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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 have our Christingle tomorrow, Christmas School Lunch to look forward to on Wednesday and the parties on Thursday – please read the newsletter carefully for further details.

We break up on Friday afternoon at an earlier time of 2.30pm and we will look forward to seeing the children on Wednesday 4th 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: This week EYFS have been superstars. They performed the most magical nativity. We were so proud of their performance in front of an audience. EYFS have been getting into the festive spirit and have decorated the classroom to reflect our theme, Christmas. They have been writing letters to Santa and learning about the Christmas story.

Year 1 and 2: This week Year 1/2 have been busy perfecting our Nativity "It's a Baby". The children have been amazing at remembering their lines, songs and dances and we cannot be prouder of all of them and their achievements. Well done to all of you.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have enjoyed taking part in a football tournament with the year 3 and 4 children at Dishforth Village. We all played well within our teams and had lots of fun. We have also



been learning about conductors and insulators in Science and have been continuing our musical skills on the glockenspiels in our music lessons.

Year 5 and 6: In year 5/6 this week we cooked our 3 course meal. We have researched, planned and cooked bread rolls, butter, veggie pasties and overnight oats with fruit and honey. We have used some of the ingredients that the Shang Dynasty civilisation would have used. We learnt how to knead dough, make butter from scratch, and make pastry.

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.

Wednesday 14th December afternoon

Thursday 15th December all day

Friday 16th December all day

Key Stage 2 Sport Afternoons with Dishforth CE Primary School

It was a lovely opportunity for the key stage 2 children to get together with their peers from Dishforth CE Primary last week for a sporting afternoon. We are intending to build on this with other sports throughout the year. Well done to the teams from Dishforth CE Primary for winning the tournaments.

Year 5 and 6 Carol Singing

On Friday year 5 and 6 children went to spread festive joy and spirit at the Care Home in Boroughbridge.

Free Parenting Course

Attached to this newsletter is information about the free parenting offer available across North Yorkshire to support families.

Sensory Needs and Christmas

Attached to this newsletter is a really helpful leaflet about supporting and managing Christmas activities for children who have sensory needs.



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.

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 11th 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 11th 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**. Payments are through Parent Pay. 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



ParentPay

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



Christmas Events 2022



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. This Service is just for the children and there is no audience due to the size of the hall.

Christmas School Dinner – Wednesday 14th December **School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch**

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14th December.



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 has impressed us with their memory of the nativity songs, dances and their words. This person allowed their personality to shine through!

You overcame your nerves and sang your solo!



Congratulations and well done to ...

Emily!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has improved their attitude towards writing. They were excited to write a letter to Santa and tried hard to sound out words and form letters. This week the ribbon goes to Niall!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who had the biggest smile on their face throughout the nativity and remembered the words to the songs. Well done Lexa!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship during our football tournament. This person played with enthusiasm and encouraged their team mates beautifully. Well done to Zoyaan!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked incredibly hard all term. They have made a fantastic start into year 5 and we are so impressed with their determination to succeed. Not only is this person challenging themselves with their work, they are a kind and thoughtful friend to many children. You're a pleasure to teach and we are so grateful to have you as part of our class. Well done to Eliora!



Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated our school value of respect.

This person has been nominated because they are kind and funny at lunchtime and in the classroom.

The values award goes to Noah who was nominated by Pippa.

Well done, Noah!



Attendance

Weekly Attendance

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

Week commencing 5th December 2022

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
88%	96%	94%	88%

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

December 2022	
13/12/22	School Christingle for the children
14/12/22	Christmas School Dinner
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
11/1/23	Year 3 and 4 swimming to Thirsk (finishes 29 th March)



16/1/23	Reception and Year 6 children height and weight checks
February 2023	
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

