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Newsletter 13 Monday 6th December 2021

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 festive 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 in EYFS we have been working hard practising our Nativity ready to show everyone next week! We have learnt about the story of Christmas and have been sequencing it from memory. We have also been making Christmas decorations, wrapping presents in Santa's workshop and writing Christmas cards to our friends.

Year 1 and 2 – This week Year 1/2 have been working really hard remembering our lines, dances and actions for the nativity. We have been practicing projecting our voices and adding humour into our performances. We have design our pop up Christmas cards and have learnt about being safe on line. In PE we have been playing lots of different games and learning to be a good sportsperson as well as learning different tactics.

Year 3 and 4 – This week we have started to make our final DT product using our woodwork skills to create our own mazes - they are really beginning to take shape! We have also finished our whole class reading book 'The time travelling cat and the Egyptian goddess' which we have loved!

Year 5 and 6 – This week we have been continuing with our weaving topic in our art lessons. We created some friendship bracelets using cotton and followed instructions to produce a Chinese Ladder Friendship Bracelet. The children showed patience and determination whilst making them.



Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this newsletter, the December edition of the Online Safety Newsletter which has lots of advice about devices and keeping children safe online. This will also be on the school website.

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 **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.

Homework

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

Nasal Flu Catch Up Clinic

**Saturday 11th December:
09:00-13:00pm
Thirsk Town Hall:**

NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED FOR NASAL FLU SPRAY -JUST DROP IN



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

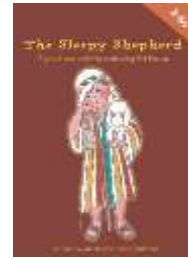
We have much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season and I would like to share with you what we have planned so far. Please be mindful that as guidance can, and no doubt will change relating to Covid that the following plans may need to be changed.



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. Adults will be asked to wait outside until near the time of the performance to limit time in school. Doors will be open throughout so please wear extra layers of clothing.



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.



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 has worked their socks off this term. They have demonstrated great resilience in all of their work and have made great progress. This person is always kind and brings a ray of sunshine into our class.



Keep working hard, smiling and trying your best.

Congratulations and well done to ...

Amelia-May!

Ribbons



EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to somebody who is doing a great job of blending sounds to read words. They have worked hard to learn the first set of sounds and this hard work is paying off as they begin to read books. Well done to Leo!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who can always be relied upon to make excellent choices in their learning and in their playtime. This person has settled into our class and is a good friend to everyone. We love hearing your ideas and thoughts during our learning time. Well done, Anthony!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been working incredibly hard on their writing. We have been so impressed with this person's use of conjunctions and descriptive vocabulary to bring their story writing to life. Well done to Alyssa!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is demonstrating resilience and determination in class. We are so impressed with the hard work and dedication that this person is showing towards their learning. Keep it up and well done to Phebie!



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.



The Values Award goes to Libbie and she was nominated by Jessica because Libbie is always there if anyone needs her, she is kind, helpful and ready to challenge herself.

Well done, Libbie!

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 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

