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## Newsletter 12 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are very much looking forward to the festive period in school. Our Christmas tree is due to be delivered on Wednesday ready for decorating and our Advent Wreath will be here in time for lighting the first candle next week.

### Welcome

We warmly welcome the following children who have started at Dishforth Airfield – Freya and Finley in Year 1 and Nursery and Alissia in Reception.

### 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 were visited by some baby owls. We have been busy making their nests and learning about how owls are nocturnal. We have created nocturnal animal puppets in provision and created a 'shadow show' which involved using torches. Reception have been busy writing CVC words in English and in areas of provision. It has been lovely to see how much progress they are making forming their letter shapes. Nursery have all drawn an owl and their babies using correct pencil grip gaining more strength and control.

**Year 1 and 2:** This week year 1 and 2 have finished the portraits inspired by Picasso and his cubist phase. We have been busy learning our songs for nativity and lots of dance practice too! The children explore uncomfortable feelings in PSCH and what makes them feel better when they are cross or mad and they came up some amazing ideas. In English we have been retelling the story of The Invisible.



**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have had a very busy and sporty week! We have enjoyed taking part in a cross-country competition, developing our tag rugby skills and creating and performing our own gymnastics routines in PE. In Science we have been learning about different bones that are part of the human skeleton and learning about why skeletons are a very important part of our body. In English, we have written the resolutions to our time travel stories and enjoyed sharing them with children in Year 5/6.

**Year 5 and 6:** This week we have been exploring explanation texts. We have read a range of texts and identified the features and we plan to write an explanation text for a pancake making machine! We have also been researching the different planets in our solar system. We began by doing some 'planet speed dating', where the children became a planet and they moved around the room speaking to the different planets and finding out as much information as possible. We are creating an information text about the planets.

### **Flu Immunisation – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December (afternoon)**

All children in Reception to Year 6 can be immunised as long as parents sign up using the link below.

Please see below for the E-consent link for parents/carers.

<https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/northyorkshire>

### **Cross-Country**

On Tuesday, children in Key Stage 2 took part in a cross-country competition alongside other schools in the local area. The children were fantastic and demonstrated lots of resilience and determination. The races were long but they all did so well and had huge smiles on their faces at the end! We were so proud of how the children beautifully encouraged and supported their peers - well done to everyone!

Also, we have been given some wristbands to give to children who demonstrated excellent resilience and support to their peers – well done to the following children:

Jessica, Evie, Isla, Bobby (Y6), Theo, Peter, Anthony

### **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 10<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.

### **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:

- An email will be sent to all families via Scholar Pack
- A direct message will be sent to the Scholar Pack App
- 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 direct from the class teacher.**

### **Reception Starters for September 2024**

Parents and carers who have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2024 need to submit an application by the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### **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.**

### **PE Days this half term**

PE Kits are needed on the following days:

**EYFS: Wednesday and Friday**  
**Year 1 and 2: Tuesday and Thursday**  
**Year 3 and 4: Tuesday and Thursday**  
**Year 5 and 6: Wednesday (swimming) and Friday**



### PE Kit

A reminder that now the weather is turning a bit cooler, the children can wear a tracksuit for PE in either black or navy (plain).

### Keep in touch – School Facebook Page

Please ensure you are signed up to the school Facebook page so that we can get in touch with families quickly.

### ParentPay

Breakfast and After school club, swimming, school meals and nursery fees are put on Parent Pay at the end of every week. Please can we remind families to check their account on ParentPay and make sure bills are paid as soon as possible.

### School Dinners

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 can have a school dinner free of charge.

The price for a school dinner for children in Years 3-6 is £3.32 per meal (£16.60 per week). The cost for the month of **November** is **£63.08**.

Children in Nursery can order a school dinner and the cost of their meal is £2.10

### 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.

### 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)



## Christmas Events 2023

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.

### Christmas Cards

Children can bring their Christmas cards into school for special Dishforth Airfield delivery! Please can children bring their cards into school and post them in the special post box from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December - please ensure envelopes are named correctly and have the class written on!





## Nativity Plays

There are two Nativity plays this year, one by EYFS called 'The Nativity!' and Year 1 and 2 are presenting the Nativity through the story of 'Shine Star Shine'.

EYFS Nativity is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10am



Year 1 and 2 Nativity is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon – time is to be confirmed.



## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 8<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.

## Carol Singing – Year 5

Year 5 children are going to Boroughbridge Manor Care Home on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December to sing carols and spread festive joy to the residents.

## School Christingle



On Wednesday 20<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 20<sup>th</sup> December**



### **School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch – order in advance**

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December; this meal will need to be ordered in advance and the **deadline is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Roast Turkey, Christmas Chipolatas  
and Seasonal Stuffing  
or  
Cheesy Leek Croquette (v)**

**With  
Mrs Claus' Roast or Mashed Potatoes  
Rudolph's favourite Gravy  
A Merry Mix of Seasonal Vegetables**

**Followed by**

**The Elves' Hand Decorated  
Chocolate Orange Christmas Cookie**

## **Christmas Party afternoon – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

On Thursday 21<sup>st</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 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, school closes early for Christmas at 2.30pm.

## **PTA Christmas fundraising - December 2023:**

### **Christmas Hampers - donations**

Christmas time is almost upon us and we are excited to introduce this year's rainbow Christmas hamper raffle! We are asking for your support by donating items that can be made into Christmas hampers. We would be very grateful if you could send contributions into class with your children by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December so that the hampers can be made up ready for our Christmas raffle draw on 14<sup>th</sup> December. We have chosen colours for each class and ask for your donations to match the colour of the class your child is in. Donations can be anything such as sweets, chocolate, toiletries,



pamper products, tea, coffee, a bottle of something to drink, festive snacks etc. Please could we ask that you try to check the best before dates on any perishable items is after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

**Nursery/ Reception: Red**

**Year 1/2: Green**

**Year 3/4: Pink**

**Year 5/6: Blue**

Tickets for the raffle will be on sale from December – more information will follow on how and where to buy these shortly. Thank you so much for your continued support in raising money for our school.



### **Jingle Jars - donations**

As we are getting into the Christmas spirit, we are asking for donations of 'Jingle jars'. These are empty jam jars that have been filled with treats e.g. mini sweets, mini chocolates, bath salts, wax melts, mini colouring pencils and activity books etc – anything you can fit into a jar that you think others would enjoy! All jingle jar donations will be collected and sold at school on our Christmas stall in December and all money raised will be for our school. Please could all jingle jar donations be handed in to Mrs Watts in the school office **by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Thank you!

### **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 a kind, caring and helpful member of our class. Their caring nature is seen daily and they are a lovely friend to many children.

In lessons, this person is trying incredibly hard with their learning and they are not phased by challenge! Their resilience is building and they are putting their hand up more in class.

This person is always one of the first to be ready and listening for the next instruction.

Congratulations and well done to ...

Aaron!



## Ribbons



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is putting lots of effort into both her reading and maths. She is wanting to challenge herself in areas of provision and has gained so much more confidence speaking and performing in front of others. Well done Isla!

**Year 1 / 2** - This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been completing some amazing learning, they have been able to exchange and combine in maths using drawings to support their learning. They have written using adjectives and conjunctions. We have watched you mature and grow - keep up the hard work. Well done Lily!

**Year 3 / 4** –The ribbon this week goes to someone who had demonstrated super resilience and determination during cross country but also in other areas of the curriculum. We have been impressed with this person's focus on their writing and with how they strive to achieve their best. Keep up the great work, Bobby!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is really starting to find her feet in year 5/6. This person is contributing more in lessons, is asking thoughtful questions and is support her peers in the classroom. They work hard in lesson and always aim to do their best with each piece of work. Well done to Imogen!

## Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they are always there for me and always help me. They never give up when things get hard – they always have a smile on their face. They work hard in everything.

The values award goes to Lyla who was nominated by Eliana and Jessica.

Well done, Lyla!





## Attendance

### Weekly Attendance

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

Good attendance is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. Nationwide research has shown that the pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have had higher rates of attendance throughout primary school, compared to those with the lowest attainment. The government aims for all pupils to have a minimum of 95% attendance across the school year, and any child with less than 90% attendance is recorded as a persistent absentee. Here is our school's current overview of attendance:

Week commencing 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2023			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
95%	97%	96%	99%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Executive Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>December 2023</b>	
<b>1/12/23</b>	<b>Flu immunisation - afternoon</b>
<b>6/12/23</b>	EYFS Nativity at 10am
<b>8/12/23</b>	Christmas Jumper Day – children can wear a Christmas jumper for a donation which will go to Save the Children
<b>13/12/23</b>	Last swim for Year 5 and 6 children
<b>14/12/23</b>	Year 1 and 2 Nativity – afternoon – time TBC
<b>19/12/23</b>	Year 5 and 6 theatre trip to Leeds Playhouse to see ‘Oliver!’
<b>20/12/23</b>	Christmas School Dinner Christingle Service
<b>21/12/23</b>	Christmas Party afternoon (children to bring party clothes into school to change into)
<b>22/12/23</b>	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm
<b>January 2024</b>	
<b>8/1/24</b>	Training Day
<b>9/1/24</b>	School open for the spring term
<b>10/1/24</b>	Year 3 and 4 swimming at Thirsk Pool
<b>15/1/24</b>	Year 5 and 6 children – Forest Schools – 3 afternoons
<b>22/1/24</b>	
<b>29/1/24</b>	
<b>February 2024</b>	



9/2/24	Break-up for February half-term
19/2/24	School open
March 2024	
20/3/24	Year 3 and 4 – last swim
21/3/24	Year 3 and 4 children Murton Park Year 5 and 6 children Murton Park  Year 1 and 2 – Fire of London workshop
22/3/24	Break-up for Easter at 2.30pm
April 2024	
8/4/24	Training Day
9/4/24	School open for the summer 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

