



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend. Please keep checking diary dates at the end of the newsletter for new information.

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 continued our learning on "Life in the Freezer". We have been learning more about penguins and where they live. We have mapped out the journey from the UK to Antarctica on the globe. In art we have started work on making a still life picture of some of our favourite objects. We have arranged the objects in a box and learned how to take a photograph using the iPad.

Class 1 – It has been another fantastic week for the children in Class 1. We have continued our trip with the Jolly Post Man to the Giant's house and to Cinderella's Castle with the highlight of the week being creating our own book about the Three Bears! In maths Year 2 children have been comparing amounts of money, adding up amounts and finding the difference between amounts as well as solving problems and Year 1 children have been building the numbers 15,16,17,18,19 and 20 using tens and one's equipment and have been finding one more and one less. In Geography we began learning about seaside resorts, learning where the coast is in the UK and recapping the 4 countries of the UK. In our science lesson we discussed the 5 main types of animals and compared animals noting similarities and differences between the animal types. All of the children have been enjoying their Read Write Inc lessons and are working to build their reading speed and Red word recognition.

Class 2 - In Class 2 this week we have loved going on our first swimming trip to Thirsk baths. In Science with Mrs McKelvey we completed experiments looking at how friction effects the movement of cars and in Maths we have been working on division with remainders. In English we have written fantastic setting descriptions of the Wild Wood taking inspiration from our whole class text "The Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Grahame. We have also begun our new Geography topic looking at volcanoes and earthquakes by putting together a glossary of key vocabulary.

Class 3 – Class 3 have learnt about multiplication and division in Y5. In Y6 we have been looking at ratio and algebra. The children have enjoyed creating the final piece for their European recipe book in computing from last terms work. We have also researched the Mayan Civilisation and looked at clues around the classroom to understand more about their culture and lives. In PE, the children learnt how to use a hockey stick to dribble with the ball and change direction efficiently. They played a variety of games to develop their control of the ball and defending.

Homework

At our school, we believe that children learn best when parents, the school and children work together in partnership. Home Learning should be a positive experience which is manageable, meaningful and enjoyable for parents, teachers and children. Please see the table below regarding this term's homework – any questions or queries please see the class teacher.

Class	Homework	Homework Given	Collected and tested
EYFS: Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speed Sound Books• Daily Reading• Show and Tell task	Daily Daily Weekly	Mrs Chaplin will provide more information in a separate letter.
CLASS 1 Year 1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily reading• Spellings• Mental Maths• A weekly task linked to current learning	Daily reading Friday Friday Friday	Daily Friday Thursday Thursday
CLASS 2 Year 3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily reading• Spellings• Mental Maths• A weekly task• Production!	Daily Friday Friday Friday ongoing	Daily Wednesday Wednesday Wednesday
CLASS 3 Year 5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Reading• English (SPaG and Reading)• A Maths activity relating to in-school learning during the week (Y5 only)• Arithmetic Practice (Y6 only)	Daily Friday Friday Friday Friday	Monday Wednesday Wednesday Wednesday Wednesday

Height and weight checks for children in Reception to Year 6

Attached to this newsletter is the information for parents and carers regarding the height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6 for your information.

Multiplication tables check – children in Year 4

Attached to this newsletter is updated information for parents and carers of children in Year 4 who will take the multiplication tables check in June for your information.

Clubs

Clubs begin this week in school with the school staff – a huge thank you to the staff for running these.

Cross Country

Good luck to the Key Stage 2 children who are taking part in the cross-country event on Wednesday which was postponed from before Christmas.

Swimming Class 2 – Thursday



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 3 and Year 4 children go on Thursday.** 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 this half term

Children can wear a plain black or navy tracksuit or shorts, plain white t-shirt and trainers. PE days are as follows for this half term:

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

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 super progress with their phonics work. They have worked very hard with blending and are able to read lots of words now. Well done Gracie!

Class 1 - The Ribbon for Class 1 this week goes to someone who is really showing our school value of perseverance. This person has to work hard to keep focussed and is showing great determination to complete their work. They are also showing great progress in maths, particularly fast mental recall of number facts and times tables. Keep up the great work Oliver B!

Class 2 – The ribbon in class 2 this week goes to someone who has shown great determination with their learning. They work hard in all lessons to the best of their ability. They are a good friend and in swimming this week they truly excelled. Well done to Isabelle!

Class 3 - The ribbon is going to someone for their concentration and determination in PE. This child thought carefully about how to stop with the hockey ball, change direction and defend. They also used excellent communication. Well done, Willem!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because at break time they cleaned the playtime shed voluntarily.

The award goes to Ash who was nominated by Sophie.

Well done, Ash!

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 15 th January 2024			
EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
98.6%	97.7%	92%	93.4%

Kind regards,

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

January 2024	
22/1/24	Rev. Dianne Gamble – Collective Worship
24/1/24	KS2 cross country (postponed from before Christmas)
25/1/24	Meadfleet – conservation talk and hedge planting
February 2024	
2/2/24	Open the Book Collective Worship
5/2/24	Rev. Dianne Gamble – Collective Worship
w/c 5th February	Parent /Carer / Child / Teacher consultations
6/2/24	Safer Internet Day (safer internet week)
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
8/3/24	Muslim Learner Service workshop for Class 3 on Zoom – ‘What is it like to be a Muslim living in Britain today’
15/3/24	KS2 science workshops – Professor Bubbleworks Open the Book Collective Worship
20/3/24	Class 2 Production ‘The Wind in the Willows’ Afternoon performance 2pm Evening performance 5.30pm (children to arrive back at 5.15pm please)
21/3/24	Class 2 last swim Class 1 – Fire of London workshop
22/3/24	Baldersby St James Church 1.45pm 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