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## Newsletter 36 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

It looks like we are in for some very hot weather this week. Please can I remind parents to ensure that their child/ren have sun cream on them before they arrive at school and also to bring a sun hat.

### **Wider opening – children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6**

Parents of children in these priority groups were contacted last week for a final opportunity to take up a place in school before the summer holidays. Those families who have taken up the offer have been sent a letter in the post outlining the start date and also the staggered start and end times of the school day.

### **Wider opening – Children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5**

Last Wednesday I sent out a survey to parents of children in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 asking if families would like a place in school for their child/children before school breaks up for the summer holidays if school has capacity. Thank you very much for your responses. I will be working with the staff and governors to see what we can offer to those families who have said they would like their child to have some time back in school before the summer holidays and further details will follow later this week.

The updated planning guide for primary schools document from the DfE can be found by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-primary-schools>



## **Key Worker Parents**

If key worker parents would like their child / children to return, please contact the school first with a letter from your employer showing your work patterns and then to arrange a start date as we require 5 working days' notice – please do not arrive without our knowledge.

I must stress the need for us to have 5 working days' notice as there are now a number of factors for us as a school to organise in accordance with the government guidelines and the school risk assessment. An increase in numbers leads us to reconsider the organisation of space, organisation of individual resources and deployment of staff in order to keep children and adults safe.

## **Classes for September**

We are now almost half way through the final half-term of the school year and thoughts are beginning to turn towards planning for September. As you know we have two teachers expecting babies this summer and we have now completed the recruitment process to cover their maternity leave.

I am delighted to announce that Miss Hunt, who is currently teaching in EYFS, has been offered the post in full for September.

This week we have recruited Mrs Caroline Haynes who will be teaching with Mrs Kestell in a mixed Year 1 and 2 class. Mrs Haynes is an experienced Key Stage 1 teacher from York.

Year 1 and Year 2 children will be taught together from September as pupil numbers in these year groups are too small to keep them as separate classes.

**EYFS** – Nursery (FS1) and Reception (FS2) will be taught by Miss Hunt

**Year 1 and 2** – will be taught by Mrs Kestell (Monday – Tuesday) and Mrs Haynes (Wednesday – Friday)

**Year 3 and 4** – will be taught by Miss Bosomworth

**Year 5 and 6** – will be taught by Miss Newton

Mrs O'Connell will continue to work one day a week across school.

We are intending to offer some form of transition session whereby the children can meet their teacher before the end of term – further details are to follow.



## Executive Headship Role from September

From September I will be leading and managing both Dishforth Airfield Primary School and Dishforth C of E Primary School.

Mrs Sue Brooks, current Head Teacher at Dishforth Village, is retiring after eleven years and the governing body have approached this school to form a confederation. A confederation is where two schools, with their own governing body, agree to share a head teacher so from September I will spend equal time in both schools throughout the week.

I am very much looking forward to this as the two schools have enjoyed a close working relationship for many years and the governors of both schools feel that this will bring many more opportunities for the children and the staff throughout the year.

## Work packs

New work packs were delivered last week. The work set is for Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

## Class email addresses

Please be assured that any queries or questions you have regarding the work for your child / children will be answered through class emails by the teachers. It is lovely to see the photographs of the children and their work, so please keep in touch with us as we will with you. Teachers will be available to reply and send emails between 9am – 3.30pm at certain times during the day. Early Years emails will be responded to by Miss Hunt who is covering Mrs Dixon's maternity leave for the rest of this term.

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## School Meal change for week 3 – change for this Friday

Please note there will be a change to the menu on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June (which will be week 3). It will be Breaded Salmon instead of Fishcakes.

## Online Safety Newsletter and Parental Controls Booklet

Attached to this newsletter is the latest online safety newsletter.

A useful booklet about Parental Controls is also available and will be sent in an email to follow.

## Parent's Guide to Black Lives Matter

Following the recent protests around 'Black Lives Matter', The Early Help Team at North Yorkshire have provided a very useful booklet – A Parent's Guide to Black Lives Matter. This booklet will follow in another email shortly.



## Postings

If you know you are due a posting away from Dishforth Airfield before September, please can you inform the School Office as soon as possible so that we know accurate numbers for the new academic year – thank you.

## Congratulations – Mrs Dixon

I'm delighted to announce that Mrs Dixon had her baby on Friday morning at 6.20am. Arthur Simon Dixon was 8lb 2oz – mum and son are both safe and well.



Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

Further dates will be added as the term progresses.

June	
July	
9/7/20	(TBC) possible transition afternoon for the children in school
17/7/20	School closes at 2.30pm for the summer holidays
September	
7/9/20	Training Day
8/9/20	School open for the autumn term
October	
23/10/20	Break-up for October half term

