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Newsletter 11 Monday 21st November 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a super weekend and enjoyed the lovely autumn sunshine yesterday. 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.

Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need on Friday, we have raised £101.20.

Last week of clubs

Just a reminder that this week is the last week of clubs run by school staff and Sporting Start. A new set of clubs will be on offer to the children after Christmas. Thank you to all the staff who have given up their time this term to run the clubs.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Oscar who will be joining us this week in Nursery.

Class News:

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

EYFS: This week Early Years have been reading the story 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. They have been using props to recall and retell the story, and have focused on space and building their own rockets in provision time. In Maths the children have been learning about circles and triangles, learning that some shapes are curved and some have straight lines, which has led onto introducing the artist Kandinsky.

Year 1 and 2: This week we have been exploring the story of Stubby a dog who helped in World War 1 - we have explored how Stubby marched and saluted the soldiers. The children have written a character description exploring not only what Stubby looks like but also how he felt himself whilst at



the war but also about working with the soldiers. We have been exploring fact families in Year 1 and subtraction in Year 2. We have designed our clay pots and explored which marks we will use to embellish them. In Music and Dance we have been learning our nativity songs and dances.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been exploring a character's feelings and emotions and using these feeling to help us write a diary entry. In History we have been learning all about the secrets of Stonehenge and examining different theories as to why it was built. In art this week we continued with our artworks in the style of William Morris and printed our designs using two colours and lines for detail.

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been writing out stories about Francis- a girl who is camping with her family in Canada. We have tried to create atmosphere in our writing by creating suspense and tension for the reader. We have also included some wonderful vocabulary to add to the description of the setting. We can't wait to read the final drafts!

Year 3 and 4

We say goodbye to Mrs Fiveash on Friday who has been covering Mrs Armstrong's maternity leave since March.

Next Monday we welcome back Mrs Armstrong who will be working Monday – Wednesday with Miss Hunt in class on Thursday and Fridays.

Crucial Crew

This afternoon, Year 6 went to Carlton Lodge to undertake activities in Crucial Crew which is an event organised by North Yorkshire Police. The children saw various scenarios which they may encounter in everyday life, each one posing problems or dangers to them. The children, working in small groups and under close supervision tackled each scenario with feedback given as they completed each one.

Mini-Medics

On the Thursday, Year 5 and 6 children are taking part in mini-medics training where they will learn important First Aid information and life-saving techniques.

Applying for a Reception place for September 2023

If you have a child in Nursery who is due to start Reception in September 2023, an application must be made to the Local Authority by the **15th January 2023**. Applications can be made through clicking on the link below.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school>



PE Kit

A reminder that now the weather has turned cold, the children can wear a tracksuit for PE in either black or navy.

At this time of year, the children's trainers are getting rather muddy during PE sessions, please can children bring a spare bag to put their footwear in – thank you.

Reading

All children need to read at home every day. Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text and / or pictures. Please ensure that you record what your child has read and how they have managed with their reading in their record book. **Reading and record books need to be in school every day so that they can be checked and new books issued.**

School Dinners

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of November is **£60.50**.

Packed Lunches

A polite reminder that there should be no sweets or chocolate bars in packed lunches or fizzy drinks. Also, we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. We do have children with allergies to nuts so please refrain from any sort of nut products in packed lunches – thank you.

PE days this half term:

EYFS: -please have PE kit in every day

Year 1 and 2: Thursday

Year 3 and 4: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5 and 6: Tuesday and Wednesday (swimming)

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.

Bookings for Dandelions Child-care

All bookings must be made by 12pm on a Friday for the following week so that we can ensure we have staffing ratios and food for the children.

Please either telephone the school office or email admin@dishforthairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk

ParentPay

Please ensure that your ParentPay account is up to date and all outstanding payments are settled promptly.



Christmas Events 2022

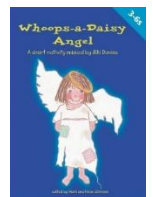
We have much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season and I would like to share with you what we have planned so far.

Nativity Plays

There are two Nativity plays this year, one by EYFS called 'Whoops a Daisy Angel!' and Year 1 and 2 are presenting the Nativity through the story of 'It's a Baby!'.

EYFS Nativity is on Wednesday 7th December at 10am

Year 1 and 2 Nativity is on Thursday 8th December at 2pm





Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 9th 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 28th November.



School Christingle

On Tuesday 13th December, every child in the school will make a Christingle and we will hold our own Christingle Service towards the end of the afternoon.



Christmas School Dinner – Wednesday 14th December

School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch – order in advance

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14th December, this meal will need to be ordered in advance and the **deadline is this Friday!**

Christmas Party afternoon – Thursday 15th December

On Thursday 15th 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 16th December

On Friday 16th 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 collect stickers, a book mark and a Christmas tree decoration on the way. 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

This week the cup goes to someone who always has a positive attitude to learning in everything they do.

They demonstrate the school values and model those throughout the school day.

You always have a smile on your face and are an amazing friend, role model and member of our class.



Congratulations and a well done to ...

Anthony!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon is going to someone for their focus during Maths and following instructions using straight line objects to enclose a space creating a triangle and they independently counted that a triangle has three sides. Well done, Sahir!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has grown in confidence to share their ideas and opinions about the Artist's work Marc Quinn. They are able to use Art vocabulary effectively to describe the style and mood created. Well done Izzy!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has shown great listening skills during our History lesson, which helped him complete his work, giving answers which were both interesting and most importantly written in his own words. His effort in lessons this week has been fantastic! Well done Lucas!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had a fantastic week of maths lessons! This person's fraction knowledge is growing, and their confidence is shining through! We are so impressed with what they are achieving in maths- keep it up! Well done to Rose!



Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because in dance they put a smile on my face and on others too.

The values award goes to Lexey who was nominated by Faith.

Well done, Lexey!



Attendance

Weekly Attendance

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

Week commencing 14th November 2022

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
100%	98.7%	96%	92.2%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

November 2022	
21/11/22	Year 6 Crucial Crew afternoon
23/11/22	Flu Immunisation
24/11/22	Year 5 and 6 Mini-Medics morning
25/11/22	Deadline for ordering Christmas School Dinner
December 2022	
5/12/22	Y5/6 Sport Afternoon at Dishforth CE Primary School
6/12/22	Y3/4 Sport Afternoon at Dishforth CE Primary School
7 th December	EYFS Nativity Play - morning
7/12/22	Last swim for Year 5 and 6 children (year 3 and 4 children to go after Christmas)
8/12/22	Year 1 and 2 Nativity Play - afternoon



9/12/22	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
13/12/22	School Christingle for the children
14/12/22	Christmas School Dinner (TBC)
15/12/22	Christmas School Parties – afternoon – bring party clothes in a bag to get changed into
16/12/22	School closes for Christmas at 2.30pm
January 2023	
3/1/23	Training Day
4/1/23	School Open for the Spring 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

