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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are looking forward to the festive season in school and will soon have decorated our tree. School is looking very beautiful and wintry with the new displays in the corridor. We have much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season so please read the newsletter carefully to see what we have planned. Children can now bring Christmas cards in on a Monday or Tuesday and they will be delivered on a Friday.

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 about the Jewish festival of light, Hanukkah. The children have been learning how to play the dreidel and reading the story of Hanukkah Bear. They have also created some winter art.

Year 1/2: This week we have been learning about an alternative traditional tale and we will be writing our own version. We have also been practising our subtraction skills.

Year 3/4: This week we have enjoyed exploring some Stone Age tools and considering how they may have been used. Afterwards, we researched the answers to the questions we raised about each artefact.

Year 5/6: This week we have been learning about propaganda used in World War 2. We designed our own posters and also wrote a persuasive speech as Winston Churchill.



School Council – charity for school to support

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 School Council have chosen a local charity to support at Christmas, Thirsk Community Works and they felt that it would be a good idea for each class to have a theme of foods / toiletries for donating. Please see the table below:

Class	Theme
EYFS	Drinks: tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, long life milk, squash
Year 1 and 2	Toiletries: soap, toothpaste, shower gel, tooth brushes, roll on deodorant
Year 3 and 4	Tinned foods: salmon, tuna, sardines, soup, tinned meals, baked beans, chopped tomatoes
Year 5 and 6	Dried foods: cereal, rice, pasta, powdered custard, powdered mashed potato

If you can help, please bring into school an item for the theme between Monday 30th November and Friday 11th December, then on the last week of term the food and toiletries will be delivered.

Online Safety Newsletter – December

Please find attached to this newsletter the latest online safety edition for December.

Spring Term Menu

Please find the Spring Term school dinner menu attached which starts in January.

Emotional Health and Resilience Virtual Drop In

Please find information from the NHS Healthy Child Team about the Emotional Health and Resilience Virtual Drop In attached to this newsletter.



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 from today and tomorrow and the following two Mondays and Tuesdays.

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

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December. This needed to be pre-ordered and the deadline has now passed.



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.



Homework

Homework will be given to the children on Friday 11th December to be handed in the following week. Homework will resume the first week back in January.

School Dinners December

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of December is £38.50. 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 has been working very hard all year. Their Maths and writing are fantastic and their art work is beautiful. They are always kind and helpful and are a pleasure to have in class.

Well done, Zofia!



Ribbons



EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to somebody who joined DAPS this year and has become a popular member of Early Years. They always give their best and have been doing fantastic number formation this week. Well done, Georgina.

Year 1 / 2– The ribbon this week goes to someone who is always prepared to have a try. They have settled in well to our class. Well done, Jermaine!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has really impressed me with their enthusiasm and contributions to our class discussions. Keep up the great work! Well done, Sophie!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working incredibly hard on their reading and spelling. We are so impressed with their determination to improve and they have a fantastic attitude towards their learning. Well done, Maizi!

Attendance

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

Week Commencing 23rd November 2020

Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
100%	99%	99%	98%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon, Head Teacher



Diary Dates

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



New Emotional Health and Resilience Virtual Drop-in Pilot

Please find attached a flyer for our new virtual drop-in from the school nursing service.

We would really appreciate if you could place this flyer on noticeboards or distribute to parents and young people.

Who is the clinic for?

- Parents of school aged children living within North Yorkshire
- Young people living within North Yorkshire

Who can signpost to this clinic?

- Anyone (No referral needed!)

Why might someone attend this clinic?

- Sleep difficulties
- Anxiety
- Worry
- Low mood
- Anger
- Low level self-harm
- Low self-esteem

What is not suitable for this clinic?

- Eating disorders
- Mental health disorders
- Children and young people who are registered with a different service (e.g. CAMHS, Compass Reach, CBT or Counselling service)

How do parents and young people access the service?

- Scan the QR code on the flyer
- Through the Growing Healthy North Yorkshire Facebook pages
- By following this link <https://england.nhs.attendanywhere.com/service/?apikey=8e2b6e03-6f09-4aad-bfbe-2553463ffed0&nid=j6fFn5pvC>

What equipment do they need?



- Laptop or computer with Google Chrome
- Any other device (phone, tablet) with an internet connection.

When does it start?

- The virtual clinic will be available every Monday and Friday 10am until 6pm for an initial six week pilot from the 30th November.

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VIRTUAL CLINICS
FOR PARENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Free New

HEALTHY CHILD TEAM
5-19

EMOTIONAL HEALTH

MONDAY & FRIDAY
10-6 PM

Drop In

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