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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and happy start to the New Year. It is lovely to see the children back in school and hearing about their festivities.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Mrs Laura McKelvey who has joined us today in Key Stage 2 as science lead and teacher.

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 all things Christmas. We have written our Christmas cards and made some lovely butterfly calendars. In maths we have carried on our work on shape, making Christmas shape pictures. In RE we have thought about how the words for Away in a Manger link to different parts of the Christmas story.

Class 1 – Class 1 have had a fantastic week. Year 1 children have been learning about the numbers up to 20 and have enjoyed using tens and ones to describe the numbers. Year 2 have been focussing on shapes, naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes, finding lines of symmetry and making patterns. We have continued writing about the crayons and have read the story "The Crayons Christmas". In our geography lesson we compared Ripon to Dishforth and in RE we completed our work learning about what Christians believe God is like by exploring forgiveness and how forgiving others makes us feel.

Class 2 - This week in school has been very exciting in the run up to Christmas. We unfortunately said goodbye to Mrs Blyton on Wednesday and we will miss her science lessons. On Thursday we loved our Christmas party where we danced and played party games. In Geography we learned all about how fold mountains are formed and in History we created fact sheets about our favourite Roman Gods. Mr Sherwood organised a class 5 a side football tournament where we were able to showcase all of the skills he has taught us this term and we also really enjoyed making Christmas cards and calendars.

Class 3 – Class 3 have had an excellent week this week! We have been out on Tuesday afternoon to Leeds Playhouse theatre to watch Oliver Twist. The musical was brilliant and the children absolutely loved the experience. They were a credit to our school and set the best example. We have also finished our 3D designs and begun a competition for the children in DT to finish our unit of 3D printing. The children have thought of a design that a 3D printing engineer would do to benefit others. The winners are yet to be announced, but Mrs Chester and her son Mark have kindly donated some Tinker cad merchandise for the winners and runners up. We have had a lovely Christmas dinner and leavers ceremony on Wednesday for Mrs Blyton. On Thursday, we had our Christmas party, which the children thoroughly enjoyed!

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.

Swimming Class 2 – Thursday



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 3 and Year 4 children start on Thursday 18th January (this is a week later due to the pool holding a gala event this week).** 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

Sporting Influence Club

The Sporting Influence club begins on Monday 15th January from 3:15pm – 4:15pm, this term will be Multisport for KS2. If your child hasn't signed up, there are still places available, please copy and paste the link below to book a place.

<https://forms.office.com/e/AWQmqfX0Hq>

Please find attached details of what each class has been taking part in over the Autumn term with Mr Sherwood from Sporting Influence.

Curriculum Newsletter

Spring term curriculum newsletters outlining what the children will be learning about this term will be sent home later this week.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this newsletter the January edition of the online safety newsletter. There are useful features included in this, particularly if any children have recently received a new device.

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.

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 in both phonics and maths. They are confident in reading cvc words and segmenting words in order to write them. Well done Noah!

Class 1 - The ribbon for Class 1 this week goes to someone who has been working particularly hard in reading and writing. They have worked to improve the fluency of the reading and are using their phonics knowledge well in writing lessons. They have also been drawing some amazing pictures at home to share with friends in school. Super work Emini!

Class 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has worked really hard this term. They have exemplified the school values in all areas. Well done to Will.

Class 3 - The ribbon is going to someone for their hard work and determination this term! This person has reflected our school values of perseverance. Well done, Archie!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because at playtimes he makes up games and everyone can join in. He is a great friend.

The award goes to who Xander was nominated by Felicia.

Well done, Xander!

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 18th December 2023

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
96%	96.3%	96%	92%

Kind regards,

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

January 2024	
8/1/24	Training Day
9/1/24	School open for the spring term
15/1/24	Year 6 Parent / Carer SAT information session at 4.30pm in the school hall
18/1/24	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