



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Summer term!

I am delighted to have been appointed as your new Headteacher. It has been a privilege to meet everyone so far and I am very much looking forward to leading this happy and welcoming school community, and continuing to build upon the success the school has already achieved under the leadership of Mrs Lyon.

By way of introduction, I have been teaching in primary schools for twenty-five years and have been lucky enough to work in a diverse range of schools in that time. For the last few years, I have been working as a non-teaching Deputy Headteacher and Interim Headteacher at a large primary school in Northallerton. My qualifications include a Bachelor of Education degree from Cambridge University and a Master's degree in Primary Education from York University.

On a personal note, I live in Knaresborough with my husband, teenage son and two mischievous rescue cats. I enjoy reading, gardening and keeping fit.

I am passionate about learning and supporting every individual child to develop to their full potential and become a life-long learner, whatever their strength or talent. I look forward to working with you all to achieve this.

If we haven't met yet, please come and introduce yourself, and be assured that my door will always be open. I will also be on the gate to say hello at the beginning and end of every day. I look forward to getting to know you all and working together to make sure that our children have 'the roots to grow and the wings to fly'.

Best wishes,

Mrs Katey Lacey

Newsletter 26 Tuesday 9th April 2024

As well as a new Headteacher we are delighted to welcome some new children to the school. A big welcome to Jack in Year 4 and our Nursery new starters

Class News:

EYFS - This week in Early Years we have been learning the Easter story and Easter traditions. We have learnt about why hot cross buns have a cross on them and have decorated crosses with paper flowers to show new life. We have made an Easter Garden using resources we have found in our outdoor area, to help us understand more about the Easter story, on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. In PE we have been moving to a beat in different ways.

Class 1 – It has been another busy week in Class 1 with poetry writing, card making and lots of maths learning. We have been looking at capacity and volume this week, comparing the capacities of objects and learning how to measure volume. Year 2 have learned how to measure in millilitres and litres and they have also learned how to read different temperature scales. We have evaluated the rooms with furniture that the children so enjoyed making and have now completed our learning about the Jewish faith.

Class 2 - In Class 2 this week we have loved finally being able to perform for you all. We have loved this term, spending time really understanding the story and putting on our performance of *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame. Thank you all who provided costumes and helped with lines! In Geography this week we retold the events of Pompeii in 79AD and in Maths we have continued our learning all about Weights and Measures in year 3, and decimals in year 4. In Science with Mrs McKelvey, we made our own musical instruments, mini guitars and pan pipes, looking at how the length of strings and pipes changes the pitch of the instrument.

Class 3 – Class 3 have been busy this week practising for the Easter service in church. We have also been learning how to use dialogue to advance action in writing, when writing narratives. We have been learning about decimals, fractions and percentages in maths. The children have been working hard to finish their computing advertisements on I-movie. They have also been creating documentaries about 'What it is like to be a Muslim in Britain'. We have also created our bird hides in DT and will be evaluating these in the beginning of summer term.

Year 5 Enrichment Day – Thirsk High School

On Tuesday Year 5 enjoyed a full day of activities at Thirsk School. They made shortbread biscuits (they were delicious!), took part in a football training session run by York City FC, using some red cabbage they learnt about acids, alkaline and neutrals in science and finally they took a trip back in time to learn about la révolution française and discovered that some French words were very similar to those in the English language. A great day was had by all.

Netball Final

Before the Easter break, on the 19th March, six pupils attended Ashville College in Harrogate. Florence, Mati, Sophie, Sophie, Eliza and Lily played against six different teams. We came 3rd, winning four games. We would like to thank Mrs Tennant for taking the Netball Team.

A very well done to Florence for receiving the determination wristband from Sporting Influence.

Finally, we would like to give a massive thank you to Sporting Influence for organising, and inviting us to the Netball Final. Thank you and well done to everyone who attended from Dishforth C of E Primary School.

PE Days

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: Wednesday and Thursday
- Class 2: Monday and Friday
- Class 3: Monday and Wednesday

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. Please book using this link <https://forms.office.com/e/m6RfVv0hFs>

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 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who always takes time and care with their art work. They produce beautifully presented work that they are proud of – well one Polly!

Class 1 – The ribbon for Class 1 this week goes to someone who is always ready, respectful and safe. They are excited to learn and work hard to achieve their personal best. Keep up the great work Jax!

Class 2 - The ribbon in Class 2 this week goes to someone who has really started to show us their maturity and enjoy their learning. They have really stepped up in their role in the play and we have enjoyed seeing them shine in their role. Well done Abigail!

Class 3 - The ribbon is going to someone for their determination when learning their part for the Easter service. This person has remembered the lines in their solo and helped their friends with understanding when to come on and off. Well done, Teddy!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated for having a big smile on their face, coming into school with enthusiasm and respecting me when we played sports in a team.

The award goes to Isla who was nominated by Eliza.

Well done, Isla!

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 March 2024

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
96%	92%	94%	91%

Diary Dates

April 2024	
8/4/24	Training Day
9/4/24	School open for the summer term
11/4/24	Skipping / Boxercise Day
17/4/24	Striking and Fielding Festival (KS2) – Great Ouseburn, organised by Sporting Influence
18/4/24	Class 2 trip to Newcastle Theatre Royal with Dishforth Airfield to see 'The Wizard of Oz' – children will be late back approx. 6.30pm
May 2024	
6/5/24	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for the day
w/c 13 th May	Year 6 SAT week
20/5/24	EYFS Forest School afternoon (plus 3 rd and 10 th June)
24/5/24	Break-up May half-term

