



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 21 Monday 19th February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a super half term. We have much to look forward to over the coming weeks as we head towards Easter.

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 Chinese dragons. We have learned the story of Nian the dragon, and how this relates to Chinese New Year celebrations. In maths we have been learning about odd and even numbers and doubling.

Class 1 – Class 1 have really enjoyed writing some figurative poetry about the Great Fire of London this week. They have learned about rhyming poems, metaphors and personification and tried to use these to write their own poems. Year 2 are rising to the challenge of using their times tables to share, double and half numbers and Year 1 have been working hard to find the different, subtract and find missing numbers in addition and subtraction problems. In Geography we have learned the 4 countries of the UK and located some different coastal towns, we have also planned a route around St Ives giving directions using geographical vocabulary of north, south, east and west. In science we are continuing to learn about animals and humans, we learned about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores as well as that animals need food, air and water to survive. It has been another busy week packed with learning!

Class 2 - This week in class 2 we have loved having Sam, the dance coach, in. She has begun putting dances to our songs for the school production and we really enjoyed learning them. In Science we made compasses using a bowl of water, needles and magnets. In Maths Year 4 have begun learning about fractions greater than 1 and Year 3 and been calculating perimeter. On Thursday we enjoyed our weekly swimming trip and in PHSE we have talked about children's mental health week and staying safe on the internet.

Class 3 – Class 3 have had a great end to this half-term. They have been looking at multiplying/ dividing fractions (Y5) and algebra (Y6). In English, they have been planning, drafting and writing a debate about "Who was more significant the Maya or the Egyptians?". The children have also been learning about the hierarchy of society in the Mayan times. They have created a leaflet as a tour guide to tell people what to expect when

they visit a Mayan city. In clarinet, they have been writing their own music and having a go at performing it to each other. We have also finished our art project about identity.

Scholastic Book Fair

On **Thursday 29th February, Friday 1st March and Monday 4th March** we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the hall at 3.15pm each day. The fair will be selling a range of books suitable from Early Years to Year 6. More information can be found on the attached leaflet. Payment for books can be made on the day, either by cash, or through a QR code online payment link that will be available in the school hall.



World Book Day 2024

World Book Day will be taking place on **Thursday 7 March 2024**. This is an annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading. This year the School Council have collaborated with Mrs Chaplin and, as a result, we are inviting all children to come to school on World Book Day dressed in their pyjamas, and to bring along their favourite book, ready for a day of bedtime stories! (Children in Class 2 may choose to change into their pyjamas after swimming). There will also be a special World Book Day school lunch on this day.



World Book Day promotional school dinner – Thursday 7th March

BFG Beefburger in a Bun

Danny's Champion Cheese Pasty (V)

Witches Wedges

Mrs Bucket's Baked Beans and Sweetcorn

Charlie's Chocolate and Vanilla Swirl Muffin

Book Character Competition

Have a go at turning a vegetable into your favourite book character! Could you turn a carrot into Harry Potter or a potato into Where's Wally? On Friday 1st March children will be able to take home a vegetable to turn into a favourite book character, returning their vegetable character to school on World Book Day for a whole school display, and the possibility of winning a small prize!



Forest Schools – starting TODAY for Class 3

Miss Rachel Hunt is back at Dishforth CE Primary School as our Forest School teacher.

Forest Schools will take place on a Monday afternoon for the full afternoon for three weeks for each class at some point in the year.

Here is a message from Miss Hunt:

Hello! I am delighted to be able to deliver Forest School sessions to all year groups over the course of the 2023 - 24 academic year. Forest School is child led, outdoor learning where children can learn a variety of skills from wood craft to fire lighting and challenge themselves to take risks whilst learning to respect and care for the natural world around them.

You can expect your child to get messy as we will be outdoors in all weathers so, please make sure that they bring clothes for every weather for every session. Ideally: wellies or walking boots; waterproof jacket and trousers or all in ones and a sun hat or woolly hat dependent on the temperature. I will provide safety gloves, but warm preferably waterproof gloves should be sent in the colder months.

Class 3 will have Forest Schools today, 26th February and the 4th March in the afternoon. Please bring the outdoor clothing and footwear above in a named bag.

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 of 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 in all areas of the curriculum. They are always kind to others, willingly sharing ideas and have shown perseverance when necessary – Well Done Wilfrid!

Class 1 – The ribbon for class 1 this week goes to someone who has been trying really hard to support others in the class. They have noticed when people have made good choices and offered congratulations and support. Keep being a super friend Rosie!

Class 2 - The ribbon in class 2 this week goes to someone who always works hard in everything that they do. They always show a fantastic attitude and they are a great example of our school rules of ready, respectful and safe. They have taken on a large role in our production and have done brilliantly at learning the songs and lines. Well done Molly!

Class 3 - The ribbon is going to someone this week for their excellent effort with their homework. This child has spent time thinking about each question carefully and has presented information clearly and neatly and looked after their book. Well done, Sophie!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they are a good friend and will offer help and support in lessons.

The award goes to Elodie who was nominated by Oliver.

Well done, Elodie!

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 5th February 2024

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
100%	90.5%	96.5%	97.3%

Kind regards,

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

February 2024	
19/2/24	School open
19/2/24	Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon
26/2/24	Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon
29/2/24	Scholastic Book Fair 3.15pm
March 2024	
1/3/24	Scholastic Book Fair 3.15pm
4/3/24	Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon Scholastic Book Fair 3.15pm
5/3/24	Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements
7/3/24	World Book Day – pyjama day! World Book Day promotional school dinner
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
19/3/24	Year 5 Curriculum Enrichment Day at Thirsk School
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 – Great Fire of London workshop
22/3/24	Baldersby St James Church – whole school - 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
16/4/24	Skipping / Boxercise Day
18/4/24	Class 2 trip to Newcastle Theatre Royal with Dishforth Airfield to see ‘The Wizard of Oz’ – children will be late back
May 2024	

6/5/24	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for the day
w/c 13th May	Year 6 SAT week
20/5/24	EYFS Forest School afternoon (plus 3rd and 10th June)
24/5/24	Break-up May half-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