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## Newsletter 13 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have a very busy week in school this week with much to look forward to – please read the newsletter carefully for events and timings.

EYFS and Year 1 and 2 are performing their Nativity Plays with EYFS on Wednesday morning and Year 1 and 2 on Thursday afternoon.

### 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 been rehearsing for our nativity performance and working hard to remember all the songs and lines. Reception children have been focussing on the composition of four and Nursery children have been learning about repeated patterns. Our winter theme has involved discussing the change of seasons and continuing to explore the book, Stickman. We have made winter scenes and are looking forward to making a Stickman to attach to the background.

**Year 1 and 2:** This week Year 1/2 have been busy cutting out their Christmas Tree decorations out of felt - they are following their design and taking their time to cut carefully. We have also been adding the finishing touches to our clay pots inspired by the artist Marc Quinn. The children have been working really hard rehearsing for our nativity and we are trying hard to remember all the words, actions and dance moves!

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have been writing our own setting descriptions, carefully using a range of adjectives, similes and metaphors to create a picture in our readers minds. We have also enjoyed learning to play a new song on the glockenspiels and composing our own sections of music to perform to each other!



**Year 5 and 6:** This week we have been learning about desertification. We have been researching and taking notes about the different causes of desertification by using secondary sources. We will be discussing and presenting our findings to the class next week.

## **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  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

## **Key Stage 2 Sport Afternoons with Dishforth CE Primary School**

Children in Key Stage 2 are visiting Dishforth CE Primary this week to take part in a sports afternoon. Year 5 and 6 children go today and Year 3 and 4 children tomorrow. This is a super opportunity for the children to get to know each other and take part in sporting activities.

## **Read Write Inc – frequently asked questions**

Please find with this week's newsletter, a set of frequently asked questions regarding our phonics scheme, Read Write Inc. for parents' / carers information.

## **Community Foodbank Information**

Attached to this newsletter is information regarding local foodbanks for your information.

## **Online Safety Newsletter**

Attached to this newsletter is the December edition of the online safety newsletter.

## **Spring Term Dinner Menu**

Our spring term 2023 school dinner menu is attached to this newsletter for your information. Also attached is the optional extras that the children can have as another option.



## 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**. 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](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.



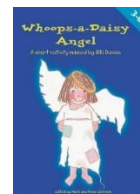
## Christmas Events 2022

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 embodies the school values. They are always respectful of their classmates and the staff and take all responsibility seriously. They always co-operate with their friends and show compassion for others and their commitment to working hard with resilience is second to none.



What a kind, hard-working person you are and what a pleasure to have you in our Year 3 / 4 class.

Keep it up and well done to ...

Karren!

### Ribbons



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been trying hard in our class rehearsals for the Nativity performance. They are putting in a lot of effort to learn the actions to the songs and always joining in with a big smile on their face. This week the ribbon goes to Deborah!

**Year 1 / 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who always has a smile on their face and are prepared to have a go at all learning. They can be relied upon to follow instructions and are a good role model to the rest of the class. Well done, Yuvaan!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been reading at home every day and their hard work has really paid off. We have been so impressed with their reading of the year 3/4 common exception words. Well done and keep up the great work, Devin!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been showing great enthusiasm towards their art lessons. This person is enjoying using new equipment to develop their skills and knowledge about our topic. It's a pleasure to see the enjoyment that this person is getting from their art lessons. Well done to Connor!



## Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated our school values of commitment, compassion, responsibility and respect.

This person has been nominated because they are kind and they always put a smile on my face.

The values award goes to Mia who was nominated by Libbie.

Well done, Mia!



## Attendance

### Weekly Attendance

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

Week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
86%	83%	95%	93%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Executive Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

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 <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





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

