose Maths website which families may find useful:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/advice-and-guidance>

Home Learning Policy

At our school, we believe that children learn best when parents, the school and children work together in partnership. Home Learning should be a positive experience which is manageable, meaningful and enjoyable for parents, teachers and children.

Reading books will be prioritised this week in school and homework will commence next week. Please refer to the table below regarding homework for each class.

Class	Homework	Homework Given	Collected and Tested
EYFS: Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed Sound Books • Daily Reading • Show and Tell task 	Daily Daily Weekly	Mrs Chaplin will provide more information in a separate letter.
CLASS 1 Year 1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily reading • Spellings • Mental Maths • A weekly task linked to current learning 	Daily reading Friday Friday Friday	Daily Friday Thursday Thursday
CLASS 2 Year 3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily reading • Spellings • Mental Maths 	Daily Friday Friday	Daily Wednesday Wednesday
CLASS 3 Year 5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Reading • Spellings • A Maths activity relating to in-school learning during the week 	Daily Friday Friday	Daily Wednesday Wednesday

Year 6

Year 6 children might sometimes have an additional piece of homework. Hand-in dates will be made clear by Miss Ungerechts.

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.**

Early Reading and Phonics Session for Reception Parents

Mrs Chaplin will be holding a meeting about our phonics scheme, Read Write Inc. on **Friday 22nd September at 2.30pm.**

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be week commencing the 23rd October – further details will follow in due course.

Swimming Class 3 – September – this Thursday



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Class 3 children start on Thursday.** 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 are to 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.

PE Days in SEPTEMBER

EYFS: Friday

Class 1: Monday and Friday

Class 2: Thursday and Friday

Class 3: Monday and Thursday (swimming)

Sporting Influence Club

In addition to the PE in school, staff development and competitions, Sporting Influence will also provide a club after school on a Monday from 3.15pm-4.15pm. The first club will be **Tchoukball** for the first half term for a maximum of 20 children from Key Stage 2.

Forest Schools

I am delighted to welcome Miss Rachel Hunt to Dishforth CE Primary School as Forest School teacher for this year. Forest Schools will take place on a Monday afternoon for the full afternoon for three weeks for each class at some point in the year.

Here is a message from Miss Hunt:

Hello! I am delighted to be able to deliver Forest School sessions to all year groups over the course of the 2023 - 24 academic year. Forest School is child led, outdoor learning where

children can learn a variety of skills from wood craft to fire lighting and challenge themselves to take risks whilst learning to respect and care for the natural world around them.

You can expect your child to get messy as we will be outdoors in all weathers so, please make sure that they bring clothes for every weather for every session. Ideally: wellies or walking boots; waterproof jacket and trousers or all in ones and a sun hat or woolly hat dependent on the temperature. I will provide safety gloves, but warm preferably waterproof gloves should be sent in the colder months.

Class 2 will have Forest Schools first on Monday 2nd, 9th and 16th October in the afternoon.

Clubs

A letter regarding extra-curricular clubs will be sent out in due course.

Class 2 trip to Aldborough Roman Site

On Thursday 21st September Class 2 will be taking a trip to Aldborough Roman Town near Boroughbridge as part of our History Topic of "The Romans, a local history study". During the day we will look at what life was like in an important Roman Town and investigate how historians today search for relics from the past. Please could children have wellington boots, a coat, hat and sun cream to ensure we are ready for every eventuality weather wise!

NSPCC – Speak out, stay safe programme

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme** this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse? Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age-appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom-based activities, alongside NSPCC volunteer led face to face workshops for children in Class 3 on Wednesday 27th September. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Feedback survey for pupils aged 7-11

The NSPCC would like to gather feedback from pupils aged between 7-11 about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme to gauge their learning. **This will be voluntary and children can still take part in the programme if they don't take part in the survey.** Please see the letter attached to this newsletter and if you don't want you child to take part in the survey then please return the slip.

Reception Baseline

Children who are in Reception will be participating in the national reception baseline assessment (RBA) this half term. There is a document about this attached to the newsletter for further information.

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 persevered in the making area. He spent a long-time planning and making a super robot model – well done Zach!

Class 1 - The ribbon in class 1 this week goes to someone who has shown great determination and confidence in a very short space of time. They have overcome a few nerves and tried their best in every new situation.

Keep shining like the star that you are Alice!

Class 2 – The ribbon in class 2 this week goes to someone who someone who has had a really great start to KS2. They have shown a great maturity in their work and around the classroom. Their answers to questions have been really considered and well thought out. Well done Oliver!

Class 3 – The ribbon this week is going to a child who has stood out for their determination and courage when putting their hand up to answer questions. They even persevered when answering a challenging reasoning question in maths, involving trial and error. Well done, Jacob!

Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they have settled into our class well and they have been working hard at following class routines.

The award goes to Lily S who was nominated by Mati.

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:			
Week commencing 4th September 2023			
EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
95%	97.8%	98.7%	94.6%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

September 2023	
13/9/23	Football competition 7-a-side team only (at Boroughbridge High School)
14/9/23	First swim for Class 3 (Year 5 and 6) children at Thirsk swimming pool
21/9/23	Class 2 trip to Aldborough Roman Site
22/9/23	Reception Parents Information Session regarding Read, Write, Inc at 2.30pm
25/9/23	Music Service assembly
26/9/23	UK Parliament outreach programme – assembly for KS2 children – An overview of Parliament and how laws are made
27/9/23	Class 3 NSPCC workshop
October 2023	
2/10/23	Class 2 – Forest Schools afternoon
9/10/23	Class 2 – Forest Schools afternoon
11/10/23	High 5 Netball competition Y5/6 - one team girls only (at Boroughbridge High School)
13/10/23	Open the Book – Collective Worship
16/10/23	Class 2 – Forest Schools afternoon
23/10/23	Parent / Carer Evenings
25/10/23	

26/10/23	EYFS and Class 1 Harvest – morning (TBC)
27/10/23	Class 2 and Class 3 Harvest – afternoon (TBC)
27/10/23	Break-up October half term
November 2023	
6/11/23	School open
8/11/23	Number Fun Day – whole school
10/11/23	Individual Photograph morning
15/11/23	Cross Country competition (at Boroughbridge High School)
December 2023	
1/12/23	Open the Book – Collective Worship
14/12/23	Last swim for Class 3
19/12/23	Class 3 theatre trip to Leeds Playhouse to see ‘Oliver!’
22/12/23	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm (no after school club)
January 2024	
8/1/24	Training Day
9/1/24	School open for the spring term

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