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Newsletter 10 Monday 11th November 2019

Dear Parents,

Children in Need – this Friday!

We will be supporting Children in Need day on Friday with a non-uniform day - £1 donation please for this worthy cause.

Class News

FS1/FS2 – This week we have been learning all about bonfire night.

Y1 – This week we have been exploring the story of The Deep Dark Wood – the children have enjoyed exploring 2D and 3D shapes.

Y2 – This week we have written letters to Andy Shepherd the author of our class book. We loved her story and hope she likes our letters!

Y3/4 – This week we have been learning all about Julius Caesar in topic.

Y5/6 – This week we started our new topic in Science. We were learning how to create a circuit using different components.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you so much to all those who have bought poppies, snap bands, reflectors, wristbands and zip pulls last week for the poppy appeal.



Remembrance

The children have been busy learning about Remembrance and its importance. Today we have marked Remembrance at 11 o'clock with a 2 minute silence and have installed a poppy installation in entrance hall and have written a personal remembrance memory which will adorn the playground today.

Wednesday 13th November – whole school staff safeguarding training

Just a reminder that on Wednesday there will be no clubs running after school including Dandelions childcare club due to whole staff safeguarding training. No netball or Book & Brew either.

Anti-Bullying week



This week is national anti-bullying week and the theme this year is 'Change Starts With Us'. Throughout school, the children will be reminded about what bullying is and they will learn about different forms of bullying and what to do if they ever find themselves in a situation where they are being bullied. We use the national teaching resource, 'Woodfer's World' to teach about bullying - Woodfer is a squirrel and the teaching resources are accessible online if you would like any further information.

The definition of bullying is: where a person is deliberately using his or her power over another to make them feel bad. Bullying is not having a single argument or fight with someone. It isn't saying something bad to someone once when you are angry. Bullying goes on deliberately over a period of time.

Curriculum at Dishforth Airfield Primary School

Please find attached to this newsletter a document about how we teach the curriculum here at Dishforth Airfield – the curriculum intent, how we implement the curriculum and how we prove the impact of our curriculum.

Passport of Experiences – update

In conjunction with parents, children and staff, we have created a passport of experiences for the children to undertake whilst they are here at Dishforth Airfield – a passport for each phase in the school: EYFS, Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2.

The passports contain a list of activities for the children to tick off throughout the age phase. The activities are designed to encourage children to either: learn new skills, develop resilience, build confidence, collaborate, problem solve, risk take or persevere.

The activities are wide ranging in nature and help pupils to become more resilient in: practical activities, outdoor learning, investigation, enterprising activities.

We believe the passport of experiences will enrich a child's education and journey through primary school. These will be woven into the curriculum each year and may be a mini adventure, be part of the whole school theme or take the form of a lesson within an enquiry.

The Passport of Experiences are underway this term and everyone is looking forward to completing one when we visit the Rainbow Factory to watch a performance.

Other passport of experiences which have occurred include:

In EYFS, this term we have been very busy exploring the outdoor areas in lots of different weather conditions including wind, rain and even a little bit of sunshine! We have been on lots of different hunts and have found autumn treasure, a bear and the Gruffalo!

Last half term Year 3/4 had a great week based around their passport of experience 'water rockets'. The children designed, made and launched their own water rockets and had a great time. They couldn't believe how high some of the rockets flew! After this, they enjoyed writing their own set of instructions to share with others and made some great links with the passport experience to their Science learning about forces.

One of Year 5/6 passport of experiences is to hold a debate. During our English lessons last week, the children held a debate to discuss their opinions on whether wolves should be released back into the wild. This debate was linked to our class book 'The Wolf Wilder'.

Free Christmas Crafts Course- starting 12th Nov in school for parents of Nursery Children
Places are still available on this course run by the Adult Learning and Skills Services team. This is 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 so if you are interested please speak to the staff in the school office.

Emotion Coaching drop-ins with Mrs Dixon – first session is this Thursday 14th November

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 12th December

A letter with details about the trip has now been sent out. The cost of this trip has been subsidised by the fundraising activities over the last year and is £10 per child. Permission slips and payment are due by Friday 29th November. I am sure this will be wonderful and memorable day for the children.

Earrings during PE, Sport and Swimming sessions

Please can we remind parents, if children have their ears pierced they must take out their earrings for P.E. lessons. Children are advised to take their earrings out before coming to school on the days when they have P.E. lessons or swimming lessons. We also advise that children get their ears pierced at the beginning of the summer holidays to allow for them to heal over the 6 week break.

School Dinner Special Events:

Roast Dinner Day – Menu change

This **Wednesday 13th 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 this week.

Advance notice that we will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 18th December. There will be no jacket potato option on that day; this meal will need to be ordered in advance. A letter will be sent home this week which must be returned for all children by Friday 29th November.

Makaton in school

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

This week's sign is *Soldier*

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



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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.

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 update for November

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of **November** is £55 (for 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.

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.

30 Hours Funding for Nursery

Please be aware of the deadlines for parents to apply for 30 hours funding if your child is currently in Nursery or will be starting Nursery.

For the Spring Term 2020 you must apply and have received your eligibility code before 31st December 2019.

For the Summer Term 2020 you must apply and have received your eligibility code before 31st March 2020.

Applying for a School Place for September 2020 – Moving from Nursery to Reception

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 they are due to start school in 2020-21. The primary school application round is now open and **the deadline to apply is 15 January 2020.**

Please go to www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooladmissions and complete the online application.

Diary Dates

November	
13/11/19	Dandelions after school club will be closed due to staff training. No netball or Book & Brew due to the 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
15/11/19	Non-uniform day for Children in need - £1 donation
w/e 29/11/19	Clubs finish
December	
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
January 2020	
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 a happy, caring, funny, helpful and hardworking member of our class. This person comes into school every day with a huge smile on their face! I am so impressed with the determination and resilience this person is showing in the classroom and the way you are always there to help your peers. You are a brilliant role model in the classroom and for the whole school! Well done to Keera Kelly!



Ribbons



FS1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who always works hard and has a big smile on his face. Well done, Chris!

FS2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working hard on learning his left and right. Well done, Lucas!

Year 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been sharing their ideas with the whole class – they have been fantastic. Well done, Ada!

Year 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has a fantastic attitude to learning! Well done, Ryan.

Year 3 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been making some great contributions in class. Well done, Kyra.

Year 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has really impressed me with their hard work and determination in Maths. Well done, Nicole.

Year 5 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is showing great determination to improve in all subjects! Well done, Jacob.

Year 6 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has written a beautiful poem about Remembrance Day. A future poet in the making! Well done, Willow!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Ewan for his shining example of Resilience in Maths. Ewan was nominated by Kaitlyn for trying his hardest class.

Well done, Ewan.



Attendance

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

Week Commencing 4th November 2019

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
96%	99%	100%	97%	99%

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon
Head Teacher