



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely autumnal weekend.

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 looking at making, copying and continuing simple patterns. We have made patterns using natural materials, as well as using beads and counters. The children have been able to describe patterns using mathematical vocabulary. We have been looking for signs of autumn and went on a walk to find conkers. We have made 2D houses picture frames with lollipop sticks and have drawn pictures of the people who live in our house to go in the frames.

Class 1 – This week has marked the start of our poetry fortnight and the children have been super excited to hear, perform and write poetry. We have learned how to perform different poems, collected word banks and written some poetry ourselves. In other lessons Year 1 have been introduced to the part whole model as a way of splitting numbers into two or more parts and year 2 have been focussing on fact families. In geography the children have drawn their own map of Dishforth and added key features, that we saw on our walk around the village, as well as making a map. In art we are now working towards a final piece and have been using our excellent drawing skills to draw leaves with wax crayon and using paint over the top for an exciting effect.

Class 2 – In Class 2 this week we have had another exciting week. In computing we have designed our own animations, adding movement, dialogue and sound. In Science we made models of the digestive system using plasticine and in Forest Schools we had a great time building dens and whittling logs to make tools and jewellery. We looked at the different infrastructure that the Romans introduced to Britain in our History lesson and in Guided Reading we completed an escape room with questions based on our class text.

Class 3 – Class 3 have had an exciting week with some of our Y5/6 girls competing in a netball competition! They have been practising their skills in PE on Monday and the rest of class 3 have been perfecting their defending in small games against each other. In English, the children have explored various newspaper articles and the children have begun planning and drafting a newspaper article about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in 1922. The Y5 children have begun their multiplication and division unit in maths, whilst the Y6 children have been learning about long multiplication and division. In RE, the children looked at the proverbs 6:16-19 and related some of the things that are detestable to God to scenes from Disney films and explained how this is linked to Christian's beliefs about sin.

School Council

Our school council members have been elected for the academic year and they are as follows:

- Class 1** **Jax and Connie**
Class 2 **Penelope and Bibi**
Class 3 **Katie and Dacian**

Netball

A big congratulations to some of our Y5/6 girls for their effort and perseverance with their netball tournament at Boroughbridge High School on Wednesday 11th October. The girls played five games against different schools and came out on top! They won the tournament and will be playing in the finals later this term! They set a fantastic example for our school and were great team players. Well done Lily, Mati, Sophie, Sophie, Eliza, Layla and Florence.



Parent / Carer Consultations

Parent / Carer Evening is week commencing the 23rd October. A confirmation slip will be sent home with the date and time for your appointment. Appointments are strictly for 10 minutes only. If there are further areas you would like to discuss with the teacher, please make another appointment so that we can ensure the evenings run to time – thank you.

There will be no Tchoukball or clubs run by teachers during the week of parents evening.

Open the Book

We warmly welcomed Toby and the team from Open the Book last Friday who led our Collective Worship through the dramatization of the Bible story, Jesus calms the storm.

Harvest

EYFS and Class 1 children will celebrate Harvest Festival on Thursday 26th October at 9.15am which will last approximately 15 minutes.

KS2 (Class 2 and 3) will celebrate Harvest Festival on Friday 27th October at 2.30pm

Due to the size of the hall, please can a maximum of two people from each family attend Harvest - thank you.



PE Kit

A reminder that now the weather is turning a bit cooler, the children can wear a tracksuit for PE in either black or navy (plain).

Poppy Appeal

Poppies are on sale in school starting this week. If your child would like to purchase a poppy then please can they bring a donation into school in a named envelope and poppies will be brought round to the classrooms every day.



Alongside the traditional poppy there are snap band rulers, reflectors, zip pulls and wristbands. Suggested donations are 50p for a zip pull, 50p for a reflector, £1 for a wristband and £1.50 for a snap band. Again, please put money in a named envelope or come to the school office before or after school if you would like to purchase any of the items to donate to the Poppy Appeal.



Flu Immunisation – Friday 1st December

Attached to this week's newsletter is information regarding the flu immunisation programme for this year. All children in Reception to Year 6 can be immunised. Please see below for the E-consent link for parents/carers.

<https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/northyorkshire>

Black History Month

In the UK, October marks the beginning of Black History Month. This national celebration aims to promote and celebrate the contributions of those with African and Caribbean heritage to society and to foster an understanding of Black history in general. Through Black History Month, we learn so much about ourselves and our abilities to overcome challenges both big and small. We learn to reason and wonder about things morally. We also learn from mistakes people made in the past and learn the importance of treating others with compassion – we learn to be givers and helpers. Through this month we are using a number of Collective Worship to learn about significant people in history.

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 are keen to practise their letter formation in choosing times. They have made a good start to their reading journey. Well done Jace!

Class 1 - The ribbon for class 1 this week goes to someone who has been working incredibly hard to not only improve their handwriting but also the content of their writing. They have been very enthusiastic during lessons and even requested more poetry work! Keep up the great work Thomas!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked really hard this year so far. Their attitude to learning always shines through and they are always quick to offer questions in whole class discussions. They are becoming more confident all the time and they always come into school with a smile. Well done to Penelope!

Class 3 - The ribbon is going to someone who has worked incredibly hard on their presentation throughout all lessons. This person tries their best with their handwriting and above all, puts 100% of effort into their learning. Well done, Lily A!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because in Computing they tried their best to programme the micro bit so that it would play a melody. They kept trying until they eventually made the best one and amazed the whole class.

The award goes to Willem who was nominated by Dacian.

Well done, Willem!

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 9th October 2023			
EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
92.6%	98.2%	99.3%	98.2%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

October 2023	
16/10/23	Class 2 – Forest Schools afternoon
21/10/23	Halloween Disco – Dishforth Village Hall EYFS and Class 1 – 3.30pm-5pm Class 2 and 3 – 5.30pm-7pm
23/10/23	Parent / Carer Evenings
25/10/23	
26/10/23	EYFS and Class 1 Harvest – morning 9.15am
27/10/23	Class 2 and Class 3 Harvest – afternoon 2.30pm
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
13/11/23	Anti-bullying week
15/11/23	Cross Country competition (at Boroughbridge High School)

17/11/23	Children in Need Day Year 6 at Crucial Crew event in the afternoon – back later around 3.25pm
December 2023	
1/12/23	Flu Immunisation afternoon Open the Book – Collective Worship
5/12/23	EYFS Nativity – morning – time TBC
13/12/23	Class 1 Nativity 2pm and 5.30pm
14/12/23	Last swim for Class 3
15/12/23	Christingle at Baldersby St James Church 1.45pm – families welcome
19/12/23	Class 3 theatre trip to Leeds Playhouse to see 'Oliver!'
20/12/23	Christmas School Dinner
21/12/23	Christmas Party afternoon (children bring party clothes to change into)
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