



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter 22 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have a busy few weeks ahead in school starting this week with the Book Fair on Thursday at 3.15pm – do come along and have a look at the books on sale! Then on Friday, every child will be bringing a vegetable home to turn into a book character for World Book Day.

### Welcome

A very warm welcome to Erin who has joined us in Year 6.

### 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 started to learn about traditional tales. We have been reading and retelling the story of The Three Little Pigs, using puppets and masks. We have made a story map to help us. In maths Reception have been measuring items and using the words long and short. We all enjoyed moving to the beat as different animals in our dance lesson.

**Class 1** – It has been a great start to the new half term with a new story book for our English lessons, we will be looking at 3 different stories and the first this week has been "A necklace full of raindrops". The children have really enjoyed imagining their own necklaces with special powers, writing a letter and re telling a story. In maths the year 1 children are beginning to understand the numbers up to 50, using tens and ones to make the numbers and year 2 are concentrating on their times tables- the 2,5and 10 times tables and their division facts. We have also begun learning a dance in our PE lessons, Mr Sherwood was very impressed with the way everyone was able to move to the beat of the music.

**Class 2** - This week in Class 2 we have really enjoyed learning all about earthquakes. We looked at how and why they occur and different ways in which we can measure their impact. In Maths this week we have been working on Fractions, Year 3 have been concentrating on understanding the numerator and denominator while Year 4 have been looking at equivalent fractions. On Wednesday Sam took groups out to work on dances for our production and on Thursday we enjoyed our swimming lessons.

**Class 3** – Class 3 have had an exciting first week back! We have welcomed another member into our class and begun lots of new learning. The children have begun researching their bird hide that they are going to be creating in DT as part of our unit of frame structures. We

have also had our very first forest school session of the year! In English, we have been immersing ourselves into a biography written about Charles Darwin with a focus on cohesion and relative clauses.

### Scholastic Book Fair – this Thursday!

On **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> March**

BFG Beefburger in a Bun

Danny's Champion Cheese Pasty (V)

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Witches Wedges

Mrs Bucket's Baked Beans and Sweetcorn

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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!



## **Comic Relief Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March school will be supporting the Comic Relief Day where children can wear red noses and non-uniform for a £1 donation.

Mrs McBride has set the donation up on ParentPay which can be accessed through the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13732>

## **Forest Schools – 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 and next Monday 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 or navy tracksuit or shorts, plain white t-shirt and trainers. PE days are as follows for this half term:

<b>EYFS:</b>	<b>Monday</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>

## Easter School Lunch – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Roast Chicken and Yorkshire Pudding

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(V) Veggie Sausages and Yorkshire Pudding

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Roast Potatoes

Gravy

Broccoli and Sweetcorn

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Celebration Biscuit



## 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 is really persevering with their handwriting, and who is also making well thought out comments in all of our learning – well done Noah!

**Class 1** – The ribbon for class 1 this week goes to someone who has been working very hard to slow down and take their time to produce their best work. Giving themselves time to think and check their work rather than rushing. Keep it up Freddie!

**Class 2** - The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown a wonderful attitude to learning. They have worked hard in all areas from swimming to fractions and always speak enthusiastically about school. Well done to Bobby!

**Class 3** - The ribbon this week is going to someone for their great work ethic during lessons and for helping one of his peers during lesson time. This person has had a brilliant first week back and is more focussed in class. Well done, Dan!

### **Values in Action**

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



This person has been nominated because when I was tidying they helped me.

The award goes to Rupert who was nominated by Will.

Well done, Rupert!

## 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:**

<b>Week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>			
<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Class 3</b>
<b>100%</b>	<b>94.2%</b>	<b>98.6%</b>	<b>94.6%</b>

Kind regards,

J M Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

### Diary Dates

<b>February 2024</b>	
<b>26/2/24</b>	Rev Dianne Gamble – Collective Worship Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon
<b>29/2/24</b>	Scholastic Book Fair 3.15pm
<b>March 2024</b>	
<b>1/3/24</b>	Open the Book Collective Worship  Scholastic Book Fair 3.15pm
<b>4/3/24</b>	Class 3 – Forest Schools – afternoon Scholastic Book Fair 3.15pm
<b>5/3/24</b>	Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements
<b>7/3/24</b>	World Book Day – pyjama day! World Book Day promotional school dinner
<b>8/3/24</b>	Muslim Learner Service workshop for Class 3 on Zoom – ‘What is it like to be a Muslim living in Britain today’
<b>11/3/24</b>	Rev Dianne Gamble – Collective Worship
<b>15/3/24</b>	Comic Relief Day  KS2 science workshops – Professor Bubbleworks
<b>19/3/24</b>	Year 5 Curriculum Enrichment Day at Thirsk School High 5 Netball final
<b>20/3/24</b>	<b>Class 2 Production ‘The Wind in the Willows’</b> Afternoon performance 2pm Evening performance 5.30pm (children to arrive back at 5.15pm please)

<b>21/3/24</b>	Class 2 last swim Class 1 – Great Fire of London workshop
<b>22/3/24</b>	Baldersby St James Church – whole school - 1.45pm  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
<b>16/4/24</b>	Skipping / Boxercise Day
<b>18/4/24</b>	Class 2 trip to Newcastle Theatre Royal with Dishforth Airfield to see 'The Wizard of Oz' – children will be late back approx. 6.30pm
<b>May 2024</b>	
<b>6/5/24</b>	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for the day
<b>w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SAT week
<b>20/5/24</b>	EYFS Forest School afternoon ( <b>plus 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June</b> )
<b>24/5/24</b>	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