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## Newsletter 12 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are looking forward to the beginning of Advent in school as this week we have our Advent wreath and we will be decorating the Christmas tree. We have much to look forward to as we head into the festive season so please read the newsletter carefully to see what we have planned. Children can now bring Christmas cards in and post them in the Dishforth Airfield post box for delivery!

### Class News:

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

**EYFS:** This week EYFS have been busy rehearsing for the Christmas nativity, they are working hard to learn the songs and actions as well as their lines. In Maths, we have been learning about positional language such as, next to, on top, behind in front. The children have been using this vocabulary to describe where the soft toys are within the classroom setting. In English, we have been reading the story Stickman and retelling the main events using small world resources and puppets.

**Year 1 and 2:** This week in Year 1/2 we have been writing letters pretending to be Corporal Conroy. We have looked at the different features and how letters should be presented. In Design Technology we have created our designs for our Christmas decorations - chosen the thread to sew with and the decorations... now we just need to start making them. We have explored toys in the past and present and made comparisons.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have finished reading our class novel The Velveteen Rabbit. To conclude our story, when explored problems and resolutions, and tried writing a different ending to the story. In science we have been looking at switches and how they function. We created our own switches and then used them in our electrical circuits to turn our bulbs on and off. In DT we have continued developing our sewing skills and have started sewing our phone cases.



**Year 5 and 6:** This week we have been research about orangutans and palm oil. We have used secondary sources to investigate where palm oil comes from, how it is damaging the environment and destroying habitats. We are going to write a letter to Rishi Sunak to persuade him to stop importing palm oil products in the UK.

## EYFS

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed a very experienced EYFS teacher, Mrs Sue Edwards, to join our team who will be job sharing with Mrs Dixon who returns from maternity leave after Christmas.

Mrs Dixon will be working Monday – Wednesday lunchtimes and Mrs Edwards will work Wednesday afternoon – Friday starting in January.

Both Mrs Dixon and Mrs Edwards will be in EYFS on the following days between now and Christmas to work with the children and meet families.

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

## Fundraising – Poppy Appeal and Children in Need

As a school, we have raised £96.65 for the Poppy Appeal (one of the highest amounts from a school) and the whole district raised over £12000.

We also raised £101.20 for Children in Need last Friday – a huge thank you to everyone who has supported these two charities!

## Mini-Medics

On Thursday Class 3 children took part in mini-medics training where they learnt 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 **15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### PE and Forest Schools after Christmas

Advance notice for when your child / children need their PE kits in school after Christmas:

**EYFS: Please have PE kit in school every day**

**Year 1 and 2: Tuesday and Thursday**

**Year 3 and 4: Monday and Wednesday (swimming starting 11<sup>th</sup> January)**

**Year 5 and 6: Wednesday and Friday**

### Forest Schools

All the children in school will be undertaking Forest Schools at some point through the academic year. 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 Reception are going to be undertaking Forest Schools this half term on a Tuesday. Please can children bring into school a waterproof coat, tracksuit bottoms and trainers / wellies – something that you don't mind getting wet and dirty!!

### Swimming Year 3 and 4 – January



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 3 and Year 4 children start on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January**. Please ensure your child has swimwear, goggles and a towel (named). It is helpful if girls wear socks and not tights on swimming days. Due to the layout and number of cubicles at Thirsk swimming baths, some children need to share a cubicle in order to change before and after the lesson. If any parents have questions or queries about this then please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Lyon.



The cost of swimming will be **£5.00 each week**, this still has to be paid even if your child misses a swimming lesson as we still have to pay for the bus, pool hire and swimming instructors. Payments must be made on your Parent Pay account. School has subsidised the cost of swimming due to rising prices from the bus company and constraints imposed by Thirsk Pool.

### 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 December is **£33.00**.

### 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.

### 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@dishforhairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dishforhairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk)**



## ParentPay

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



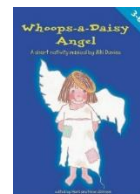
## Christmas Events 2022

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 7<sup>th</sup> December at 10am**



**Year 1 and 2 Nativity is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**



### Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 from today.



## School Christingle

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> December School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch – order in advance

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, this meal will need to be ordered in advance and the **deadline has passed!**



## Christmas Party afternoon – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> December

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 has made an excellent start to Year 5. We are so impressed with this person's attitude towards their learning and the effort that they are putting into their work in every lesson.



This person is growing in confidence and self-belief which is wonderful to see.

We are particularly impressed with this person in Maths as they are using what they already know and remembering key facts and strategies.

This person is also a kind and caring friend and a valued member of our class.

Congratulations and a well done to ...

Lyla!

### Ribbons



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has settled in very well to Reception. They have made some lovely friends and really tried hard to get to know their teachers and new friends. This week the ribbon goes to Tristan!

**Year 1 / 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been trying very hard with their writing. They have planned out their ideas and taken their time to write in sentence. We have loved seeing all the good choices that you are making. Keep up the hard work. Well done Lillian!

**Year 3 / 4** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has demonstrated real perseverance with their learning, particularly in maths, where they have continued to focus and try their hardest despite finding word problems tricky. Well done Theo!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled in well to life here at Dishforth Airfield. This person is listening carefully in lessons and is trying hard with their work. We are so pleased they have joined our class and we look forward to seeing what they will achieve this year. Well done to Antwantique!



## Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated our school values of respect and resilience.

This person has been nominated because they are a really kind friend and she always tries her best in things which are hard and challenging.

The values award goes to Madie B who was nominated by Kelsey Power.

Well done, Madie B!



## Attendance

### Weekly Attendance

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

Week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
94%	90%	95%	94%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Executive Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>November 2022</b>	
<b>December 2022</b>	
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 <sup>th</sup> 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  Year 5 and 6 children to sing at Boroughbridge Manor and Lodge Care Home.
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
<b>January 2023</b>	
3/1/23	Training Day
4/1/23	School Open for the Spring Term
11/1/23	Year 3 and 4 swimming to Thirsk (finishes 29 <sup>th</sup> March)
16/1/23	Reception and Year 6 children height and weight checks
<b>February 2023</b>	
w/c 6/2/23	Parent / Teacher / Child consultations
10/2/23	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

