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## Newsletter 15 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and happy start to the New Year.

### Welcome

We warmly welcome Samavya, Daisy, Ava, Ethan, David and Sala who have started school with us in Nursery.

### 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, the children have enjoyed finding one more and one less than a given number. They have been embracing the festivities by making cards, calendars, and decorations to share with their families. They all enjoyed learning about Christingle and making their own to take home.

**Year 1 and 2:** This week Year 1/2 have been busy creating Christmas cards, decorations and calendars! They enjoyed their Christmas dinner and party. We've had lots of fun singing Christmas songs and completing Christmas crafts! We even managed to have our marble jar reward - icing biscuits!

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have been putting our art skills into practise by creating our own printing blocks using Styrofoam to create our calendars. We have also been practising our sewing skills to create our own Christmas tree decorations and to complete our DT phone case project. In Maths, we have been practising our recall of times table facts.



**Year 5 and 6:** This week we have been using our sewing skills to create some Christmas decorations. We have made a calendar by sewing on card to produce a wonderful flower image. We have also sewn mini-Christmas trees, each with three buttons sewn on the front. Everyone has shown determination and perseverance to get their decorations finished.

## Year 6 Information session for parents / carers regarding SAT assessments

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 2.45pm in the school hall, Miss Newton will be holding a parent / carer information session about the Year 6 SAT assessments.

## Health Advice from UKHSA circulated to schools

Please see below an email which has been circulated to all schools from the UK Health Security Agency.

Following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are [currently circulating at high levels](#) and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also [continue to be reported](#).

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.

Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.

Eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- all primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information [getting your child vaccinated against flu](#) on NHS.UK.



## Promotional School Dinner – Chinese New Year

Sweet & Sour Chicken with Egg Fried Rice

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Sticky Vegetable Noodles (V)

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Cauliflower & Green Beans

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Crusty Bread

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Chinese Raspberry Snowflake with Custard



## Online Safety Newsletter

The January edition of the online safety newsletter is attached for your information.

## Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Check

Children in Reception and Year 6 are due to get their height and weight checked on the 16<sup>th</sup> January. We have also been asked to remind all families that children should have their eyes checked once a year and this is free.

## 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.



## Notice for when your child / children need their PE kits in school:

**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.

## School Dinners

The price for dinner is £2.95 per meal (£14.75 per week). The cost for the month of January is **£59.00**

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

### **ParentPay**

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

### **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 been working incredibly hard this half term on their confidence in class. We have been so impressed with the resilience that this person has shown across the curriculum and their determination to tackle new challenges. This person is also a kind and considerate member of our class and an excellent friend to their peers. We are lucky to have them in our class. Keep up the excellent work.



Well done and congratulations to ...

Ada!



## Ribbons



**EYFS** – This week the class ribbon goes to someone who has been incredibly kind and caring with their classmates. They always take the time to help others who might need it. This week the ribbon goes to Aurora. Well done!

**Year 1 / 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has demonstrated the all the school values. We have noticed their determination to remember all the lines for the show and every dance move even when they were not feeling well. This person has listened to and responded to feedback on their learning. Keep up the hard work. Well done Oscar!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been a very helpful member of our class. This person has been supporting their peers with sewing and we were very impressed with their communication skills whilst doing so. Well done to Felicity!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown great determination with their sewing. This person has listened carefully, asked thoughtful questions and taken their time with their sewing. We are impressed with the running and blanket stitch that this person has managed this week. Well done to Jess!

## Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because in school she is committed to her work and is a kind friend and she always puts a smile on people's faces.

The values award goes to Hollie-Mae who was nominated by Jack and Evie.

Well done, Hollie-Mae!

## Attendance

### Weekly Attendance

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

Week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
98%	96%	85%	85%



Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Executive Head Teacher

**Diary Dates**

<b>January 2023</b>	
<b>3/1/23</b>	Training Day
<b>4/1/23</b>	School Open for the Spring Term
<b>11/1/23</b>	Year 3 and 4 swimming to Thirsk (finishes 29 <sup>th</sup> March)
<b>12/1/23</b>	Year 6 SAT parent / carer information session 2.45pm
<b>16/1/23</b>	Reception and Year 6 children height and weight checks
<b>19/1/23</b>	Promotional School Dinner – Chinese New Year
<b>February 2023</b>	
<b>w/c 6/2/23</b>	Parent / Teacher / Child consultations
<b>10/2/23</b>	Break-up for February half term
<b>20/2/23</b>	School open
<b>March 2023</b>	
<b>31/3/23</b>	Break-up for Easter
<b>April 2023</b>	
<b>17/4/23</b>	School open for the summer term
<b>May 2023</b>	
<b>1/5/23</b>	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for one day
<b>8/5/23</b>	Bank Holiday Monday – King's Coronation
<b>9-12 May 2023</b>	Year 6 SAT week Tuesday – Friday
<b>26/5/23</b>	Break-up May 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

