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## Dishforth Airfield Primary School

### Newsletter 7 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents,

#### Harvest

We will be holding two Harvest Festivals this year on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

FS2, Year 1 and 2 will have their Harvest Festival at 9.30am

Year 3-6 will have their Harvest Festival at 2.30pm.

After the Harvest Festivals, there will be a cake bake sale and café. **Please send in donations for the cake bake sale on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October (nut free).**

#### Class News

**FS1/FS2** – This week we have been learning about the story of Handa's Surprise and trying tropical fruits.

**Y1** – This week we have been learning about number bonds and trying to see the patterns. We had a fantastic time celebrating Fiji Day.

**Y2** – This week we have working hard with our singing for Harvest.

**Y3/4** – This week we have been learning about Holy Communion in R.E.

**Y5/6** – This week we have been finding out about night and day and how the sun appears to move across the sky. We are really enjoying our space topic!

#### Welcome

A very warm welcome to Eliana Simpson who has joined us in Year 2, Anshill Gurung who is joining Year 1 and Seona Ghale who is joining the nursery.

#### Fiji Day

Thank you to all the parents and children who put in a lot of effort to make this day such a wonderful celebration of the country's culture. We all thoroughly enjoyed learning about Fiji and taking part in dancing. The singing was also very beautiful to hear.



#### Parent / Child / Teacher consultations – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Confirmation of times and dates for the consultations will be sent home today. If you do not receive details, please speak to your child's teacher.

#### Virtual Reality – Key stage 2 children –

On Friday morning, the key stage 2 children got the opportunity to use virtual reality headsets that took us back in time to the Roman and Viking ages. It was incredible to see the different scenes of life in ancient times and feel as if we were actually there. Years 5/6 were thrown into Viking battles, experienced Viking trading, village life and we had a good look inside a Viking long house. Years 3/4 visited ancient Rome, experienced life in a family home and walked around the Colosseum. It was a brilliant morning and really brought our topics to life!

### **EYFS - recycling project**

On Friday the children in EYFS had a fantastic morning session with Mrs Figg and Miss Dixon from 'Kids get Karma' learning all about recycling and plastic waste. We found out about which items can be recycled and which items have to be sent to landfill. We learnt about how dangerous landfill waste can be to animals and our environment. The adults then showed us how our single use plastic waste can be turned into 'eco bricks' or 'Billy Bricks', these can then be used to build strong structures which last a lifetime! We had a go at making our own 'Billy Brick' plant pot and then made some more Billy Bricks to take home with us. Thank you for a really interesting and exciting session Mrs Figg and Miss Dixon!

### **Aldi Stickers update**

We are still collecting the Aldi's Kit for Schools stickers so if you have any please send them in! Well done to everyone for collecting them - we are now up to 168 vouchers, but still need lots more to hit our target of 300, so please keep on bringing them into us - we have until the end of the month to get as many as we can.

### **Emotion Coaching drop-ins with Mrs Dixon**

In school we use emotion coaching to support children to develop their emotional literacy and navigate problems independently. This approach is founded in research and has proven to be very effective at supporting children to regulate and recognise their own emotions and behaviours. Previously the whole staff team was lucky enough to receive training in emotion coaching from the North Yorkshire County Council Educational Psychology department which has been tailored specifically to support service children and the challenges they may face. We are delighted that we are able to continue to pass this training on to you. Mrs Dixon has run a successful programme for parents in the past and is happy to continue to provide 'drop in' support for anyone who feels that they might benefit from emotion coaching at home. The dates are listed below and all sessions will be held in the EYFS classrooms. All are welcome, if you have any questions or would like to arrange another meeting then please feel free to speak to Mrs Dixon at any point.

### **Emotion coaching drop-ins are scheduled on the following dates:**

Thursday 14th November, Thursday 23rd January, Thursday 19th March, Thursday 14th May and Thursday 9th July

### **Whole School Trip – Rainbow Factory Leeds –Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Advance notice – the cost of this trip is going to be £10 per child. This has been subsidised by the fundraising activities over the last year and I am sure will be a memorable day for the children. A letter about the trip will be coming home this week, so please keep an eye out for it.

### **Flu Immunisation – Rec-Year 6 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

The children at school can be immunised against flu on the 24<sup>th</sup> October. This is a national immunisation programme in schools open to all children in Reception – Year 6. **If you would like your child to be immunised and have not returned your permission form, please can you return it as soon as possible.** Nursery children need to be immunised at the GP surgery as this is not open to nursery children in schools.

### **Halloween Disco – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

The Friends of Dishforth Airfield are running a Halloween disco on Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. A letter has already been sent home and many of you have kindly returned your permission slips. **To ensure the smooth running of the event, please can we ask that all ticket money is paid in advance.**

### **Free Christmas Crafts Course- starting 12<sup>th</sup> Nov in school for parents of Nursery Children**

The Adult Learning and Skills Services team will be running a free 5 week course in school for parents of children in Nursery. The sessions will run on Tuesday mornings from 9am to 10.30am and you can work with your child/children to create Christmas Crafts to take home. Booking is essential.

## Children in Need - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Advance Notice

We will be supporting Children in Need day in November so if you 'spot' any of the fundraising items on sale and want to buy in advance please feel free to do so. Children will get a chance to wear/use them on the day in school.

## Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – whole school staff safeguarding training

Just a reminder that on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November there will be no clubs running after school including Dandelions childcare club due to whole staff safeguarding training.

## Cycling To and From School – Be Safe Be Seen!

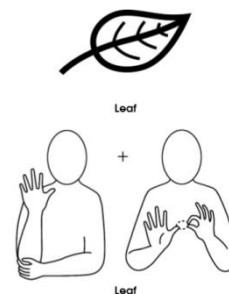
If your children are cycling to and from school please ensure that they wear a helmet understand at least basic road safety. The road is narrow and busy so all users need to be aware of each other.

## Makaton in school

We have a growing number of children in school who are using Makaton to support their communication. During assemblies, we are continuing on developing some basic signs.

This week's sign *Leaf*

Here is a link to the sign of the week. <https://wetalkmakaton.org/>



## School Dinner Special Events:

### Bonfire Meal –

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November we will be celebrating Bonfire night with a special meal of sausage and chips with beans and sweetcorn followed by a treacle bite biscuit (jacket potato option will still be available). **Letters have been sent out and reply slips are due back today 14<sup>th</sup> Oct – please return slips asap.**

### Roast Dinner Day – menu change

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November is Roast Dinner Day and the menu for this day will be Roast Chicken with stuffing, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots followed by stick toffee pudding and custard.

### Christmas Lunch – order in advance – letter to follow

Advance notice that we will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no jacket potato option on that day; this meal will need to be ordered in advance. More details closer to the date!

## Parent Volunteers

We always welcome parental support and help in school. If you feel that you may be able to help in school in any way such as: hearing readers, making resources, taking a small group for sewing or craft activities, please speak to your child's class teacher.

## School Dinners

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of **October** is £52.25 (for 19 meals). Please ensure your Parent Pay account is up to date and we advise that credit is put onto the account at the start of each month. An autumn term menu is on the back of this newsletter for your information.

## Packed Lunches

A polite reminder that there should be no sweets or chocolate bars in packed lunches or fizzy drinks. Also, we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. We do have children with allergies to nuts so please refrain from any sort of nut products in packed lunches – thank you.

## Parent Away

Please do let your child's class teacher know if a parent is away from home so that we can offer additional support. Parent Away Club is run by Mrs Cunane on Thursday lunchtime and is available to children if they wish to attend.

## Diary Dates

<b>October</b>	
17/10/19	Harvest Festivals: Reception-Year 2 morning 9.30am Year 3 – 6 afternoon 2.30pm PTA event after school.
22/10/19	Parent / Child / Teacher consultations
24/10/19	Flu Immunisation for children in Reception –Year 6 – consent needed
24/10/19	PTA event – Halloween Disco
25/10/19	Break-up for October half term at 3.15pm
<b>November</b>	
4/11/19	School open
5/11/19	Special promotion school dinner – sausage, chips and beans – needs ordering in advance
5/11/19	NSPCC talks to KS1 then KS2 followed by a workshop for Year 5/6 children
8/11/19	Year 5 and 6 children to Ripon Cathedral for Service children service
13/11/19	Dandelions <b>after school club</b> will be closed due to staff training
13/11/19	Roast Dinner Day -Menu change – Roast Chicken and stuffing, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots followed by stick toffee pudding and custard.
14/11/19	Emotion coaching drop-in 3.15pm
w/e 29/11/19	Clubs finish
<b>December</b>	
5/12/19	EYFS Nativity (TBC)
10/12/19	KS1 Nativity (TBC)
12/12/19	Whole school trip to The Rainbow Factory in Leeds
16/12/19	School Christingle
18/12/19	Last swim for Y2, 5 and 6          Christmas School Dinner – order in advance
19/12/19	Christmas Parties
20/12/19	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm
<b>January 2020</b>	
6/1/20	Training Day
7/1/20	School open for the spring term
8/1/20	Swimming for children in Years 1, 3 and 4
23/1/20	Emotion coaching drop-in 3.15pm

## AWARDS

### Celebration Assembly

On Friday afternoon, we have our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;

### Celebration Cup

This week the cup goes to someone who is a pleasure to have in our class. He is kind, friendly and enthusiastic about everything we do. Since joining Reception, he has demonstrated a fantastic learning attitude. It is wonderful to see someone show such pride in all of their learning.



Well done, Jayson Johnston!

### Ribbons



**FS1** – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working hard in the role-play area. Well done, Amelia-May!

**FS2** – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working really hard on his reading. Well done, Jay!

**Year 1** – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has impressed us with their attention to detail when being creative. Well done, Archie!

**Year 2** – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has been trying really hard with their presentation in all areas. Well done, Ryan!

**Year 3** – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has really impressed me with their independence in maths this week. Keep up the great work, Bella!

**Year 4** – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who always demonstrates an excellent and positive attitude towards learning. We are lucky to have you in our class. Well done, Kaitlyn!

**Year 5** – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has shown great determination and a positive attitude towards his work. Well done, Elliot!

**Year 6** – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who brightens up our classroom every day. We have been so impressed with her hard work and determination in lessons. Well done, Jess!

### Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Teddy Graham for demonstrating our values of compassion and co-operation. Teddy was nominated by Ayden, who recognised that Teddy plays with him every single day and is a good friend.



Well done, Teddy.

### Attendance

Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.

Week Commencing 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
96%	94%	97%	99%	99%

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon  
Head Teacher