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## Newsletter 17 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend. This week we are seeing a return to winter weather with very cold temperatures and we also look forward to our Chinese New Year promotional school dinner on Thursday – there is no need to pre-book this so children can order it on the day.

### Class News:

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

**EYFS:** We have had a very busy week in EYFS. We have been learning to retell the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and talking about our favourite parts. We have been finding new words to describe how the bears felt when they discovered what Goldilocks had been doing in their house, role playing what it feels like to be shocked and frustrated! We have made junk model beds for Baby Bear, using tape to join and stacking bricks to make stairs so he can climb in safely. In Maths, Nursery have been counting 3 objects, such as the sides and corners on a triangle.

**Year 1 and 2:** This week Year 1/2 have been really busy learning about Ernest Shackleton and his adventures. We have begun to learn about when he completed different expeditions and if they were successful. We have also been learning about the different continents and which is the largest and smallest. In Art we have begun our printing topic and have learn about the artist Charles Rennie Mackintosh. In Maths we have been learning about place value to 20 in year 1 and money in Year 2.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have enjoyed continuing our whole class novel, Varjak Paw and we have been busy making predictions about what trouble Varjak will be getting himself into! In our writing lessons, we have been drafting and editing parts of our information page all about cats. We have enjoyed learning about light in our science lesson and conducted an investigation to find out which area of our classroom was the brightest using data loggers to measure Lux. We also enjoyed our first swimming session of the half term!



**Year 5 and 6:** This week we have been learning about the human timeline in science. We have been finding out about the different stages of human growth and the changes that happen to the body at these stages. We have then created some graphs to show the growth of babies.

## Clubs

A spring term club letter went out last week. Please can all responses be in by Wednesday and a confirmation letter will be sent home by Friday. Clubs start next week.

## Parent / Teacher / Child consultations

A letter regarding Parent or Carer / Teacher / Child consultations will be sent out this week in order for you to make an appointment. The consultations are taking place week commencing the 6<sup>th</sup> February.

## Homework

Homework for the spring term is underway. I would also like to draw your attention to our Maths scheme, White Rose Maths as there is an app which accompanies this that children can use at home. This has been updated and would be useful for all children in school to have access to: <https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths#download>

In addition to this, there is advice and guidance regarding Maths on the school website as well as the White Rose Maths website which families may find useful:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/advice-and-guidance>

At our school, we believe that children learn best when parents, the school and children work together in partnership. Home Learning should be a positive experience which is manageable, meaningful and enjoyable for parents, teachers and children.

Please refer to the table below regarding homework for each class.

Class	Homework	Homework Given	Collected and tested
EYFS: FS2 Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading</li> <li>• Sight words to learn when appropriate</li> </ul>	A home learning task will be sent out every two weeks. Mrs Dixon and Mrs Edwards will make the collection time clear on the task.	



Year 1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily reading</li> <li>• Spellings</li> <li>• Comprehension</li> <li>• Mental Maths</li> <li>• Extended task – see below</li> </ul>	Friday – spellings and mental maths Friday	Homework is collected on a Wednesday. The spelling and mental maths tests are given on a Friday.
Year 3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily reading</li> <li>• Spellings</li> <li>• Mental Maths</li> <li>• One other piece</li> <li>• Extended task – see below</li> </ul>	Friday – Spellings and Mental Maths  Friday	Friday – Spellings and Mental Maths  Wednesday
Year 5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily Reading</li> <li>• Spellings</li> <li>• Mental Maths</li> <li>• Maths and reading comprehension</li> <li>• Extended Task – see below</li> </ul>	Friday- spellings and mental maths  Friday	Thursday- spellings Friday - mental maths  Wednesday

### EXTENDED TASKS

Extended tasks are set every half-term, not weekly. These tasks are designed to incorporate many skills and aim for high quality pieces of work throughout the year. **The class teacher will always ensure the hand in time for the extended task is made clear.**

### 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.**

### Promotional School Dinner – Chinese New Year – this Thursday

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

#### 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

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 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!!

#### 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@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.

## **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 is a delight to have in the classroom. They are kind and considerate and always help others. This person is a wonderful friend and shows compassion to everyone.



As well as being a joy to teach, this person is working extremely hard in every lesson. They are keen to learn, they show dedication when things get tricky and their resilience is building.

This person is also growing in confidence – you can do it!

Well done and congratulations to ...

Mia!



## Ribbons



**EYFS** – This week's ribbon goes to someone who has listened really well to our class story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They have joined in with their favourite parts of the story and can talk about the Baby Bear's feelings when he found Goldilocks asleep. This person has also been brilliant at putting things away at tidy up time this week. Very well done to Eddison!

**Year 1 / 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been working very hard independently - we have noticed they are now able to write a sentence using Fred talk. They can follow the instructions in the Maths lesson and are able to count and record accurately up to 15. We are so proud of the effort that you are putting in. Well done and keep up the hard work – Kemar!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed us with their sentence work using Clicker 7. We are so impressed with the independence and enthusiasm that this person has demonstrated in their learning. Keep up the great work, Jermaine!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had an incredible return to learning after the Christmas holidays. This person has their hand up constantly to answer questions, they are enthusiastic about their learning and they are working hard in all lessons. Keep up the hard work! Well done to Connor!

## Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because of how they are in the classroom and they help at lunchtimes with the little ones.

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

Well done, Lucas!



## Attendance

Weekly Attendance			
Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.			
Week commencing 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
97%	97%	92%	95%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Executive Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

January 2023	
16/1/23	Reception and Year 6 children height and weight checks
19/1/23	Promotional School Dinner – Chinese New Year
February 2023	
w/c 6/2/23	Parent / Teacher / Child consultations
10/2/23	Break-up for February half term
20/2/23	School open
March 2023	
31/3/23	Break-up for Easter
April 2023	
17/4/23	School open for the summer term
May 2023	
1/5/23	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for one day
8/5/23	Bank Holiday Monday – King's Coronation
9-12 May 2023	Year 6 SAT week Tuesday – Friday
26/5/23	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

