

# NEWSLETTER 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

“Rooted and grounded in love”  
Ephesians 3:17



**Dishforth**  
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## Headteacher's Message

We have really enjoyed the bright and warm weather this week and it has been super to see the children enjoying time outside together.

We have been very excited in school this week to receive some Hedgehog Highway Surrounds. These have been bought for use by the local community by the Parish Council and available to collect from the main entrance of school. What is a Hedgehog Highway Surround? It is a small black plastic archway that can be used to frame a gap in a fence or wall. Hedgehogs roam up to 2 miles each night and it is vital that there are gaps in all fences and walls to allow them to do this to forage for food and meet mates. If you would like a Highway surround then please feel free to collect one from the main entrance.

You may have heard, but I spoke to all our KS2 children earlier this week about playing safely out of school. This was in response to a report that came into school that some of our children had been playing on private land in and around an unsafe and burnt out building on the road to the park. I have impressed on them the importance of staying off private land and playing in safe places only.

Lastly, some lovely news. Miss Ungerechts is pregnant and expecting her baby in January. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating her and her family on this happy news. We will be recruiting before half term for a replacement teacher to take over Class 3 for the Spring and Summer terms. As soon as I have any further updates I will let you know.

## What have we been learning this week?

### EYFS

This week in Early Years we have been looking at the story "Rosie' Walk" and have been continuing to develop our knowledge of prepositions. We have been naming and describing different farm animals. In phonics we have learned the sounds t, i, n, p. In our PSED session we have been learning about allergies and how to keep people safe.

### Class 1

Class 1 have had a Fantastick! Week learning about Stanley and his Fantastick! We have been focussing on writing sentences using correct punctuation and the year 2 children have been joining sentences together using the words and, but, or. We had a really exciting RE lesson where we heard the story of the Prophet Muhammed and the cat. The children were absolutely amazed when the cloak of the Prophet was cut so that the cats could continue to sleep and they have been enjoying re telling the story in the provision.

### Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have enjoyed learning new skills in English. Looking particularly at compound and complex sentences. In maths we have been comparing and ordering numbers up to 1,000 (y3) and 10,000 (y4). In Geography we looked at what we need to improve our village, we surveyed the children and adults in school and created charts to represent our findings.

### Class 3

Class 3 have used Computer Aided Design this week -in computing - to begin designing their own art galleries. We have also looked at varying Christian views on Genesis in RE. The children have worked incredibly hard in maths, beginning their new unit on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing.

# Celebrating our Success



## Stars of the Week

<b>EYFS</b>	This week our Star of the week is Meredith. Meredith has spent lots of time in the making area, using her imagination to make amazing models. She persevered to get the result she wanted.
<b>Class 1</b>	The star for class 1 this week is Alice. Alice has returned to Year 2 really excited about her learning. She is working hard during lessons showing great determination to complete her work to the best of her ability and to share her ideas. Keep up the great work Alice.
<b>Class 2</b>	The star this week goes to Oliver R. Oliver has been a shining example of resilience in our swimming this half term. He has worked very to overcome his fears and is enjoying his time in the pool.
<b>Class 3</b>	The star of the week is Teddy for being courageous and confident when answering questions and helping out in class. He has shown great leadership skills.

## The Values Award



Jack has nominated Alex R for compassion.

This is because at break and lunchtime and in class he is an awesome friend and is always kind and friendly to everyone.

## Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
90.1%	97.7%	100%	92.4%



## Attendance Data


The DfE (Department for Education) has released attendance data linking good school attendance to better academic achievement. They have found that pupils not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths had an overall absence rate that was 1% higher than those meeting the expected standard. Every day off counts!

## Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	EYFS & Class 2
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 1 and 3
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS & Class 2
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 1 and 3
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS & Class 2

The gate at the KS2 side of school will open at 2.45 for parents and carers to make their way into the hall.

*We look forward to welcoming you.*

Don't forget your  helmets if you are cycling or scooting to school!

## Harvest Festival

We are delighted to invite you to a Harvest Festival Service for the whole school, their families and the wider community at the village hall on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm



More details will follow but please add the date to your diary.

## Parent/Carer Consultation evenings

Parents evening will be on the evenings of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October. Information about how to book a time will be sent home nearer the time.

## Friends of Dishforth News

We are holding our annual Halloween disco in the village hall on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October. More details to follow...



Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet from North Yorkshire Council about eye tests for children. If your child has not had an eye test We would encourage you to do this. Eye tests are free for under 16s.

## Safeguarding

Attached to this newsletter is an online safety advice sheet produced by the National College. This week is advice about Age-inappropriate content



## Friends of Dishforth WhatsApp Group

After feed back from parents a new FODS WhatsApp group has been set up to help us busy parents, carers and supporter keep on top of school life. Here's the link [WhatsApp Group Invite](#)

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