



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are very much looking forward to the festive period in school. Our Christmas tree is due to be delivered on Wednesday ready for decorating and our Advent Wreath will be here in time for lighting the first candle next week. The hall boards are being changed to a Christmas theme as well.

Class News:

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

EYFS - This week we have continued to learn about night and day. We have sorted pictures into those showing day and those showing night. In maths we have been learning about 1 more and 1 less up to 5 and have been finding different ways of making 5. In PE we have been finding different ways of moving and balancing and have been linking these movements.

Class 1 – This week has been a busy week in Class 1. We have been writing about Egg Box Dragon, thinking about how he felt when he got a medal from the Queen and have begun planning our own new adventure for Egg Box Dragon. Both Year 1 and Year 2 have been honing their subtraction skills, year 1 have been crossing out and using a number line and year 2 have been partitioning into tens and ones and exchanging tens! In History we thought of a new inscription for the statue of James Herriot that we saw on our visit and in DT we have learned how to make levers. We are also very excited to begin learning dances ready for our class Nativity.

Class 2 - This week in class 2 we have really enjoyed getting stuck into our multiplication and division learning. Year 3 have been looking at grouping and sharing and the three times table while Year 4 have been looking at their 11s and 12s. In English we have written diary entries and persuasive speeches. Our history learning this week saw us plot the route of Hadrian's Wall and look at the battles between the Romans and The Picts in the North of England. In PE we have enjoyed looking at passing drills with Mr Sherwood.

Class 3 – Class three have finished their persuasive letters to Mrs Lyon. They have also been adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions in maths. The children created a double page spread about the river Nile in history. In DT, Ana (our art visitor from last half term) came in to choose a winner for the best redesigning of a food package. The winner was Lily Addison! Well done for thinking outside the box!

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>

Cross Country – re-scheduled date

The new date for the cross-country festival is Wednesday 6th December.

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 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

Swimming Class 2 – January



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 3 and Year 4 children start on Thursday 11th January.** 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.

The cost of swimming will be **£5.00 each week.** Payments are through your Parent Pay account. School has subsidised the cost of swimming due to rising prices from the bus company and constraints imposed by Thirsk Pool.

Emergency Procedure for School Closure – weather related / loss of utilities

It is rare, however there are occasions where it has been necessary to close schools because of inclement weather, no electricity or because of lack of heating or water, so I would like to bring to your attention the procedures I will follow if this event occurs now that we are heading towards winter:

- An email will be sent to all families via Scholar Pack
- SMS message will be sent to all families
- County Hall will be informed.

Hopefully, this will not happen this winter but I feel it is better to be prepared.

Please always assume school is open unless you hear via any of the above methods. Please do not phone the school to ask if we are open as we may need to keep the line clear in order to contact staff. Please check emails.

Learning would be sent home via the class email system directly from the class teacher.

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.

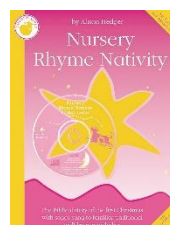
Christmas Cards

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 FAYRE

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 tries their best and are making super progress in all areas. They are kind to other children in the classroom and always come into school with a big smile – well done Max!

Class 1 - The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working very hard to improve their reading and phonics skills. They have learned how to spot special friends in words and are beginning to use them to spell independently. Keep up the great work Zac!

Class 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked really hard on their multiplication facts. Even going home and making a multiplication facts booklet! Well done Rosie!

Class 3 - The ribbon is going to somebody for their hard work and determination in all areas of the curriculum. Well done Casey!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they have shown great perseverance in all the work that they do even when they find it tough.

The award goes to Casey who was nominated by Eliza.

Well done, Casey!

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 20th November 2023

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
91.3%	90.9%	93%	91.1%

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
6/12/23	Re-scheduled cross-country festival
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