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Dear Parents / Carers,

Today could be the last sunny day for a while so please ensure children have their coats for the rest of the week!

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Felicity and Georgina who have joined our school in Year 2 and Nursery.

Class News

EYFS: We have been painting self-portraits this week. The children mixed paint to match their skin tone and carefully looked in a mirror to see the details in their details.

Year 1/2: This week we have been really thinking about the weather and the seasons. We went on a walk to spot the signs of autumn and have set up a weather station to record the weather as it changes.

Year 3/4: We have enjoyed learning some French greetings this week. The children have loved sharing this learning with all adults they have seen this week.

Year 5/6: We have started learning about forces this week in science. We carried out an investigation into mass and weight and learned about how Isaac Newton discovered gravity!

Special School Dinner – 1st October

On Thursday 1st October Mrs Crabtree is cooking a special school dinner! Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 can have this for free and children in Years 3-6 can order the lunch on the day. The menu is as follows:



Cheese and Tomato Pizza with chips
Vegetable Sticks



(The jacket potato option will still be available)



Clubs

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

Virtual Reality – KS2 Friday 25th September

Children in Key Stage 2 are looking forward to a visit from Prime VR this week where they will be able to experience a virtual reality workshop on Friday 25th September. The children loved this experience last academic year as it is a really exciting and different way of delivering aspects of our curriculum. Year 3/4 will be taking part in Digestive System reality and Year 5/6 will be taking part in a 'Majestic Mountains' reality. We know the children will be really excited to tell you all about it!

Tips for learning spellings at home

Please find attached with this newsletter a document with a variety of strategies for supporting learning spellings at home.

In addition to this, please find useful information and support on our school website for helping children with their homework.

Parents Evening – week commencing 19th October

Further details will follow as to the format of this term's Parents Evening.

Attendance and Covid

At the end of this letter I have attached a flow chart to explain what to do if your child is unwell. You will also find government advice here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

If your child has a runny nose, a sore throat or a mild cold and don't have underlying medical conditions, then they can still come to school as normal.

Flu Immunisation – 17th November

Every year, flu kills thousands of people. The school age flu vaccination programme **helps protect children against flu**, which can be a very unpleasant illness and may lead to complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. The flu vaccine also helps to prevent transmission of flu to the wider community, including older family members and new born babies who may have weaker immune systems.

As in previous years, the childhood immunisation team will be visiting schools in North Yorkshire to deliver this programme. The date they are visiting at Dishforth Airfield Primary School is Tuesday 17th November. The influenza vaccination programme will be offered to **all children of primary**



school age, Reception to Year 6, as was the case in 2019. Children in nursery are **NOT** eligible to receive the vaccine.

The immunisation team will only administer the vaccine to child who are on their list, so it is vital if you wish your child to be vaccinated, that you complete the online consent form.

ONLINE CONSENT FORM

The childhood immunisation team have been working with schools and parents to improve the online consent form and they are pleased to announce it is a lot smarter and quicker to complete. Details of how to register your child for a flu vaccine were sent out on Friday. Here is a reminder of the link:

1. Go to <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>
2. Enter the School Code **121332** and click “**Find School**”.
3. **Complete the form** with your child’s information and parent/guardian contact information*.
4. Click the **green “Submit” button**.

*If you provide a **valid email address** you will receive an automatic email confirmation to say your form has been submitted. We will also email you to let you know that your child has been vaccinated in school. If your child has specific medical requirements one of our nurses may need to get in touch before we are due to visit school. We never pass on your contact information to third parties.

If you experience any problems in completing the consent form, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and we will be happy to provide assistance.

Makaton sign of the week

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’s sign is *Water (drink of)*

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



Water (2) (drink of)



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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.**

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 Friday



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.

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.

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. May we politely remind you to take care when parking and collecting your bike from the shelter.

Please do not ride bikes or scooters in the school drive or playground at any time for safety reasons – 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.

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.

AWARDS

Celebration Assembly

On Friday, we have our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;



Celebration Cup

The cup this week goes to someone who has returned to school with such a fantastic learning attitude. This person has been working with resilience and independence across all subjects, We are so lucky to have such a smiley, kind and compassionate person in our class. Well done for such a fabulous start to the school year. I'm looking forward to seeing all the things you achieve this year.



Congratulations to, Connor!

Ribbons



EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has only just joined Dishforth Airfield Primary School but has settled in brilliantly and shown a real enthusiasm for learning. Keep smiling and trying hard in all you do. Well done, Thor!

Year 1 / 2– This week the ribbon goes to someone who has such a fantastically positive attitude towards learning, approaching everything with a smile and making a great start to our Earlybird activities. Well done, Ernie!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has had a fantastic start to the school year. This person has really impressed me with their determination in learning and enthusiasm to share ion class discussions. Well done, Leland!

Year 5 / 6 –The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed us with their attitude towards their learning and their enthusiasm during lessons. They have produced some wonderful work already! Well done, Victoria!

Attendance

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

Week Commencing 14th September 2020

Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
95%	92%	94%	96%

Kind regards,
Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

September	
25/10/20	Virtual Reality workshop for Key Stage 2 children
October	
1/10/20	School Dinner Promotion
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
17/11/20	Flu Immunisation Programme – all primary age children
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

Mrs Lyon's working week:

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



