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Newsletter 11 Monday 20th November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a super weekend and enjoyed lovely autumn sunshine yesterday. It is a busy time in school as we seem to be whizzing through the term, therefore the newsletter today covers quite a bit of forthcoming events to help with planning for the festive season ahead.

Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need on Friday, we raised £132

Thank you also to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal where we raised £147.38

Last week of clubs

Just a reminder that this week is the last week of clubs run by school staff. The multi-skills club which is run by Sporting Influence will continue until Monday 11th December. A new set of clubs will be on offer to the children after Christmas. Thank you to all the staff who have given up their time this term to run the clubs.

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 the book Owl Babies and have been learning lots of facts about owls. We have made a nest for baby owls using sticks, leaves and feathers. Children in reception have been writing simple sentences in speech bubbles. We have been learning about patterns in nursery and the numbers 4 and 5 in reception in our maths sessions. We are trying to recognise groups of objects without counting.

Class 1 – Class 1 has had a fantastic week. The trip to the Herriot Museum was a fabulous morning with the children really enjoying learning about the changes since the 1950s. The children are having a great time writing about the Egg Box Dragon and his adventures. In maths the children are working hard to improve their addition and subtractions skills with Year 1 working on numbers within 10 and Year 2 working on numbers within 100. In DT the children have made a slider mechanism and in science they have been experimenting to find the different properties of materials.

Class 2 - This week in Class 2 we have enjoyed looking at the causes and effects of flooding and drought. In Maths we are all looking at multiplication and division using arrays and sharing and in English we have looked at how authors use speech to help us understand character's thoughts and feelings. In RE this week we have looked at the story of Noah and how the Bible uses Rainbows as a sign of covenants between God and others. We also began our DT topic of creating a Roman money purse by first looking at different types of money holders and how they work.

Class 3 – Class 3 have had an exciting and busy week. The children have begun writing persuasive letters in English. They have also used these skills to create a travel brochure about Europe in geography. In maths, they have learnt about equivalent fractions, mixed numbers and improper

fractions. We have "made a noise" for anti-bullying week in PSHCE and the children have created their own poem and looked at different scenarios. Y6 have also been learning more about how to keep safe, at crucial crew on Friday!

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.

We have appointed Mrs Laura McKelvey to lead science in the school from January.

James Herriot museum – transport funded by FODs

Class 1 had a super time on Thursday at the James Herriot Museum in Thirsk where they enhanced their learning about the life of Alf Wight and compared life in the 1940s / 50s to now. A huge thank you to Friends of Dishforth for subsidising the trip.



Cross Country

Sadly, this event was postponed due to the amount of rain preceding the event. When a new date has been set, I will let everyone know.

Crucial Crew

On Friday, Year 6 spent the afternoon at Carlton Lodge undertaking activities at Crucial Crew which is an event organised by North Yorkshire Police. The children took part in various scenarios which they may encounter in everyday life, each one posing problems or dangers to them.

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>

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 – a change for Class 3

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

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.



Christmas Events 2023

We have much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season and I would like to share with you what we have planned so far.

Christmas Cards

Children can bring their Christmas cards into school for special Dishforth delivery! Please can children bring their cards into school and post them in the special post box from Monday 4th December - please ensure envelopes are named correctly and have the class written on!

Nativity Play

There are two Nativity plays this year, one by EYFS called 'Nursery Rhyme Nativity' and Class 1 are presenting the Nativity through the story of 'It's a Baby!'.

EYFS Nativity is on Tuesday 5th December at 9.30am



Class 1 (Year 1 and 2) Nativity is on Wednesday 13th December at 2pm and 5.30pm

Christmas Jumper Day



On Friday 8th December, we are taking part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. For a £1 donation to the charity, children can come to school in a Christmas jumper – this can be a decorated jumper or a bought one.

DISHFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR



Saturday 9th December 2023 – 1.30pm – 4.00pm at Dishforth Village Hall

The countdown is on until the Friends of Dishforth Christmas Fayre starts, here are just a few of the stalls joining them this year –

- ❄ Reindeer food
- ❄ Sweet gift bags and boxes
- ❄ Letters to Santa
- ❄ Wooden Toys
- ❄ Tombola
- ❄ Raffle
- ❄ Jewellery

If you have any raffle or tombola donations, please drop them off at the school office. More details of what else is happening at the Fayre will follow soon, or check out the Friends of Dishforth Facebook page.

School Christingle – Baldersby St James Church – Friday 15th December



On Friday 15th December, every child in the school will make a Christingle and we will have our own school led Christingle Service at Baldersby St James Church. The Service will begin at **1.45pm** and parents / carers are welcome to join us.

The children can be collected straight from church if parents would like to do this – please let Mrs McBride know by email so that we have a list of children who we know are leaving from church – thank you.

Christmas School Dinner – Wednesday 20th December



School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch – order in advance

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 20th December; this meal will need to be ordered in advance and the **deadline is Friday 1st December.**

**Roast Turkey, Christmas Chipolatas
and Seasonal Stuffing**

or

Cheesy Leek Croquette (v)

With

Mrs Claus' Roast or Mashed Potatoes

Rudolph's favourite Gravy

A Merry Mix of Seasonal Vegetables

Followed by

The Elves' Hand Decorated

Chocolate Orange Christmas Cookie

Christmas Party afternoon – Thursday 21st December

On Thursday 21st December, the children will have their Christmas Party in classes. Please can children come to school wearing their uniform and bring their party clothes in a named bag to change into after lunchtime. Thank you.

Break-up for Christmas – early closing – Friday 22nd December

On Friday 22nd December, school closes early for Christmas at 2.30pm.

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 puts in 110% effort into everything they do. They listen carefully and always answer questions with well thought out answers. They have really worked on their fine motor skills and have made super progress with their handwriting – well done Wilfrid!

Class 1 - The ribbon in class 1 this week goes to someone who has been working very hard in maths lessons. They are really improving their mental recall of number bonds and enjoying the challenges of writing number sentences. Keep up the great work Levison!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown real determination and perseverance in their learning. They always work to try and show their best learning and do so with a smile on their face. Well done Polly!

Class 3 - The ribbon is going to someone for their use of mathematical vocabulary (equivalent fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions) when reasoning. Well done, Dacian!

Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they are always kind to others and will time to check on people who are upset.

The award goes to Jack who was nominated by Felicia.

Well done, Jack!



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 13th November 2023			
EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
97.3%	100%	98.6%	99.3%

Kind regards

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

November 2023	
29/11/23	Flu Immunisation - morning
December 2023	
1/12/23	Open the Book – Collective Worship
5/12/23	EYFS Nativity – 9.30am
8/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day – children can wear a Christmas jumper for a donation which will go to Save the Children
9/12/23	Christmas Fair – Friends of Dishforth – Dishforth Village Hall 1.30pm-4.00pm
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
11/1/24	Class 2 swimming at Thirsk Pool
25/1/24	Meadfleet – conservation talk and hedge planting
February 2024	
9/2/24	Break-up for February half term
19/2/24	School open
19/2/24	Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon
26/2/24	Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon
March 2024	
4/3/24	Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon
21/3/24	Class 2 last swim Class 1 – Fire of London workshop
22/3/24	Break-up for Easter at 3.15pm (no after school club)
April 2024	
8/4/24	Training Day
9/4/24	School open for the summer 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