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Newsletter 14 Monday 13th December 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

I can't quite believe we are at the end of the autumn term and break-up on Friday. I hope your preparations are well under way for the festive season and on behalf of all the staff, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

We break up on Friday afternoon at an earlier time of 2.30pm

We will look forward to seeing the children on Wednesday 5th January when school opens for the spring term.

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 preparing for our performance of "The Sleepy Shepherd". We worked really hard to remember our words, songs and actions and we hope that you enjoyed the performance! A big thank you to all of the adults who came to support us, we really enjoyed performing for you.

Year 1 and 2 – This week Year 1/2 have produced the most amazing nativity show "Hey Ewe". We are so proud of all the children and how they were able to remember all the lines, songs and dance moves. Well done everyone in Year 1/2

Year 3 and 4 – This week we have been learning about the journey of a river in Geography and we have been busy writing about the journey of a river using key vocabulary in our literacy lessons. We have also enjoyed completing our DT maze project.



Year 5 and 6 – This week we have been writing informal letters in our English lessons. We imagined we were living in the rural North of Brazil, The Caatinga, and we wanted to move to the urban South, Brasilia. We identified the push and pull factors of the different areas and why these would make you want to move to a particular area. We have used this information to write a letter to a friend who has moved to the South.

Swimming

Year 3 and 4 will start swimming on Wednesday 12th January at Thirsk.

PE Spring Term

Year 1 and 2 – PE on Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 and 4 – Wednesday swimming and PE on Tuesday

Year 5 and 6 – PE on Wednesday and Friday

Forest Schools Spring Term

Forest School is an inspiring process which is a specialised approach that aims to develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning outside.

Children in year 5/6 are going to be undertaking Forest Schools this half term on a Monday. Please can children bring into school a waterproof coat, tracksuit bottoms and trainers / wellies – something that you don't mind getting wet and dirty!!

Christmas Activities in North Yorkshire – FEAST (Food - Entertainment – Arts – Sport – Together)

The County Council has commissioned North Yorkshire Together, a partnership between Rural Arts, North Yorkshire Sport and North Yorkshire Youth, as lead provider for the holiday programme which is known as FEAST. FEAST stands for 'food, entertainment, arts and sport together'.

Over the Christmas holidays there are activities available for children as well as online activities.

Further information can be found through the web link below.

https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/?utm_campaign=2037953_CYPS%20eRed%20Bag%20-%2013%20December%202021&utm_medium=email&utm_source=North%20Yorks%20County%20Council&dm_i=4BPJ,17OHT,34L194,5KNZA,1

Maternity Leave – Mrs Dixon

We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Dixon is expecting a baby in the spring term. As such she will be starting her maternity leave in mid-January and we are pleased to have appointed Mrs Claire Walker to take her place in school. Mrs Walker and Mrs Dixon will be working together closely over the following weeks and there will be plenty of opportunities for you and your children to meet her before Mrs Dixon leaves.

As you may be aware women who are in the 3rd trimester who contract COVID-19 are more at risk of becoming seriously unwell or experiencing complications in their pregnancy. Therefore we are kindly asking



you to support us in keeping Mrs Dixon protected by taking a few additional precautions from now on:

- please continue to keep a vigilant eye for the signs of COVID-19 in your household and inform us of any positive cases immediately.
- please wear a mask at drop off and collection time, particularly on the days when Mrs Dixon is working (Wednesday to Friday).
- please try to arrange to speak to Mrs Dixon via phone wherever possible. Where face to face contact is necessary please be mindful and try to keep a safe distance.

Thank you for your support and co-operation in this matter. We hope you will join us in welcoming Mrs Walker to Dishforth Airfield and wishing Mrs Dixon all the best with the new addition to her family.

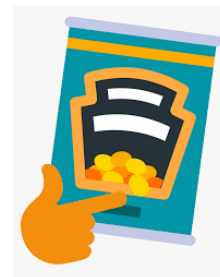
School Dinners January

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of January is £55.00. Please ensure your Parent Pay account is up to date.

Promotional Dinner – Heinz Day – Thursday 20th January

Sausage and Beans Casserole with Delicious Dumplings
Or
Cheesy Beans Parcel with
Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn and Broccoli

Jam Sponge and Custard



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



School Christingle

On Tuesday 14th December, every child in the school will make a Christingle and we will have our own indoor Christingle Service towards the end of the afternoon in the school hall.



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 pleasure to have in our class. They are always smiling and always offering their help to others. I am so impressed with the enthusiasm and resilience that we have seen from this person this term. Keep up the great work!



Congratulations and well done to ...

Eliza!

Ribbons



EYFS – The ribbon this week in EYFS goes to someone who impresses us every day with her great attitude. She loves reading and is making fantastic progress in phonics. We are so impressed with how well you have settled at school and can't wait to see what you achieve next. Well done Shanaya!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has worked hard to remember the choreography and songs for our nativity show. Well done to Kiera!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who makes our class smile every day. This person has also been making a super effort to use leading lines and cursive handwriting. Keep up your hard work, it is paying off! Well done to Zoyaan!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled in so well to our class. We are so impressed with this person's attitude towards their learning. This person is polite, and kind and we can't wait to see what you can achieve! Well done to Faith!



Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated the school values of co-operation and respect.



The Values Award goes to Sophie as she always works well in a team and she is kind to everybody. Sophie was nominated by Maddy C.

Well done, Sophie!

Attendance

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

Week Commencing 6th December 2021

Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
93%	93%	95%	94%

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

December	
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 14 th 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

