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Newsletter 15 Monday 16th December 2019



Dear Parents,

We had a super week in school last week with the Key Stage 1 nativity and the whole school trip to the Rainbow Factory. This week we are looking forward to Christingle today, Carols and Christmas songs tomorrow led by KS2, Christmas school lunch on Wednesday and the parties on Thursday. There is still time to buy Lucky Squares and raffle tickets before tomorrow afternoon's draw at 3pm.

I hope your preparations are well under way for the festive season and on behalf of all the staff, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

We break up on Friday afternoon at the slightly earlier time of **2.30pm** and we will look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 7th January when school opens for the spring term.

Class News

FS1/FS2 – This week we have been reading a special story with no words. We have worked hard to write sentences to describe the pictures.

Y1 – This week we've performed our Nativity, It's a Baby! We are so proud of all the children. Well done, Year 1.

Y2 – This week we have been learning about the story of Hanukkah and how it is celebrated.

Y3/4 – This week we have been writing our own story ending for The Secret of Platform 13.

Y5/6 – This week we have been learning how to read co-ordinates. We used them to help us create some Christmas shapes.

Rainbow Factory Leeds

We had a fabulous time last Thursday at the Rainbow Factory on our whole school trip. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance they watched and then they took part in various workshops such as a woodland walk of characters from stories past and an illustration workshop.

Be Safe Be Seen

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

Library Days

Please ensure your child has their library book in school for their library day.

Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3/4	Tuesday
Year 5/6	Thursday

First Aid

I recently completed a three day Emergency at Work First Aid course and whilst I was there, it was recommended to have a First Aid app on mobile phones. There are a few free apps such as St John's or British Red Cross which can give information on what to do in any first aid situation. I have the St John's app and it is very informative and worthwhile to have at your fingertips!



Curriculum Topic Landing events for parents / carers

As we are approaching the end of term and finishing our theme of 'Once upon a time' we would like to invite you into school to see some of the work the children have been learning about this autumn term. Dates and times are below – please come and join your child / children in their classrooms!

EYFS	Wednesday 11 th December at 2.45pm
Year 1	Friday 13 th December at 2.30pm
Year 2	Monday 2 nd December at 2.30pm
Year 3/4	Wednesday 18 th December at 2.30pm
Year 5/6	Friday 13 th December at 1.45pm

Science Selfie Competition

At Dishforth Airfield primary school, we love Science! We wanted to share this with all of our school community so we launched a 'Science Selfie Competition'

The children have been very excited to share all of their ideas for the different Science activities they could complete at home, ranging from seasonal walks where they can spot winter treasures through to slime-tastic experiments. The following web link provides some inspiration for some fun science activities you could complete at home. <https://www.sublimescience.com/free-science-experiments/>

To enter simply print or email your science selfie to the school admin with your name, class and a sentence about what you have done - the closing date for this competition is Friday 13th December. Prizes will be awarded for winning entries in Early Years, Key stage 1 and Key stage 2 this week in Thursday's assembly.

Swimming badges

Children in Years 2, 5 and 6 were awarded swimming badges in Friday's assembly to recognise the achievement and progress they have made this term at swimming.

Five children in Year 2 achieved the Stage 2 certificate and unfortunately these certificates were not in stock at Thirsk swimming pool. As soon as they become available we will purchase them and award the children in an assembly.

Swimming – Year 1, 3 and 4

Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 children start on Wednesday 8th January. 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 voluntary cost of getting to and from swimming will remain at **£3.50 each week**. Payments are to be made on your Parent Pay account.

Christmas Fundraising Events for 2019:

Christmas Raffle and Hampers

The Christmas Season is here and the PTA have managed to secure some amazing raffle prizes;

- Flamingo Land 2 tickets to the theme park
- Lizzie Care Baby Therapy gift
- Gorgeous gift voucher
- SAKS gift voucher for Cut and Blow dry
- Cream tea for two at Wakeman House Café
- Family ticket to Piglet Adventure Farm
- 2 x Afternoon Tea for Two from Gilchrist Bakery, Boroughbridge
- Movie t-shirts & posters plus two vouchers for popcorn
- Bowe & Co Tearooms Hamper
- Tray Bake from Café Tiempo, Ripon
- Voucher from Messy Buns, Ripon
- £5 gift voucher from Realitea
- Christmas cake donated by Mrs Horner
- Family Pass to Castle Howard
- Pamper Hamper
- 12 Months Family & Friends pass for Ripon Museum

Raffle tickets are still on sale and can be purchased at the KS2 carol concert with the draw being made after the concert on the 17th December. The Friends Of Dishforth Airfield School will also be selling tickets in the playground at the end of each day – look out for them by the benches in the playground from 3.15pm.

Lucky Squares

This is an opportunity to raise money for the school and win a cash prize! Squares cost £1 and still on sale from the school office at the end of each day. The draw to win 1 of 3 cash prizes will be made on Tuesday 17th December.

Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert

The KS2 children have been busy rehearsing and are looking forward to performing in their festive carol concert.

KS2 Carol Concert

- Tuesday 17th December **2.30pm** in the school Hall.
- Following this at **3pm**, there will be the Christmas raffle and 100 square draw – all parents are welcome.

Christmas Parties – this Thursday!



Every class has their own party and party tea (this is in addition to their school lunch or packed lunch) and we ask for party food to be sent into school on the morning of the 19th December – the separate letter outlines what we would like you to send in. On Thursday children are to come to school in their school uniform and bring their party clothes in a named carrier bag, they will get changed after lunch for their party.

Emergency Procedure for School Closure

It is rare, however there have been occasions where it has been necessary to close the school because of inclement weather, no electricity or because of lack of heating, so I would like to bring to your attention the procedures I will follow if this event occurs:

- Mrs Kestell will put a notice on the school Facebook page
- County Hall will be informed.
- I will inform radio stations Century Radio and Stray FM.

Hopefully, this will not happen but I feel it's better to be prepared!

Please assume school is open unless you hear via any of the above methods. Please do not phone the school to ask if we are open as we may need to keep the line clear in order to contact staff. Please check on the school Facebook page.

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 we have chosen the sign for *Christmas Tree*



Here is a link to the Makaton site. <https://wetalkmakaton.org/>

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.

Music for Life

I am delighted to announce that the school are having a musical day with 'Music for Life' from Sowerby on **Monday 13th January**. This is an annual event in school and is always a fantastic opportunity for the children to hear professional musicians. The day will begin with a concert for the whole school and this year the musicians are Ruth Rosales and Ben Hudson who both play the bassoon. Following the concert there will be a workshop each for the older children (Year 3/4 and Year 5/6) who will then perform to the school at the end of the afternoon.

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

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 December

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of December is £41.25 (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 15th January 2020**.

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

Diary Dates

December	
16/12/19	School Christingle
17/12/19	KS2 Christmas Songs 2.30pm Christmas Prize Draw 3.00pm in the school hall – all parents welcome
18/12/19	Last swim for Y2, 5 and 6 Christmas School Dinner Year 3/4 parents / carers are invited to join the class at 2.30pm
19/12/19	Christmas Parties – a separate letter about this will be sent home on 10/12/19
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

13/1/20	Music for Life Day – whole school concert and KS2 workshops
15/1/20	Year 5/6 children – mini medics training
23/1/20	Emotion coaching drop-in 3.15pm
24/1/20	Promotional School Dinner – Chinese New Year Banquet – pre-order
February	
14/2/20	Break-up for half term
24/2/20	School open
March	
2/3/20	Create Education Day for KS2 – computer aided design and 3D printing
5/3/20	World Book Day
w/c 9/3/20	Science Week
13/3/19	KS2 Virtual Reality
April	
3/4/20	Break-up for Easter at 2.30pm
20/4/20	Training Day
21/4/20	School open for summer term
May	
8/5/20	May Day – school closed for the day
w/c 11/5/20	SAT week
20/5/20	Class photos
22/5/20	Break-up for half term

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 very inquisitive. They are always asking question to extend their own learning. They are always happy to share ideas with the class and we enjoy listening to them. When faced with a challenge they always put in their best effort. Congratulation and well done to Alice Dunn.



Ribbons



FS1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been taking a leading role in our imaginative play. We love seeing your great ideas. Well done, Evelyn.

FS2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown great perseverance with his phonics. Your hard work is really paying off. Well done, Ernie.

Year 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has learnt all the dances and songs for the Nativity and added lots of expressions. Well done, Violet.

Year 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is starting to make connections between multiplication and division facts. Well done, Leland.

Year 3 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has impressed me with their independence and resilience in their writing. Well done, Millie-Mae.

Year 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has really impressed me with their hard work to learn their times tables. Well done, Dylan.

Year 5 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who always tries her best listens carefully to instructions and is gradually contributing more in lessons! Well done, Leona.

Year 6 – This week the ribbon goes to someone for making some super contributions to own writing, session on Tuesday! Well done, Kieran.

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Kelsey for her shining example of compassion, co-operation, resilience, commitment, responsibility and respect. Kelsey was nominated by Ronnie who said Kelsey always tries her best every day in every subject and her handwriting is the best. Well done, Kelsey.



Attendance

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

Week Commencing 9th December 2019

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

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon

Head Teacher

North Yorkshire County Council – Spring Term 2020 Choice Menu

	Week 1 Served w/c 6 th & 27 th Jan, 24 th Feb, 16 th March	Week 2 Served w/c 13 th Jan, 3 rd Feb, 2 nd & 23 rd March	Week 3 Served w/c 20 th Jan, 10 th Feb, 9 th & 30 th March
M O N D A Y	Cheese & Tomato Pizza With Chips Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Peas & Sweetcorn Sunflower Seed Bread **** Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	Sausages and Chipped Potatoes Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Baked Beans Tomato Bread ***** Chocolate Cornflake Pudding Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	v Mac 'n' Cheese Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Broccoli & Sweetcorn Garlic Bread **** Roly Poly & Custard Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt
T U E S D A Y	Chicken Korma & Rice Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Cauliflower & Broccoli Naan Bread ***** Artic Roll & Mandarins Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	Pasta Bolognaise with Cheese & Onion Flat Bread Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Peas & Cauliflower ***** Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt or Cheese & Crackers	Beef Stew & Dumplings Potato Mash Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Carrots & Peas 50/50 Bread ***** Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt
W E D N E S D A Y	Homemade Burger in a Fresh Bun with Chipped Potatoes Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Peas & Sweetcorn Sliced Wholemeal Bread ***** Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt or Cheese & Crackers	Roast Chicken, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy Creamed Potatoes Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Carrot & Swede and broccoli Herbie Bread ***** Fruits of the Forest Flapjack Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Medley of Vegetables Roast Potatoes Poppy Seed Bread **** Peach Crisp & Custard Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt
T H U R S D A Y	Tomato Pasta (Homemade Tomato Sauce) with Garlic Bread Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mixed Salad with Grated Carrot ***** Berry Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	v Cheese Whirl Tiger Fries Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Coleslaw & Cucumber Sticks Wholemeal Bread ***** Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	Chicken Tikka Masala & Rice Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Sweetcorn & Broccoli with Cauliflower Naan Bread ***** Lemon Muffin Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt
F R I D A Y	Fish Fingers & Tomato Ketchup Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Veg Sticks Potato Wedges Wholemeal Baguette **** Marble Sponge and Custard Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	Golden Breaded Salmon Fillet Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Broccoli & Sweetcorn Diced Potatoes ***** Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	Crispy Battered Fish Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Peas & Sweetcorn Chipped Potatoes Apricot & Seed Bread ***** Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt or Cheese & Crackers

Due to circumstances beyond our control it may be necessary to change from the standard menu