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**Newsletter 16 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020**



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. The children have settled back into the school routines very well at the start of this spring term.

Thank you very much for all the support at Christmas in raising money for School Fund. The total raised was £328.30. This will go towards the development of the outside area behind Dandelions which we are turning in to a Performing Arts area with a stage.

There are two special school dinners this half term – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January and to celebrate Chinese New Year on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, we are having a special Chinese meal with chopsticks for the children to use if they would like! Further details are in the newsletter – there is no need to pre-order.

### **Class News**

**FS1/FS2** – This week we have been busy making lots of fantastic Christmas decorations, cards and calendars.

**Y1** – This week the children have been really busy creating lots of Christmas crafts. We've had a lovely party to end the term. Merry Christmas.

**Y2** – This week we have been creating moving toys in DT.

**Y3/4** – This week we have made our final pieces in Art – mosaic coasters.

**Y5/6** – This week the children have impressed us all with their sewing skills! We have made a Christmas tree decoration and sewn some buttons on the front. They look fantastic!

### **Welcome**

A very warm welcome to the following children and their families to Dishforth Airfield Primary School:

Nursery – Isaac Pilmoor, Lexa Parker, Sulayman Sankareh and Elih Berry

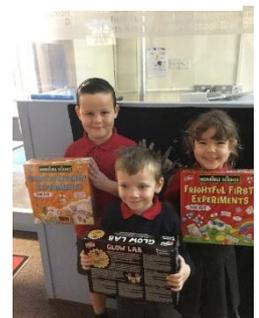
Year 2 – Sophie Pilmoor

### **Science Selfie Competition**

Well done to all of the children who entered our Science Selfie Competition. It was wonderful to see so many wonderful Science experiments happening and to hear all of the children share what fantastic Science they had been doing at home.

Our winners for the competition were awarded their prizes at the end of last term.

- Well done to Jay in Nursery who sent in selfies of the glow in the dark snow, plaster insects and exploding volcano he made!
- Well done to Alice in Year 2 who used some forces knowledge to create a syphon to transport a liquid from one cup to another cup without using her hands!
- Well done to Ewan in Year 4 who set up an investigation into find out which liquid would dissolve a piece of candy cane in the least amount of time.



Thank you to all parents for their continued support with the competition. We hope you had just as much fun as the children did!

## Swimming – Year 1, 3 and 4

**Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 children start tomorrow.** 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.

### PE days

Please can you ensure your child has their PE kit in school on the following days:

EYFS – Monday & Friday

Year 1 – Wednesday (swimming) and Thursday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3/4 – Wednesday (swimming) and Friday

Year 5/6 – Tuesday and Friday

### PE Kit for colder weather

We try to do PE outside as often as possible. Please send in a black or navy track-suit for your child to keep them warm when they go outside.

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Special School Dinners – no pre-order necessary

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January:

Cheese and Tomato Pizza  
Chips  
Carrot and cucumber sticks

Jacket potato option with cheese / baked beans / tuna

Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Chinese New Year Banquet – Year of the Rat

Sweet and Sour Chicken  
Rice  
Noodles  
Broccoli and Sweetcorn  
Prawn Crackers



Jacket potato option with cheese / baked beans / tuna  
Mango and ice-cream

## Clubs for Spring Term

Letters will be coming out this week with the options for After School Clubs for this term. Forms will need to be returned to the School Office by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Clubs will begin week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> January.

## Curriculum letters

A letter will be sent out this week outlining the curriculum coverage this term for the children in school. These will also be put on the school website.

## 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.

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

## 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 *Fit/Healthy*

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



## 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.**

## 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 January**

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of January is £52.25 (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.

**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<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

Please go to [www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooladmissions) and complete the online application.

**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 Summer Term 2020 you must apply and have received your eligibility code before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

Please note, it is recommended that you apply for your code at least a month before the deadline and before any holiday periods to allow time for queries to be dealt with and places to be allocated.

**Diary Dates**

| January 2020 |  |
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| 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 |

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| <b>February</b> |  |
| 14/2/20         | Break-up for half term   |
| 24/2/20         | School open  |
| <b>March</b>    |  |
| 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  |
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| <b>April</b>    |  |
| 3/4/20          | Break-up for Easter at 2.30pm  |
| 20/4/20         | Training Day   |
| 21/4/20         | School open for summer term  |
| <b>May</b>      |  |
| 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 has impressed us all with her attitude towards her work! She always gives it 100% and has a huge smile on her face. We love her cheeky sense of humour and the way she is willing to have a go at anything. We are so glad you joined our class! Keep up the hard work!



Congratulations and well done to Maizi Howes.

### Ribbons



**FS1** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who always tries her hardest and is a pleasure to teach. Well done, Penny!

**FS2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked really hard on his independent writing. Well done, Lucas!

**Year 1** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is very creative and always has a smile on her face. Well done, Alyssa!

**Year 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been practising counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. Well done, Eliana!

**Year 3** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who demonstrated excellent resilience in Art. Well done, Jessica!

**Year 4** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has worked really hard to create their mosaic in Art. Well done, Ronnie!

**Year 5** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who worked so hard all term! He is kind, polite and determined to do well. Keep it up next year! Well done, Jacob.

**Year 6** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has impressed us all with her hard work, commitment and brilliant personality. She brings so much joy to our class! Well done, Jess!

**Values in Action**

This week our Values Award goes to Sophia for her shining example of resilience, commitment and respect. Sophia was nominated by Violet. Violet said Sophia was always nice to everyone. Well done, Sophia.

**Attendance**

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

Week Commencing 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019

| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3/4 | Year 5/6 |
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| 96%       | 96%    | 98%    | 98%      | 98%      |

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon

Head Teacher

# North Yorkshire County Council – Spring Term 2020 Choice Menu

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

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