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Newsletter 16 Monday 10th January 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a super weekend.

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 started learning about our topic 'Earth, Wind and Fire'. We have also enjoyed getting to know our new teacher Mrs Walker. We have been talking about our feelings and learning about different strategies to help us manage 'big feelings' at home and at school.

Year 1 and 2 – The children have all settled back into school routine and are loving our new story Fergal is Fuming, they are exploring how and what makes Fergal fume! We have begun our new art topic on collage and looked at the artist Nancy Standlee. It's been lovely to see all the children and hear their holiday news.

Year 3 and 4 – This week we have enjoyed beginning our new whole class reading book 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. We have asked lots of questions about the book and we are looking forward to reading more of it to find out some of the answers!

Year 5 and 6 – We have started our new class text this week about a girl who tries to return wolves back to the wild! We can't wait to find out about her adventures with her wolf friends, and discover who she meets along the way. We have also been writing diary entries to describe the exciting days out from the Christmas holidays.



Updated Covid Guidance

Guidance has been updated over the Christmas period with regards to Covid – particularly around self-isolation and contacts:

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for Covid-19 has been reduced to 7 days provided there are two negative LFD tests on day 6 and day 7.

The updated guidance includes a link to the most up to date public health advice on self-isolation. The full self-isolation period is 10 days, however if an individual gets a negative LFD test result no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and a further negative test 24 hours later (day 7) then the individual no longer needs to complete the full 10 days and may end their self-isolation after the second negative test provided they do not have a high temperature. This also applies to children under 5, “with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion”.

Daily testing for close contacts for Covid-19

The public health advice also states that those close contacts who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months “*should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time*”.

The updated guidance can be found on this link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection?utm_source=2%20January%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Curriculum Letters

Curriculum letters are being sent out today which outline what your child /children are learning about this term in school.

Swimming

Year 3 and 4 will start swimming on Wednesday at Thirsk. Please ensure that the children have their swimming kit in a named bag along with a towel. It would be helpful if socks were worn on a swimming day as opposed to tights and please can earrings be removed.

PE Spring Term

Year 1 and 2 – PE on Tuesday and Friday

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!!

School Dinners January

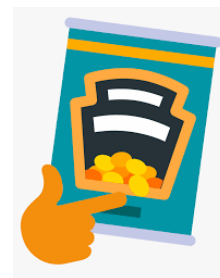
The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of January is £55.00. Please ensure your Parent Pay account is up to date.

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



Promotional Dinner – Chinese New Year – Thursday 3rd February

Sweet and Sour Chicken
Or

Sticky Garlic and Honey Pieces with
Oriental Vegetables, Red Dragon Rice, Peas and Sweetcorn

Sachima (Rice Cakes)



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.

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 come back into school with a lovely attitude to learning. They have shown us how independent they can be in art and English and have shown great resilience.



Congratulations and well done to ...

Junior O!



Ribbons



EYFS – In EYFS this week the ribbon goes to someone who has really impressed us with his attitude since coming back to school. He has been trying new things at lunchtime and has been listening carefully in class. Well done Laud!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has shown great determination with their writing this week. They have used their "Fred" talk to help sound out words and phrases. We are so proud of your determination and resilience. Well done, Noah!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has done an excellent job of finding factor pairs in maths using their multiplication knowledge and by working with a systematic approach. Well done to Elicora!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had a great start back into school from the Christmas holidays. They have come back calm, settled and ready to learn. I think it's going to be a super term! Keep up the hard work and determination! Well done to Kai!

Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated the school values of co-operation, responsibility, resilience and respect by always being the best of friends in every way and they are always ready for a challenge.



The values award goes to Evie who was nominated by Jessica.

Well done, Evie!

Attendance

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

Week Commencing 5 th January 2022			
Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
88%	87%	80%	100%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

January 2022	
12/1/22	Year 3 and 4 swimming at Thirsk
20/1/22	Promotional Dinner – Heinz Day
26/1/22	No afterschool childcare club – whole staff health and safety training
February	
3/2/22	Promotional Dinner – Chinese New Year
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

