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Newsletter 19 Monday 1st February 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

It looks like we are set for another chilly week with the weather after a frosty weekend! I've included quite a bit of information on this week's newsletter so please take your time to have a good read through as it is Children's Mental Health week this week and also Safer Internet Day tomorrow.

Class News:

EYFS: This week, Early Years have been learning about Inuits and making beautiful pastel pictures of the Northern Lights.

Year 1/2: This week we have been writing an ending to the story 'There's No Dragons in This Story' by finding a way to make the Dragon the hero of the story for a change! We have also been busy thinking about which animals live in which habitats in Science as well as discovering and exploring the local area using an OS map and map symbols.

Year 3/4: In Year 3/4 this week we have been reading lots of our class book, Varjak Paw. In literacy we have started to plan a balanced argument based on our story and we are looking forward to continuing with this next week. We have enjoyed catching up as a class on zoom this week and had lots of fun playing games together virtually!

Year 5/6: In year 5/6 this week we have been learning about the mountains in North America! We have been finding out about The Rockies and the hazards that may occur in the mountains. Although it is an amazing place, there are also many dangers that can occur. We produced some interesting fact files on Google Classroom.



Covid over February half term

If your child has been attending school and develops Covid symptoms over the weekend of the 13th and 14th February which then leads to a positive Covid test result, then you must inform school on this dedicated email:

covid19@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk

Please include the following information:

- Name of child and class they are in
- Date symptoms began
- Evidence of the positive result

DfE: Lockdown lunches and meal plans

Change4Life have created recipes and shopping lists for families which can be used to create lunches for around £15 each week. We have been asked to share this information with parents/carers.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas>

Covid Testing in Primary Schools for school staff

Covid testing for primary school staff began last week as part of a national testing programme. Staff will be tested twice a week on a morning using the lateral flow test. Please be mindful that if there is a positive case, then bubbles of children in school would need to isolate if they have been a contact. If this does occur, there would be very little notice given to families.

Children's Mental Health Week

This year Children's Mental Health Week by Place2Be is celebrating with the theme of Express Yourself! It is so important to remind children to find ways for them to express who they are, and how they are feeling as we know feeling good and functioning well is at the very heart of our wellbeing. Every child and young person is special and unique and this Children's Mental Health Week is a great time to remind them of that. The Children's Mental Health Week website have a wealth of resources for families and schools -to access the resources please click on the link below.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>



Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 9th February

Safer Internet Day 2021 will be celebrated in the UK with the theme:

An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world

This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day explores reliability online. The internet has an amazing range of information and opportunities online, but how do we separate fact from fiction? Safer Internet Day will be celebrated globally with the slogan: Together for a better internet.

The children will be exploring this further during the week through their learning and further resources, information and materials can be found on the following website:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2021>

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this newsletter, February's online safety newsletter.

Positive Parenting Course

Please click on the link below if you are interested in this nurturing 5 week programme. The course looks at the challenges of being parents and share tips and advice. There is a focus on family rules, what is age appropriate and how to encourage everyone to follow them. In addition to this, the course looks at how we praise positive behaviour at home and how this is rewarded and much more.

https://ebsontrackprospect.northyorks.gov.uk/Page/Prospectus_CourseOverview?uio_id=12102

Thirsk Library – information for families

We have hundreds of books on our shelves (from board, picture, early readers to full teenage novels) which should be in people's homes available for loan. Either our volunteers can select a book bundle for collection at the door or we can deliver.

We can also help those struggling with online learning due to a lack of facilities. Families can also access our free IT and printing services by booking a computer if they don't have access to wifi or IT equipment at home for home schooling. Bookings can be made either by phone 01609 534589 or email: library@thirskcommunitylibrary.org.uk

We have started a jigsaw loan and have over 80 jigsaws that can be borrowed for a 4 week period, which is something to help the boredom and keep people active, ranging from children's to adult 1000 pieces. In the next couple of weeks we shall be launching a virtual Lego Club too.

AT HOME or CLICK & COLLECT

Can't get out or haven't time to come to the library? Why not get our books, jigsaws, audiobooks, music and DVDs delivered to you by our team of volunteer drivers? Or our volunteers will choose books for you and your family to collect.

1. Contact us on **01609 534589** or email: library@thirskcommunitylibrary.org.uk



2. Discuss books, authors you and your children like or dislike. NEW: we have jigsaws for all ages to loan now: £1/4 weeks & 50p/children's jigsaws.
3. Receive your books delivered by our friendly volunteers at an agreed time and keep for as long as you need. No fees or fines. Contact us when you need new ones.



Healthy Minds website

Please find a link to the Go To website newsletter which provides some useful information about the 'healthy minds' website for North Yorkshire for young people, professionals and parents/carers

As part of the development of the website they have developed 3 short 'walkthrough' videos to help you have a greater understanding of the website and how to navigate more easily through The Go-To website. Each video guides you through a different sections of the website. You can take a look at the videos [here](#).

There are short videos about:

- The home page
- The young peoples' pages (this would be good to share / promote with secondary aged young people)
- The parents / professionals page (this may be good to signpost both staff and parents/carers to watch to increase their understanding of what the website can offer)

Welcome to The Go-To Newsletter

Click [here](#) to view the January edition of the newsletter.

The Go-To
For healthy minds in North Yorkshire

The Go-To website is the home of wellbeing and mental health for young people in North Yorkshire.

We're here to signpost young people, parents, carers and professionals to the right help and support.

Visit www.thegoto.org.uk



School Dinners February

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of February is £41.25. 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.

AWARDS

Celebration Assembly

On Friday, we have our Celebration Assembly. On Friday 29th January the following children were given our weekly awards;

Ribbons



EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their hard work on her number formation and some great junk modelling. Well done, Lillian!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has demonstrated excellent effort with their remote learning. They have approached their work with enthusiasm and we have been very impressed with their positive learning attitude. Well done Kiera English!

Year 3 / 4 – This week, the ribbon goes to someone who has been a maths whizz! I have been very impressed with the resilience that this person has demonstrated and how they have mastered finding the perimeter of rectilinear shapes. Well done to Hollie-Mae Lutunatabua!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working incredibly hard this week with their learning. This person is taking on every challenge that is thrown at them with enthusiasm and has really impressed us with their understanding of fractions this week. This person is really embracing remote learning and we are so proud of the work they are producing! Well done to Maizi!

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon, Head Teacher



Diary Dates

February	
12/2/21	Break-up half term – school closed
22/2/21	School open
March	
4/3/21	Thursday 4 th March – World Book Day – dress up as a character from a book
26/3/21	Break-up Easter holidays at 2.30pm
April	
12/4/21	Training Day
13/4/21	School open for the summer term
May	
3/5/21	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
20/5/21	Skip 2 Be Fit Day
28/5/21	Break-up May half-term
June	
7/6/21	School open
25/6/21	Training Day – school closed
July	
19/7/21	School Reports home
22/7/21	Leavers' Assembly
23/7/21	School closes for summer holidays at 2.30pm
September	
6/9/21	Training Day
7/9/21	School open for the autumn 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

