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Dear Parents / Carers,

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

Year 1 and 2 are performing their Nativity on Thursday afternoon **at 2.15pm** and Year 5 are Carol Singing on Friday at Boroughbridge Manor Care Home.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Christmas fundraising events this year – the jingle jars sold out straight away! The raffle for our Christmas Hampers will be drawn on Thursday and there will also be refreshments and hot chocolate cones on sale after school both this Thursday and the following one (21st December).

Welcome

Welcome to Maxi who has started at Dishforth Airfield Primary in Year 5.

Class News:

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

EYFS: What an amazing Nativity this week! The children have put so much effort into their performances we are all so proud of them. Our class elf has treated the children to some cakes to enjoy in class to congratulate them on their singing and acting skills. Well done Early Years! We have created the Nativity scene in our English books and Reception have written a caption to match parts of the story. We have also enjoyed some drama when reading the story, the 'snowman' the children were great at acting out the part where the little boy sees the snow out of his window.

Year 1 and 2: This week Year 1 and 2 have been super busy rehearsing our Nativity. The children have been amazing at learning their lines, dances and actions. They have been working on shape in Maths recognising and naming 2D and 3D shapes and knowing their different properties. In history



we have been comparing homes in the past with homes today. In computing we have been very resilient making eBooks – especially when the program kept crashing!

Year 3 and 4: It has been another busy week in Year 3/4! We have enjoyed learning a new piece of music on the glockenspiels in music - we are really pleased with how well we played. In Science, we have enjoyed planning an investigation for pattern seeking and found out lots of interesting patterns. We found out that your foot is often the same length as your lower arm and that often, people with longer femurs could jump further!

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been using mod roc to cover our wire structures. We made the person out of thin wire before covering it in chicken wire. We will be using acrylic paint to decorate the dolls next week along with the weaving which will create an outfit. We also learnt about day and night in science and how the sun appears to move across the sky but it is actually the Earth moving.

Spring Term Menu

Attached to this newsletter is the Spring Term Menu for school dinners for your information.

Year 6 Information session for parents / carers regarding SAT assessments

On Thursday 18th January at 3.30pm in the school hall, Miss Newton will be holding a parent / carer information session about the Year 6 SAT assessments. Please can all Year 6 parents and children attend this – thank you.

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 10th 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 15th 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).

PE Days for after Christmas

When the children return in January for the spring term, PE days will be as follows:

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



Forest Schools – starting Monday 15th January for Year 5 and 6

Miss Rachel Hunt is back at Dishforth Airfield Primary School as our Forest School teacher for this year! Forest Schools will take place on a Monday afternoon for the full afternoon for three weeks for each class at some point in the year.

Here is a message from Miss Hunt:

Hello! I am delighted to be able to deliver Forest School sessions to all year groups over the course of the 2023 - 24 academic year. Forest School is child led, outdoor learning where children can learn a variety of skills from wood craft to fire lighting and challenge themselves to take risks whilst learning to respect and care for the natural world around them.

You can expect your child to get messy as we will be outdoors in all weathers so, please make sure that they bring clothes for every weather for every session. Ideally: wellies or walking boots; waterproof jacket and trousers or all in ones and a sun hat or woolly hat dependent on the temperature. I will provide safety gloves, but warm preferably waterproof gloves should be sent in the colder months.

Year 5 and 6 will have Forest Schools first on Monday 15th, 22nd and 29th January in the afternoon. Please bring the outdoor clothing and footwear above in a named bag.

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.

High-Viz Belts – Safety Walking Home

We have been lucky to have received some high-viz belts for the children from 6 Regiment camp, for the children safety when walking home. Year 5 and 6 have received theirs first then we will be given them out to each year group. The children can put them on their school bag or their book bag so they can be seen in the dark when walking home.

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



Christmas Events 2023

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 - please ensure envelopes are named correctly and have the class written on!

Nativity Plays

Year 1 and 2 are presenting the Nativity through the story of 'Shine Star Shine' this week.

Year 1 and 2 Nativity is on Thursday 14th December in the afternoon at **2.15pm**.



Carol Singing – Year 5

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



School Christingle

On Wednesday 20th 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 20th December

School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch – order in advance

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 20th December; this meal will need to be ordered in advance. **The deadline has passed.**

**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 21st December

On Thursday 21st 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 22nd December

On Friday 22nd December, school closes early for Christmas at 2.30pm.

PTA Christmas fundraising - December 2023:

Christmas Hampers - donations



Thank you for all your donations for the Christmas Hampers!

Tickets for the raffle are still on sale and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday.

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 really excelled in using their personal and social skills.

This person has developed great listening skills and has made some great contributions to lessons.

In a time of need during the Nativity this person was able to step in and give 100% You were amazing in the Nativity!

A pleasure to have in the school.

Congratulations and well done to ...

Lottie!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is putting a lot of effort in their writing and independent work. They have a 'I can' attitude when given a task which is showing she is ready to challenge herself. Well done Aurora!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is a delight to have in our class. They have a lovely personality and are a great friend. This person is prepared to give everything a try and will challenge themselves in their learning. Keep up the hard work. Well done, Georgina!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has a super attitude towards their learning. They are also a kind and caring member of our class. They demonstrate resilience and



determination in all that they do and I am really impressed the progress they have made since joining us. Keep up your excellent work. Well done to Rowan!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had an impressive term. This person has worked hard in lessons, challenges themselves daily and is kind and helpful. Well done to Pippa!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they let me join in with all of their games and they are a good friend.

The values award goes to Amelia-May who was nominated by Mairi.

Well done, Amelia -May!

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 4th December 2023

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
93%	87%	90%	98%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon



Diary Dates

December 2023	
13/12/23	Last swim for Year 5 and 6 children
14/12/23	Year 1 and 2 Nativity at 2.15pm
15/12/23	Year 5 Carol Singing at Boroughbridge Manor Care Home
19/12/23	Year 5 and 6 theatre trip to Leeds Playhouse to see 'Oliver!'
20/12/23	Christmas School Dinner Christingle Service
21/12/23	Christmas Party afternoon (children to bring party clothes into school to change into)
22/12/23	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm
January 2024	
8/1/24	Training Day
9/1/24	School open for the spring term
10/1/24	Year 3 and 4 swimming at Thirsk Pool
15/1/24	Year 5 and 6 children – Forest Schools – 3 afternoons
22/1/24	
29/1/24	
18/1/24	Year 6 Parents SAT information session at 3.30pm in the school hall
February 2024	
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

