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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back everyone! The children have come to school looking very smart and ready for the new academic year. A newsletter is published every week throughout the school year. These are e-mailed via Parent Pay or a hard copy if you request it through the School Office. They are also always on our school website and in the playground in the display case. Please ensure that you read them every week as they contain essential up-to-date information. At the end of the newsletter there are diary dates which also may change so please do check. As this is the first newsletter of the year it is lengthy, so I suggest you make yourself a drink, sit down with a calendar or diary and read on!!

I am very much looking forward to being the Head Teacher at Dishforth C of E Primary School this year as well as here at Dishforth Airfield. The two schools have many strengths and shared priorities which will enable us to work closely together in order to benefit the children and the staff. I will be in each school every day as follows:

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield
Afternoon	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary

Welcome

A very warm welcome to all the children and families who have joined us over the summer holidays:

Nursery (FS1) – Zachary, Rupert, Teddy, Jayden and Leo

Reception (FS2) – Zofia, Thor, Emily-Rose and Oscar

Year 1 – Lewis

Year 2 – Zoyaan and Junior

Year 3 – Jessica

Year 4 – Hollie-Mae, Holly, Sami and Pixie

Year 5 – Joseph

Year 6 – Ava



Full opening from September – arrangements

A letter was sent out in July and repeated on Friday detailing the arrangements for full opening – please ensure you read this carefully and adhere to the start and finish times of the day for the classes. Parents must socially distance and must not congregate at the school – thank you. Please note a sibling can be dropped off and collected at the earlier time so parents only make one trip to school.

Updated guidance from the government

The latest updated guidance from the government was published last week. School has been working through this in order to ensure we are meeting the requirements.

The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Autumn Term Menu

The Autumn Term menu is on our school website.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school dinner every day at school as part of the Government's universal free school meal scheme. Children in Years 3-6 can order a lunch on a daily basis and this will be charged through Parent Pay at £2.75 per meal.

Keep in touch – School FaceBook Page

Please ensure you are signed up to the school FaceBook page so that we can get in touch with families quickly.



Homework

Reading books will be prioritised this week in school and homework will commence next week. Please refer to the table below regarding homework for each class.

Class	Homework	Homework Given	Collected and Tested
EYFS: FS2 Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Sight words to learn when appropriate • Mental Maths when appropriate 	Miss Hunt will send information separately to parents.	
Year 1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily reading • Spellings • Mental Maths • Extended task – see below 	Friday – spellings and mental maths Friday	Friday –spellings and mental maths Wednesday
Year 3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily reading • Spellings • Mental Maths • One other piece • Extended task – see below 	Friday – Spellings and Mental Maths Friday	Friday – Spellings and Mental Maths Wednesday
Year 5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Reading • Spellings • Mental Maths • Maths and reading comprehension • Extended Task – see below 	Friday- spellings and mental maths Friday	Friday- spellings and mental maths Wednesday

EXTENDED TASKS

Extended tasks are set every half-term, not weekly. These tasks are designed to incorporate many skills and aim for high quality pieces of work throughout the year. **The class teacher will always ensure the hand in time for the extended task is made clear.**



Year 6

In addition to the homework above, Year 6 children will also have a piece of grammar / spelling homework. Hand-in dates will be made clear by Miss Newton.

Reading

All children need to read at home every day. Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text and / or pictures. Please ensure that you record what your child has read and how they have managed with their reading in their record book. **Reading and record books need to be in school every day so that they can be checked and new books issued.**

Reward System

Our reward system in school is that each class has a jar that will be filled with marbles in Year 1-6 and bugs in a jug in EYFS. Children can be awarded bugs or marbles for following the School's Expectations, working hard and showing good manners. When the jar is full the class can then decide with their teacher which reward they would like.

Celebration Assembly

Every Friday afternoon the school usually gathers together for a Celebration Assembly – although we are unable to gather together at the moment as a full school, we will still be celebrating in classes. This is an opportunity for the children to share something which they have worked on during the week. We also have birthday celebrations, award a ribbon to one child in each class for hard work and hand out a cup to a pupil who has impressed the staff at the school either for their work, attitude or behaviour. The awarding of the cup is decided by the staff on a Friday lunchtime and is kept secret until the end of the assembly (the cup is to be returned the following Friday for the next assembly, the ribbons can be kept). I will publish who has been awarded the cup and ribbon in each newsletter and we will ensure that there are opportunities for parents to come and see a variety of presentations and performances throughout the school year when we can.

Bikes & Scooters

Children are welcome to ride these to school in a safe, considerate manner wearing a helmet. Once they arrive at the school gate, we ask that they dismount at the first gate and then park them in the cycle/scooter rack provided. ***They are not to ride them in the school drive or playground at any time for safety reasons – thank you.***

Collecting children at home time

If you have arranged for another person to collect your child / children from school, then please ensure you have communicated this to the class teacher and / or the office staff otherwise we won't let them leave school!

PE

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day. The kit is a plain white t-shirt, navy / black shorts and trainers. As the weather turns colder, a plain navy or black tracksuit can be worn and I would also recommend a lightweight waterproof jacket. PE can take place in most weathers outside if children have the correct clothing!

FS2 (Reception) – please have PE kit every day

Year 1 / 2 – Monday and Thursday



Year 3 / 4 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5 / 6 – Tuesday and Thursday

Autumn Term Curriculum Topic – class newsletters

Paper copies of class newsletters giving information about the topics to be taught this term, homework and PE timetables etc will be sent home later this week. The class newsletters will also be uploaded to the school website and will be available for reference for the whole term.

School Dinners

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of September is £46.75. Please ensure your Parent Pay account is up to date. It is possible to put credit onto the account to help with budgeting for the 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.

Music Service – Instrumental Information

There are leaflets available in school providing information about instrumental and vocal tuition and how to apply for lessons.

Parents can also go direct to the North Yorkshire Music Hub website to find out about the lessons that can be provided and use the online form to apply for lessons.

www.northyorkshiremushub.co.uk

The website includes details of the tuition fees and information about benefits which will qualify for remissions.

Clubs

We are keen to offer the children a selection of clubs but due to the current restrictions, we are unable to offer the same variety of we usually do. However, we are going to offer the children class clubs, which will have a selection of activities on offer each week.

Class clubs will begin week commencing 21st September. Please note there will be no clubs week commencing the 19th October due to Parents Evening.

School Uniform

The children look very smart in school wearing their uniform – a lot of shiny shoes! Just a reminder about full school uniform: navy blue jumper, red polo shirt, dark grey or black trousers or skirts and school shoes – **no trainers of any kind to be worn in school**. Jewellery is not allowed in school except for watches. **Ear-rings must be studs or small sleepers and they must be removed for P.E. and swimming or covered with a plaster. Please label all uniform and PE kits.**



Playtime Snack

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 receive a free fruit snack every day which is Government funded. Children in Year 3-6 can bring a piece of fruit in from home to keep in the classroom for playtime. I strongly recommend that you send fruit in for children in Year 3-6 as they have a long morning and often need a snack. Please can this be put in their book bag and not their packed lunch box as it is easier for them to access at break time – thank you.

Milk

Children under 5 are entitled to Free Milk. Older children can also receive milk (at a charge) and orders are needed by yourself through the Cool Milk website. Forms are available outside the office in the foyer.

Water Bottles

We have provided, free of charge, a water bottle for every child in the school so that all children can have access to water throughout the day. We will be responsible for cleaning the bottles and filling them each day so your child does not need to bring one in from home.

Absence and Punctuality

If your child is absent from school through illness or appointments, please can you phone the school as early as possible each day they are absent. It is important that we keep our records accurate. Please can you ensure that your child arrives to school promptly. A letter was sent out in July and last week detailing start and finish times for each class, please ensure you read this carefully and adhere to these times. Lateness will be recorded.

If your child's attendance falls below 90%, they are classed as a persistent absentee.

Holidays in Term Time

The Government implemented amendments to the regulations regarding holidays in term time a few years ago. The amendments remove references to family holiday and extended leave as well as the threshold of ten school days. Therefore, Head Teachers will only be able to grant leave of absence in **exceptional circumstances. There will be no 'Holiday' code for absences at any school. Please refer to the leave of absence forms which are located next to the school office for full details.**

Online safety newsletter

Attached to this newsletter is this month's edition of the Online Safety newsletter. These newsletters are invaluable in the ever changing world of technology and they offer guidance as to how to keep children safe.

Advance notice – no after school Dandelions on 13th January 2021

There will be no after school Dandelions childcare on Wednesday 13th January 2021 due to staff training.



Mrs Luke

We send our very best wishes and congratulations to Mrs Luke and her husband who have had a baby girl!! Emilia Robyn Francesca Luke was born at 17:58 on 28th August weighing in at 7lb 10oz.



Kind regards,
Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

September	
7/9/20	Training Day
8/9/20	School open for the autumn term – staggered start times
October	
13/10/20	Individual Photograph Day
w/c 19/10/20	Parent / child / teacher consultations
23/10/20	Break-up for October half term
November	
2/11/20	School open
December	
16/12/20	Christmas School Dinner
17/12/20	Christmas Parties
18/12/20	Break-up for Christmas 2.30pm
January	
4/1/21	Training Day for staff
5/1/21	School open for the spring term
13/1/21	No after school Dandelions due to staff training

