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Newsletter 11 Monday 23rd November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we are approaching the end of November, just a reminder that Class Clubs and Sporting Start Club finish at the end of this week. A huge thank you to the staff for running these clubs this term.

Class News

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

EYFS: This week we have been learning all about the Hindu festival of lights, Diwali. Children have explored Rangoli patterns and retold the story of Rama and Sita.

Year 1/2: This week we have been learning subtraction – we've been practising this skill by jumping backwards along a number line. We have also been learning a poem all about snow!

Year 3/4: This week we have explored Stone Age cave art and even had a go at creating our own. We have also enjoyed planning and carrying out our own science investigations to explore the pitch of sounds.

Year 5/6: This week we have been carrying out all sorts of work to do with winter. We have created some wonderful winter art, graphs and pie charts and we have been writing setting descriptions using imaginative, descriptive vocabulary.

School Council

We have a newly elected School Council for this academic year and the members are as follows:

Year 1/2	Florence and Sophia
Year 3/4	Eliora and Pixie
Year 5/6	Joseph and Maizi



The children will meet to discuss a variety of matters over the course of the year and they are starting with choosing a charity for the school to support at Christmas.

Leland and Rupert's mum – Hope for Hasti

Congratulations to Mrs Pepperell for getting through the walk! The Money raised goes directly to the HopeforHasti charity and the link is below if you would like to make a donation.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarah-pepperell-hopeforhasti?>



Poppy Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this year's Poppy Appeal where we raised £119.23!



Flu Immunisation – 25th November

The Flu Immunisation Team will be returning to school on Wednesday for children in Reception who have missed the original date due to self-isolation. Please can you let the school office know if you had consented for your child to have the immunisation but they have now received it at an alternative appointment.

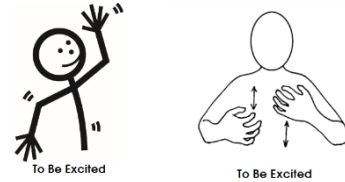


Makaton sign of the week

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 *To Be Excited*

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



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.

Please ensure the footpath is being used and children are not walking on the road – thank you.

Emergency Procedure for School Closure – weather related

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 now that we are heading towards winter:

- A notice will be posted on the school Facebook page
- Class email will be sent
- County Hall will be informed.

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 and check emails. Learning will be sent home via the class email system.



Christmas Events 2020

We have much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season and I would like to share with you what we have planned so far. Please be mindful that as guidance can, and no doubt will change relating to Covid that the following plans may need to be tweaked.





Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11th December, we are taking part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. For a £1 donation to the charity, children can come to school in a Christmas jumper – this can be a decorated jumper or a bought one.

Christmas Cards

Children can bring their Christmas cards into school for special Dishforth delivery! Please can children bring their cards into school on a Monday or Tuesday and then they will be delivered at the end of the week in line with current Covid guidance.

Children can start bringing Christmas cards into school on Monday 30th November.

Nativity Plays

There are two Nativity plays this year, one by EYFS called 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' and Year 1 and 2 are presenting the Nativity through the story of 'Jesus' Christmas Party!'

Both Nativity plays will be filmed and sent to families on the last week of term.



School Christingle

On Tuesday 15th December, every child in the school will make a Christingle and we will have our own outdoor Christingle Service towards the end of the afternoon on the school playground.

Christmas School Dinner – Wednesday 16th December

School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch – order in advance

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December. There will be no jacket potato option on that day; this meal will need to be ordered in advance. A letter has been sent home which must be returned **for all children by Friday 27th November**. **Deadline is this Friday!**



Christmas Party afternoon – Thursday 17th December

On Thursday 17th December, the children will have their Christmas Party in class bubbles. Please can children come to school wearing their uniform and bring their party clothes in a named bag to change into after lunchtime. Thank you.

Break-up for Christmas – staggered finish – Friday 18th December

On Friday 18th December, school closes early for Christmas. In line with current guidance this will need to be a staggered finish therefore Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children will finish at 2.20pm and EYFS, Year 1 and 2 children will finish at 2.30pm. As with the current system, siblings can be picked up at the earlier time.

School Dinners November

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of November is £57.75. 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.

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 is a keen member of our class and has a huge love for learning. The adults in our class have been so impressed with this person's determination to succeed in all they do and how this person has really built up their resilience this year. We are very lucky to have them in our class.

Keep up the super work!

Congratulations to Alexia!



Ribbons



EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is a fantastic learner. This person has done a huge amount of remote learning which reflects the hard work they do in class. They are always kind and set a great example. Well done, Chloe!

Year 1 / 2– The ribbon this week goes to someone who has an amazing attitude to learning and is always prepared to challenge themselves. They have a smile on their face at all times and are a fantastic friend and wonderful member of our class. Well done, Florence!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been very focused on their Maths learning and has mastered place value of numbers. Well done, Harry!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has produced some amazing writing. Their choices of vocabulary have created a wonderful picture in our heads. Well done, Leona!

Attendance

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

Week Commencing 16th November 2020

Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
100%	95%	97%	96%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon, Head Teacher



Diary Dates

November	
25/11/20	Flu immunisation team to return for children in Reception
December	
11/12/20	Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation for Save the Children
15/12/20	School Christingle
16/12/20	Christmas School Dinner
17/12/20	Christmas Parties – further information will follow
18/12/20	Break-up for Christmas Staggered finish: Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children finish at 2.20pm EYFS, Year 1 and 2 children finish at 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
25/1/21	Skip 2 Be Fit Day
February	
12/2/21	Break-up half term

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

