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Newsletter 11 Monday 22nd November 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a super weekend and enjoyed the lovely autumn sunshine. It is a busy time in school as we seem to be whizzing through the term, therefore the newsletter today covers quite a bit of forthcoming events to help with planning for the festive season ahead.

Class News:

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

EYFS – In EYFS this week we have been learning all about the festival of Diwali. We have learnt about the story of Rama and Sita and have found out about lots of different ways that people celebrate Diwali. We have enjoyed having our own Diwali party and have tasted some delicious Indian treats!

Year 1 and 2 – This week Year1/2 have been writing recounts about their trip to the museum. We have been practicing our cutting skills making a spiral snake and jelly fish - Mrs Kestell said we were amazing! We have also been learning about the Jewish celebration call Shabbat and how families can all be different.

Year 3 and 4 – This week we have been writing our own problems for our time travelling story and we have been working on including lots of details in our sentences. We have also been designing our own mazes to make using our woodwork skills in DT over the next few weeks.

Year 5 and 6 – This week we have been attempting some Maya weaving. We are using wool and a paper plate to create a weaving pattern. We are using many skills such as resilience, patience and determination to create our patterns.



School Dinners **November**

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of November is £60.50. Please ensure your Parent Pay account is up to date.

Promotional School Dinners

Ashes Cricket Meal – Wednesday 1st December

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

Fruit Flapjack

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

It is rare, (although not as rare as I would have liked back in January this year!) 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.



Applying for a School Place for September 2022 – Moving from Nursery to Reception

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 they are due to start school in 2021-22. The primary school application round is now open and **the deadline to apply is 15th January 2022.**

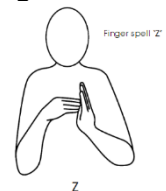
Makaton sign of the week

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 the letter Z.

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

Zz



Flu Immunisation

Please see the letter attached to this document for information regarding catch-up clinics for school age children who have missed the flu immunisation.

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.





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 tweaked.

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.



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 – order in advance

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15th December, this meal will need to be ordered in advance and the deadline is this Wednesday!

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 continues to set the highest example of hard work and their behaviour is exceptional.

This person is working incredibly hard in lessons and shows resilience and determination even when work gets more challenging.



This person is kind, caring and a lovely friend to many children. We are so pleased to have you as a member of our class and our school.

Congratulations and well done to ...

Rose!

Ribbons



EYFS – In EYFS this week the ribbon goes to someone who has really been impressing us with his listening skills. He is remembering our class rules for speaking and listening and has been sharing some fantastic ideas. Well done Charlie!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has had a smile on their face all week! They have been a helpful member of the class, sharing equipment, helping others and showing determination in their learning. Well done Junior!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been working so hard on their writing. They have worked hard to include lots of fronted adverbials and they have used a range of adjectives and similes to paint a picture in the readers mind for their story. Well done to Gabriel!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has written a super explanation text. This person has been trying hard with their presentation and their handwriting is lovely. This person has used modal verbs and time adverbials to help their writing flow. Well done to Jack!



Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated the school values of compassion and respect because they are a great friend all of the time.



The Values Award goes to Madie B and she was nominated by Harry.

Well done, Madie!

Attendance

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

Week Commencing 15th November 2021

Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
89%	88%	94%	97%

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
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

