



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Newsletter 15 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I can't quite believe we are at the end of the autumn term and break-up on Friday. I hope your preparations are well under way for the festive season and on behalf of all the staff, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

We have the Class 3 Oliver trip tomorrow, Christmas School Lunch to look forward to on Wednesday and the parties on Thursday – please read the newsletter carefully for further details.

We break up on Friday afternoon at an earlier time of 2.30pm and we will look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January when school opens for the spring term.

#### 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 preparing for our Christingle service, learning about the different parts of the Christingles. We have been learning about day and night in maths, as well as recognising 4 sided shapes in the environment. We have been getting the classroom ready for Christmas and learning about Christmas traditions such as sending Christmas cards.

**Class 1** – This week has been a very busy week in class 1. We have enjoyed performing the Nativity "It's a Baby" for you, I am sure that everyone will agree there were some fabulous singing, dancing and acting skills and that the children put on a stellar performance. In other lessons we have been learning all about Christingles and their symbolism, testing different papers to see which one will soak up the most water and writing about our favourite crayon colour-this is linked to our new book "The Day the Crayons Quit".

**Class 2** - This week in class 2 we have had a very busy week. In DT we have absolutely loved designing and making our Roman Money purses. We have learnt different types of stitches and the children have worked very hard to construct and then embellish their purses. In maths we have continued our multiplication and division learning while in English we have written Newspaper articles based on our class text of the Iron Man. We have also enjoyed visiting church for our Christingle service.

**Class 3** – Class 3 have had a lovely but very busy week on the run up to Christmas! They have been preparing for the Christingle service, designing Christmas cards and doing their calendars. The children have also written their biography about Charles Dickens and completed their maths about finding fractions of an amount. In DT, the children have been programming the 3D printer to print their Christmas ornaments and they have also had their final swimming session on Thursday.

### Spring Term Menu

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

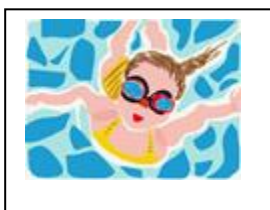
### Year 6 Information session for parents / carers regarding SAT assessments

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### Swimming Class 2 – January



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 3 and Year 4 children start on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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:

<b>EYFS:</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Class 1:</b>	<b>Monday and Thursday</b>
<b>Class 2:</b>	<b>Wednesday and Thursday (swimming)</b>
<b>Class 3:</b>	<b>Monday and Friday</b>

### 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 School Dinner – Wednesday**

#### **School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch**

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday:



**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

On Thursday, 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

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 shown so much maturity recently. They are making super progress in everything that we are learning. Well done Polly!

**Class 1** - The ribbon for class 1 this week goes to someone who was a superb actor in our Nativity. They are also working hard in movement breaks to develop their core strength. Keep up the great work Vinay!

**Class 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked hard all term and it is really paying off. Their confidence is building in all areas and this is being reflected in the work they are completing. Well done to Holly!

**Class 3** - The ribbon is going to someone for their determination when learning the songs for the service. They have put in so much effort and have such an amazing a passionate singing voice! Well done, Tyrell!

#### **Values in Action**

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

This person has been nominated because they always try hard with everything they do and they are kind to others in the classroom.

The award goes to Lara who was nominated by Polly.

Well done, Lara!



## Attendance

<b>Weekly Attendance</b>			
<b>Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.</b>			
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:			
<b>Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>			
<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Class 3</b>
<b>90.6%</b>	<b>98.2%</b>	<b>99.3%</b>	<b>97.5%</b>

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards,

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>December 2023</b>	
<b>19/12/23</b>	Class 3 theatre trip to Leeds Playhouse to see 'Oliver!'
<b>20/12/23</b>	Christmas School Dinner
<b>21/12/23</b>	Christmas Party afternoon (children bring party clothes to change into)
<b>22/12/23</b>	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm (no after school club)
<b>January 2024</b>	
<b>8/1/24</b>	Training Day
<b>9/1/24</b>	School open for the spring term
<b>11/1/24</b>	Class 2 swimming at Thirsk Pool
<b>15/1/24</b>	Year 6 Parent / Carer SAT information session at 4.30pm in the school hall
<b>25/1/24</b>	Meadfleet – conservation talk and hedge planting
<b>February 2024</b>	
<b>9/2/24</b>	Break-up for February half term
<b>19/2/24</b>	School open

<b>19/2/24</b>	Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon
<b>26/2/24</b>	Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon
<b>March 2024</b>	
<b>4/3/24</b>	Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon
<b>21/3/24</b>	Class 2 last swim Class 1 – Fire of London workshop
<b>22/3/24</b>	Break-up for Easter at 3.15pm (no after school club)
<b>April 2024</b>	
<b>8/4/24</b>	Training Day
<b>9/4/24</b>	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