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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are looking forward to the beginning of Advent in school as this week we will be decorating the Christmas tree and changing our displays in the corridor with the theme of different Christmas carols. We have much to look forward to as we head into 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 later in the week.

As I have communicated in previous newsletters, all of our plans are under review and subject to change if cases of Covid emerge over the coming weeks. The Health and Safety advice is to have a common sense approach based on the context of cases within a school. Currently, there are no cases. In line with the latest government guidance regarding indoor gatherings, we are requesting that all adults attending the Nativity performances take a lateral flow test prior to the event and wear a face covering.

In the event of needing to amend plans, an email will be sent directly to families to inform you of any changes.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Faith who has joined us this week in Year 5.

Class News:

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

EYFS – This week in EYFS we have been learning all about night and day. We have enjoyed sharing the story of 'Can't You Sleep Little Bear?' and have had a go at painting our own illustrations for the story. We have planned and conducted an experiment to find out which material would be best for Big Bear to make his lantern out of and in Maths we have learnt about time sequencing.



Year 1 and 2 – In Year 1/2 this week the children have been exploring the themes within the story The Invisible - all about a little girl and her family who struggle with money and they have to move to a new home where she feels invisible. The children have explored the language and then have used these powerful words to help retell the story in their own words. In Maths we have continued to explore the topic of subtraction using practical equipment to support our learning. We have also been developing our cutting skills and pop up skills in making Christmas Trees!

Year 3 and 4 – This week we have started to build our own woodwork mazes in our DT lessons. We have also been exploring how mountains are formed in our Geography lesson and are able to name some mountains in the United Kingdom.

Year 5 and 6 – This week we have been learning about animal classification in our science lesson. We have investigated classifying animals and we are busy creating our own animals to fit into a specific class. We are drawing on our knowledge of animals and what features different species have.

School Dinners December

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of December is £35.75. Please ensure your Parent Pay account is up to date.

Promotional School Dinners

Ashes Cricket Meal – Wednesday 1st December – this week!

Chicken and Vegetable Pie
Or
Macaroni Cheese
With
Creamy mashed potato and a medley of vegetables

Fruit Flapjack

Spring Term Menu

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

Homework

Homework will be given to the children on Friday 3rd December to be handed in the following week. Homework will resume the first week back in January.



Emergency Procedure for School Closure – weather related / loss of utilities

It is rare, however there are occasions where it has been necessary to close schools 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
- An email will be sent to all families
- County Hall will be informed.

Hopefully, this will not happen this winter but I feel it is better to be prepared.

Please always 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 would be sent home via the class email system.

Advance Notice – Wednesday 26th January

Due to the rearrangement of whole staff health and safety training, there will be no after school childcare club on Wednesday 26th January 2022. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, however due to the nature of the training it is important that every member of staff is up to date in this area and I do not anticipate any further disruption to the After School Childcare Club in the academic year.

Advance Notice – Monday 25th April

Due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, schools have been asked to change a training day that was previously allocated in July. The training day will now be straight after the Easter holidays on Monday 25th April and school will open for the children on Tuesday 26th April.





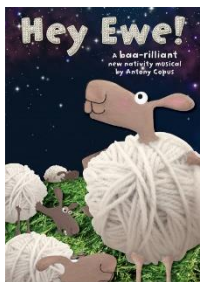
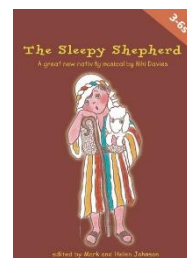
Christmas Events 2021

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 changed.

Nativity Plays

There are two Nativity plays this year, one by EYFS called 'The Sleepy Shepherd' and Year 1 and 2 are presenting the Nativity through the story of 'Hey Ewe!'

EYFS Nativity is on Wednesday 8th December at 10am



Year 1 and 2 Nativity is on Thursday 9th December at 2pm

There will be no filming or photographing of children allowed by parents during the performances.

Please can all adults take a lateral flow test prior to the performance and all are to wear face coverings.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 10th 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 Airfield delivery! Please can children bring their cards into school on a Monday or Tuesday and then they will be delivered towards the end of the week.

Children can start bringing Christmas cards into school on Monday 29th November.



School Christingle

On Tuesday 14th 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 15th December

School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15th December.

Christmas Party afternoon – Thursday 16th December

On Thursday 16th December, the children will have their Christmas Party in classes. 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 – early closing – Friday 17th December

On Friday 17th December, school closes early for Christmas at 2.30pm.

Christmas Reading Challenge

North Yorkshire Libraries have launched their annual Christmas Reading Challenge for children aged 4-11 years. If children can read four library books before Christmas, they will earn stickers, prizes, a certificate and a personalised bauble for a Christmas Tree. Please contact your local library for further details and join the challenge!



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 wonderful member of our class. We love the determination, resilience and enthusiasm that this person shows in everything that they do. This person is a wonderful friend and has an infectious smile. We are proud of what they have achieved so far this year and we are so lucky to have them in our class.



Congratulations and well done to ...

Libbie-Rose!

Ribbons



EYFS – The ribbon this week in EYFS goes to someone who has really impressed us with his writing recently. He has been trying really hard to hear all the sounds in words and has been practising his letter formation in order to make his writing as neat as possible. Well done Theo!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been trying exceptionally hard with their learning. They have shown a positive attitude to learning and is enjoying trying to challenge themselves. You are a wonderful member of our class. Well done, Sophie!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has written a super poem for our whole school corridor display. I was really impressed with their use of similes and descriptive vocabulary to paint a picture in the readers mind. Well done to Marley!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown dedication towards their learning. They have a positive attitude and are keen to make progress and take on feedback about how they can improve. Keep up the hard work. Well done to Holly !!



Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated the school values of commitment, co-operation, compassion, responsibility, resilience and respect because in everything she does she makes her friends happy and is a great friend. She always has a happy smile in class.



The Values Award goes to Alyssa and she was nominated by Joseph.

Well done, Alyssa!

Attendance

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

Week Commencing 22nd November 2021

Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
93%	92%	96%	94%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

December	
8/12/21	EYFS Nativity 10am
9/12/21	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm
10/12/21	Christmas Jumper Day – children may wear a Christmas Jumper or decorate a jumper for a £1 donation which will go to Save the Children
14/12/21	School Christingle
15/12/21	Christmas School Dinner
16/12/21	Christmas Parties – afternoon – details to follow
17/12/21	School closes for Christmas at 2.30pm
January 2022	
4/1/22	Staff Training Day
5/1/22	School open – Spring Term 2022
26/1/22	No afterschool childcare club – whole staff health and safety training
February	
w/c 14th February	Parents Evening Tuesday 15 th February and Thursday 17 th February
18/2/22	Break-up for February 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

