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Newsletter 13 Monday 2nd December 2019



Dear Parents,

There are many events to look forward to over the next three weeks so please read this newsletter carefully to check for dates and times as there is a lot of information regarding the festive period. The EYFS Nativity is also on this week – Thursday at 2.00pm.

Please can I remind all parents to sign up to the school Facebook page – in the event of an emergency closure, this will be posted on the school Facebook page first.

Also, on the back of the newsletter is the spring term 2020 lunchtime menu.

Class News

FS1/FS2 – This week we have been learning lots of facts about penguins, making penguins in our craft and painting area and being a penguin – forming a huddle and waddling like a penguin.

Y1 – We've had a busy week developing our fine motor skills building fairy houses out of playdough and making shadow puppets.

Y2 – This week we have been learning about Ernest Shackleton and his expeditions to Antarctica.

Y3/4 – This week we have enjoyed exploring mosaics in Art and we are looking forward to creating our final piece.

Y5/6 – This week we have enjoyed writing flashbacks linked to Monty the Penguin. You can see our writing up on display in the main corridor!

Sporting Fixtures:

Year 3/4 Dodgeball

Tomorrow, Year 3/4 are competing in a Dodgeball competition at Great Ouseburn Village Hall – good luck!

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

Library Launch

We are all really looking forward to the official opening of our school library this week! Mr Matt Blyton who is Enid Blyton's great nephew will be opening it for us on Friday. Children will start to bring home a library book each week which they will need to return to school the following week.

Your child's library day will be as follows:



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

Whole School Trip – Rainbow Factory Leeds –Thursday 12th December

As the date is getting closer, there is a separate letter regarding this trip which is being sent out today with further details about children coming to school for 8.35am.

Christmas clear-out!

If you are planning on having a clear-out before Father Christmas comes this month, please don't forget that we are always on the lookout for toys and resources for both indoors and outdoors in Early Years. Any donations that we can't use will be passed on to a local charity shop. Many thanks in advance!

SAT Information Session – Year 6 Parents – Wednesday 4th December

Miss Newton will be running a SAT information session for Year 6 Parents on Wednesday from 2.30pm. The session will last about half an hour. This is an opportunity for parents to find out how their children will be tested in the end of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments and how they can best support their children at this time. Parents will have the opportunity to look at previous papers and Miss Newton will provide lots of super ideas for how you can help your child with their reading and maths skills as well as their well-being! Please come along!

Science Selfie Competition

At Dishforth Airfield primary school, we love Science! We want to share this with all of our school community so last week we launched our 'Science Selfie Competition'! A poster has been sent home and put on Facebook – it shows all of the information you need to know for the 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/> 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 in the final week of term.

Christmas Card Box



The Christmas Card Post Box will be up and running for the festive season from **tomorrow**. If your child would like to send Christmas Cards to their friends, they can post the cards in the box to be delivered round school. **Please can we remind everyone to write the year group number on the envelopes as well the child's full name**, thank you! If you would like class lists of names, then these will be circulated in class and also available in the front entrance of school.

Christmas Fundraising Events for 2019:

Christmas Raffle and Hampers

The Christmas Season is nearly upon us 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 will be on sale at all of the Christmas performances and 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.

Instead of our usual donations for the tombola, this year we are asking for items that can be made into Christmas Hampers. We would be very grateful if you could send contributions into class with your children **by Tuesday 10th December so that the hampers can be made for the following week:**



FS1/2 - Tea/Coffee/Hot drinks

Year 1 – sweets / chocolates

Year 2 - Savoury treats (non-perishable) such as crackers, crisps, biscuits for cheese, chutneys, preserves

Year 3/4 – mince pies / Christmas cake / stollen / Lebkuchen or festive biscuits

Year 5/6 - a bottle (of something to drink)

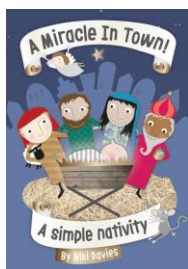
Please try and make sure that the best before date on cakes, chocolates, savouries etc is after 31st December.

Lucky Squares

This is an opportunity to raise money for the school and win a cash prize! Squares will be on sale at each event and the draw will be made on Tuesday 17th December.

Nativity and Carol Concerts

Rehearsals are underway for our Nativities and the KS2 carol concert. The children are really looking forward to showing off their creative and artistic skills!

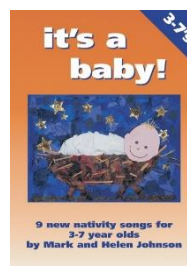


EYFS (FS1 and FS2) Nativity, 'A Miracle in Town';

- Thursday 5th December **2pm**

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) Nativity, 'It's a Baby!';

- Tuesday 10th December **10am** and **2.30pm**



KS2
Carol Concert

Key Stage 2 Christmas Carols

- 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.

PHOTOGRAPHS/VIDEOS TAKEN IN SCHOOL - REMINDER

Please remember that any photos or videos of the school performance must be for personal use only and **must not** be put on any social networking site such as Facebook otherwise we will have to stop them being taken at any school event in the future. Thank you.

Christmas Parties



A separate letter will be sent home next Tuesday (10th) with your child / children about the Christmas Parties that will be held on **Thursday 19th December**. 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 the 19th December 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!

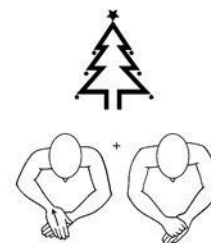
Please assume school is open unless you hear via any of the above methods. Please do not phone the school to ask if we are open as we may need to keep the line clear in order to contact staff. Please check on the school Facebook page.

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*

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.

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 swimming will remain at **£3.50 each week**. Payments are to be made on your Parent Pay account.

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

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 and 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 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	
2/12/19	Year 2 parents / carers are invited to join the class at 2.30pm
3/12/19	Year 3/4 Dodgeball Competition – Great Ouseburn Village Hall
4/12/19	Year 6 parents SAT information session 2.30pm
5/12/19	EYFS Nativity ‘A Miracle in Town’ 2pm
10/12/19	KS1 Nativity ‘It’s a Baby!’ 10am and 2.30pm
11/12/19	EYFS parents / carers are invited to join the class at 2.45pm
12/12/19	Whole school trip to The Rainbow Factory in Leeds
13/12/19	Year 5/6 parents / carers are invited to join the class at 1.45pm Year 1 parents / carers are invited to join the class at 2.30pm
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 – order in advance – deadline 29th November! 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 (TBC)
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 an absolute super star. This persons love of learning, excellent resilience and can-do attitude is demonstrated in everything that they do. They are kind and compassionate and always go the extra mile to help others. They are a complete pleasure to have in our class. A big well done and congratulations to Kaitlyn Andrews.



Ribbons



FS1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked really hard to complete their sticker chart. Well done, Betty!

FS2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has done some fantastic reading both at school and at home. Well done, Leonie!

Year 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who engages in all the learning and has a fantastic attitude to everything she does. Well done, Emeli!

Year 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been working hard on their times tables. Well done, Ayden!

Year 3 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who worked incredibly hard to create a repeating pattern to plan their mosaic in Art. Well done, Connor!

Year 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has really impressed me with their planning and carrying out of a Science investigation. Well done, Shreya!

Year 5 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is taking care to present their work neatly and take pride in their writing. Well done, Pearl!

Year 6 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been trying really hard in Maths! We are really impressed with her determination! Well done, Ellie!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Marley for his shining example of respect.

Marley was nominated by Gabriel. Gabriel says, Marley is a good friend who shows respect to everyone. Well done, Marley.



Attendance

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

Week Commencing 25th November 2019

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
98%	95%	100%	100%	99%

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

North Yorkshire County Council – Spring Term 2020 Choice Menu

	Week 1 Served w/c 6th & 27th Jan, 24th Feb, 16th March	Week 2 Served w/c 13th Jan, 3rd Feb, 2nd & 23rd March	Week 3 Served w/c 20th Jan, 10th Feb, 9th & 30th March
M O N D A Y	<p style="text-align: center;">Cheese & Tomato Pizza With Chips Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Peas & Sweetcorn Sunflower Seed Bread **** Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sausages and Chipped Potatoes Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Baked Beans Tomato Bread ***** Chocolate Cornflake Pudding Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">v Mac 'n' Cheese Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Broccoli & Sweetcorn Garlic Bread **** Roly Poly & Custard Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt</p>
T U E S D A Y	<p style="text-align: center;">Chicken Korma & Rice Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Cauliflower & Broccoli Naan Bread ***** Artic Roll & Mandarins Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pasta Bolognese with Cheese & Onion Flat Bread Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Peas & Cauliflower ***** Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt or Cheese & Crackers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Beef Stew & Dumplings Potato Mash Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Carrots & Peas 50/50 Bread ***** Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt</p>
W E D N E S D A Y	<p style="text-align: center;">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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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</p>
T H U R S D A Y	<p style="text-align: center;">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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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</p>
F R I D A Y	<p style="text-align: center;">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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Golden Breaded Salmon Fillet Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Broccoli & Sweetcorn Diced Potatoes ***** Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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</p>

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