



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you've all had a peaceful weekend. I'd like to say a huge thank you to the families who have planted bulbs in the carpark over the weekend which will add colour to the area in spring – thank you Mrs Crabtree for leading and organising this!



We have another busy week ahead in school with the Class 1 trip to James Herriot Museum and Year 6 to Crucial Crew, also on Friday it is Children in Need Day. As a school we will be supporting Children in Need Day where the children can come to school in non-uniform. Please find a link below if you would like to make any donations for Children in Need on ParentPay.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11667>

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 have been learning about the festival of Diwali. We know that it is a Hindu celebration of light. We have used clay to make Diya lamps and have made Rangoli patterns to welcome people into our classroom. In maths reception children have been learning about triangles and circles. We all enjoyed the number Fun day with Mr Godfrey, especially using the puppets to help us learn our number bonds.

Class 1 – It has been a busy start to the new half term in class 1 with a new book called "The Adventures of the Egg Box Dragon". We have made predictions about what the Egg Box Dragon will look like, made our own Egg Box Dragons, a very big thank you to everyone who brought in your empty egg boxes we wouldn't have done it without you, and have written instructions about how to make Egg Box Dragons. In maths we are working to improve our addition and subtraction skills and our fast recall of number bonds to 10 and 20. In other lessons we have compared life in the 1950s to life now ready for our visit to the Herriot Museum and learned how to make a wheel mechanism in DT.

Class 2 – We have had a fantastic week in Class 2! On Wednesday we absolutely loved having Mr Godfrey in for a number fun day. He taught us fantastic songs and got us all engaged with our maths learning on the 7 times tables, making sure we balance our equations and finding our compliments to 100! On Tuesday we had a really engaging talk with Mrs Smith from the Commonwealth War graves Commission who took us down to the cemetery in Dishforth and we discovered interesting facts about the war dead and the reasons for the Cemeteries around the UK and Mainland Europe! In PE Mr Sherwood gave us our first football lesson where we learned different dribbling techniques.

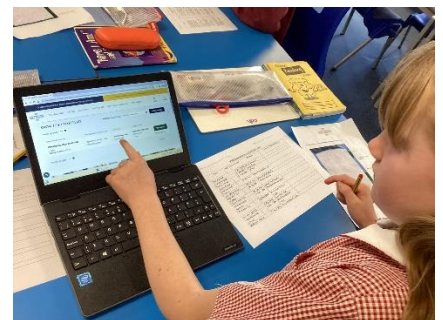
Class 3 – Class 3 have had an exciting first week back. We have enjoyed our number fun workshop, learning maths through song and dance. The children are both currently learning about fractions in their maths lessons. In English, we have written diary entries about their holidays. We were excavators in history, asking questions about a discovery from the tomb of a well-known Egyptian scribe. Class 3 have also begun practising songs for Christmas on their clarinets.

Mrs Blyton

At the end of the autumn term, we are saying good bye to Mrs Blyton after fifteen years of teaching at Dishforth CE Primary School. Mrs Blyton has decided that it is time to end her contract here and spend more time with her family as well as having time to explore new opportunities. Mrs Blyton would like to thank the whole school community for making her time at Dishforth a very happy part of her career. Mrs Blyton will be greatly missed by us all.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Elizabeth Smith from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) came into school last Tuesday and delivered a very interesting presentation on the CWGC. Afterwards, Elizabeth along with Class 2 and 3 walked to the war graves where Elizabeth had prepared an activity for them to participate in, then they returned back to the classroom where the children carried out a research activity on local casualties using an online database. Thank you to Mrs Chester for organising this.



Number Fun

Last Wednesday we welcomed Dave Godfrey to school for the day. Dave is a very experienced teacher and maths consultant who has written songs to accompany the teaching and learning of Maths throughout school from Nursery to Year 6. There are different songs to use for different purposes, such as: mental recall of facts, reasoning songs and songs which support the teaching of a mathematical concept. Dave has worked with White Rose Maths where his songs have been linked to different units of learning and last week gave us all the opportunity to see how this has been achieved when Dave delivered staff training at the end of the day.

Anti-bullying week – this week

This week is anti-bullying week which is coordinated in England, Wales and Northern Ireland by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year it has the theme 'Make A Noise About Bullying' and the week has started off with Odd Socks Day today where adults and children can wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

If you would like any further information regarding anti-bullying week, there is a dedicated part on the anti-bullying alliance website through the link below:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/parents-and-carers>

James Herriot museum – transport funded by FODs

Class 1 are looking forward to a trip to the James Herriot Museum in Thirsk on Thursday as part of their history learning. A huge thank you to Friends of Dishforth for subsidising the trip.

Cross Country

On Wednesday, Key Stage 2 children who have chosen to take part in the cross-country festival will be going to Boroughbridge High School for the morning to participate in the event. Good luck to all!

Crucial Crew

On Friday, Year 6 are spending the afternoon at Carlton Lodge undertaking activities in Crucial Crew which is an event organised by North Yorkshire Police. The children will see various scenarios which they may encounter in everyday life, each one posing problems or dangers to them. The children, working in small groups and under close supervision will tackle each scenario with feedback given as they complete each one.

All children need to bring a coat.

Reception Starters for September 2024

Attached to this newsletter is information for parents and carers who have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2024. The deadline to submit an application is the 15th January.

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).

PE Days this half term

EYFS:	Monday
Class 1:	Wednesday and Thursday
Class 2:	Monday and Thursday
Class 3:	Monday and Thursday (swimming)

Flu Immunisation – Wednesday 29th November (morning)

All children in Reception to Year 6 can be immunised as long as your child / children are signed up using the link below.

Please see below for the E-consent link for parents/carers.

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

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 has had a really mature attitude towards everything they have done this week. They have tried really hard in their reading and writing and have made great progress in maths. Well done Max!

Class 1 - The ribbon for class 1 this week goes to someone who always exhibits excellent behaviour and is a superb positive role model for the class. They always give 100% to their work and they are a great friend. Well done Elenna!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown a fantastic work ethic this week. They were extremely respectful to all of the different adults who have visited this week and their maths problem solving has been excellent. Well done Xander!

Class 3 - The ribbon is going to someone for being showing exceptional listening skills and being "ready and respectful" during our number fun lesson. They also had fantastic ideas for their maths dance about prime numbers. 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 in RE they helped me with their work about Jesus being the Messiah.

The award goes to Eliza who was nominated by Lily.

Well done, Eliza!



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 6th November 2023			
EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
93.3%	99.6%	96.7%	97.6%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

November 2023	
13/11/23	Anti-bullying week
15/11/23	Cross Country competition (at Boroughbridge High School)
16/11/23	Class 1 trip to James Herriot Museum Thirsk – morning – trip subsidised by Friends of Dishforth
17/11/23	Children in Need Day Year 6 at Crucial Crew event in the afternoon – back later around 3.25pm
29/11/23	Flu Immunisation - morning
December 2023	
1/12/23	Open the Book – Collective Worship
5/12/23	EYFS Nativity – 9.30am
9/12/23	Christmas Fair – Friends of Dishforth – Dishforth Village Hall 1.30pm until 4pm
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