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Newsletter 13 Monday 7th December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

There are many events to look forward to over the next two weeks so please read this newsletter carefully to check for dates and times as there is a lot of information regarding the festive period. A reminder that on Friday it is Christmas Jumper Day where the children can wear a Christmas jumper for a £1 donation for Save the Children instead of their school jumper.

Class News

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

EYFS: This week the children have been learning about the Nativity story and different types of measurement.

Year 1/2: This week we have been thinking about how and why Christians celebrate Christmas and thinking about the similarities with how Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah.

Year 3/4: This week we have enjoyed our R.E. lessons where we have been learning about Hinduism. This week we have explored and interpreted quotes from Ghandi.

Year 5/6: This week we have been learning about refraction in science. We carried out a few investigations using a cup of water and pieces of paper with different things written on them. It was really interesting and a lot of fun!

School Council – charity for school to support

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.



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, 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

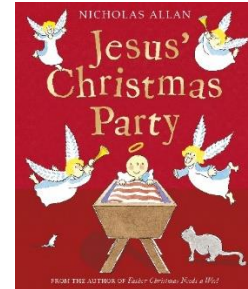
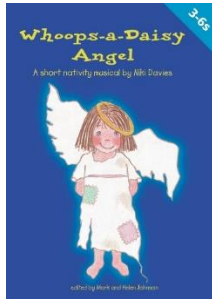
Children can bring their Christmas cards into school for special Dishforth delivery! Please can children bring their cards into school on a Monday or Tuesday and then they will be delivered at the end of the week in line with current Covid guidance.



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. Please ensure your child/ren has a warm coat, hat and gloves next Monday so they are prepared for any weather!

Virtual Pantomime

The children will enjoy a virtual pantomime on the last week of term with the date and time to be decided by the class teachers. Older children will watch 'Best Christmas Ever!' and the youngest children will see a pantomime of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.

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.

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.

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 a fantastic attitude to learning. They are prepared to bring their unique creativeness to everything they do. This week their ideas and creative style has influenced their writing.

You are a pleasure to teach and have in our class.

Congratulations and well done to

Eliza!!!





Ribbons



EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled in brilliantly to EYFS. They have been practising writing their name and have been one of the best singers during our Nativity play rehearsal. They always listen and do their best. Well done, Tiana!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has created an alternative traditional tale with lots of twists and turns. They have a super attitude and great perseverance – well done, Sophia!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has such a fantastic attitude towards their learning. This person is also a lovely friend to others and is a very helpful member of our class. We are very lucky to have this person in Year 3/4. Keep up the great work – Jessica!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working hard on their writing. They have independently written an information text on the role of women in World War 2. Keep up the hard work – well done, Ewan!

Attendance

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

Week Commencing 30th November 2020

Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
96%	99%	97%	100%

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-bf8e-2553463ffed0&id=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

MONDAY & FRIDAY 10-6 PM

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HEALTHY CHILD TEAM 5-19

EMOTIONAL HEALTH

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