



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to Friends of Dishforth for all their hard work in putting on the Christmas Fayre on Saturday and also thank you to everyone who supported the event.

We have a very busy week in school this week with much to look forward to – please read the newsletter carefully for events and timings.

Class 1 are performing their Nativity on Wednesday afternoon at 2pm and also on the evening at 5.30pm Please can I ask that the children in Class 1 arrive back at school at 5.15pm on Wednesday at the main entrance in order to get changed into their costumes for the performance – thank you.

On Friday afternoon the school are going to Baldersby St James Church for a Christingle Service. The Service begins at 1.45pm and families are welcome to join us. Children can be collected from the church – please let Mrs McBride know in the office. It is anticipated that the Service will last approximately 30 minutes.

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 4 sided shapes and we have been naming and comparing different 4-sided shapes. In English we have been reading the book "Looking Up" and have learned lots of new vocabulary to do with space - including what a meteor is. In our art work we have been making space pictures using water colours and have used pipettes to drop paint to make stars and galaxies. I'm sure everyone will agree that the EYFS children did an amazing job in their nativity play and we are all very proud of them!

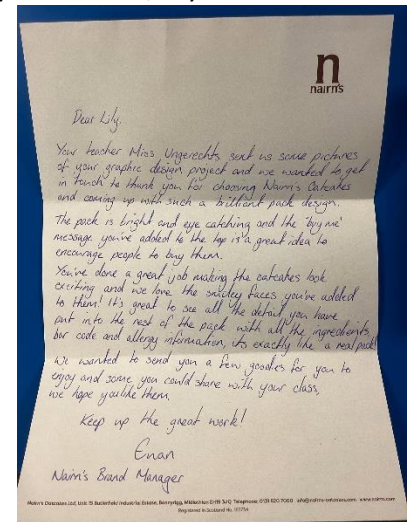
Class 1 – It has been a busy week preparing for our Nativity and the children are busy perfecting their singing and dancing. In our English lessons we have begun looking at the book called "The day the Crayons Quit" and have begun thinking about our favourite colours of crayons and why we like them. In maths we are learning about shapes, naming the 2D and the 3D shapes and describing them using mathematical language. In our RE lesson we have been writing "Suzie sorry" prayers and "Peter praise" prayers whilst thinking about the things that we might be sorry for and the things we have to say thank you for.

Class 2 - This week in Class 2 has been assessment week where we have had the opportunity to celebrate and show off all of our learning this term. We have also started the design process for our Roman Money purses that we are going to be making in Design Technology, In PE with Mr Sherwood we have been learning all about closing down space and making it hard for attackers to pass us with the football. In Computing we began to edit our green screen videos all about the Romans.

Class 3 – Class 3 have been doing some assessments this week and they have put their greatest efforts into it! They have also begun their research about Charles Dickens ready to write a biography about him next week. They are finding his work extremely interesting and can't wait to see *Oliver Twist* at the theatre. The children have been analysing products that have been made with 3D printers and begun the process of making their own creations. We have decided on our format for our cookbook for computing and the children have designed and created some Christmas cards. They have also practised some songs ready for our Christingle service in church.

Class 3 - Lily

We have had some exciting news in class 3! Lily Addison won a graphic design competition for our art last half term. She redesigned some oat cakes packaging from Nairns and as a result, has received a letter from the company and some products for herself and the class to try! Well done, Lily!



Spring Term Menu

Attached to this newsletter is the Spring Term Menu for school dinners for your information.

Year 6 Information session for parents / carers regarding SAT assessments

On Monday 15th January at 4.30pm in the school hall, Miss Ungerechts will be holding a parent / carer information session about the Year 6 SAT assessments. Please can all Year 6 parents and children attend this – thank you.

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 Days this half term

- 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.

PE Days for after Christmas

When the children return in January for the spring term, PE days will be as follows:

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

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

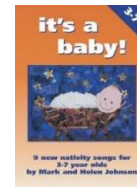
Christmas Cards

Children can bring their Christmas cards into school for special Dishforth delivery! Please can children bring their cards into school and ensure envelopes are named correctly and have the class written on!

Nativity Play

Class 1 are presenting the Nativity through the story of 'It's a Baby!'.

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



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 has passed**.

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 has made amazing progress with their reading, in a very short time. Well done Chris!!

Class 1 - The ribbon for Class 1 this week goes to someone who has been working very hard in reading and writing lessons. They always remember the new sounds taught and have really focussed well to improve their "Speedy reading" Keep up the great work Jax!

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 the ribbon goes to someone who has worked really hard in their learning this half term. They are sensible and a good influence on those around them. They always work to the best of their ability and they are a great friend. Well done Harriet!

Class 3 - The ribbon is going to someone for their determination when completing some of their maths assessments. This person persevered and used their time effectively! A big well done to Jack!

Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because she did a fantastic demonstration in swimming for the class of using breast-stroke legs and was anxious but overcame her fears

The award goes to who Lily A was nominated by Ella.

Well done, Lily A!



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 December 2023

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
97.3%	97.3%	94.6%	98%

Kind regards,

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

December 2023	
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
15/1/24	Year 6 Parent / Carer SAT information session at 4.30pm in the school hall
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