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Newsletter 16 Tuesday 9th January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and happy start to the New Year. It is lovely to see the children back in school and hearing about their festivities.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to the following children who are starting with us this week:

Catherine and George – Nursery

Anisha – Reception

Mes – Year 1

Alina – Year 3

Class News:

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

EYFS: What a fun filled week we have had in Early Years! We have been very busy making Christmas crafts and decorations, playing board games and puzzles with our friends. We have enjoyed many Christmas stories and learnt a new song "Here comes Santa" the children have absolutely loved this and have even added their own verses. The children have enjoyed making Christingles for our Christingle service and have had a lovely time at our Christmas party.

Year 1 and 2: This week Year 1 / 2 have been very busy creating festive baubles. Finishing their Art projects to create calendars and completing their DT project on sliders. We think the children have been super creative and have produced some amazing work. They enjoyed making and celebrating Christingle and having their Christmas party.



Year 3 and 4: This week we have finished making our DT Maze projects and our final pieces in art. We have been evaluating both of these pieces of work, thinking carefully about which skills we have developed, what went well and what we found challenging. We have also enjoyed bringing together our work in music to learn both 'Mama Mia' and 'Jingle Bells' on the glockenspiels.

Year 5 and 6: Year 5/6 have had a wonderful final week of term! We have been busy finishing our art and DT project where we have made a Maya doll using wire and Modroc. We finished off the dolls without Maya weaving as an outfit and a little felt hat to finish the look. We also had an incredible trip to see 'Oliver' at Leeds Play House. It was an incredible experience for everyone!

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.

PE Days this half term

Children can wear a plain black or navy tracksuit or shorts, plain white t-shirt and trainers. PE days are as follows for this half term:

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

Swimming Year 3 and 4 – tomorrow



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 3 and Year 4 children start on tomorrow.** 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.

Clubs

A letter detailing spring term clubs will be sent out in due course. The Sporting Influence club begins on Tuesday 16th January and it is Multi-Skills Club for Year 1+2. There are 14 places available.



Curriculum Newsletter

Spring term curriculum newsletters outlining what the children will be learning about this term will be sent home later this week.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this newsletter the January edition of the online safety newsletter. There are useful features included in this, particularly if any children have recently received a new device.

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.**

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.

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 **January** is **£56.44**.

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

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 helpful, kind, thoughtful and hardworking member of our class.

We are so impressed with how this person has settled in here and they are really starting to show us what they can do!

This person is always offering to help staff with jobs and their peers with tasks in class.

Keep being amazing! We love having you as part of our class and school!

Congratulations and well done to ...

Alfie!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone is putting lots of effort into her phonics work. She is practicing her sounds during her independent learning time. She is making excellent progress because of the effort she puts in. Well done Ava!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who we love having in our class. This person always has a smile on their face and tries their hardest with their learning. They are using their listening skills more and are an absolute pleasure to teach. Well done Freya!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working really hard on their maths homework - we have been so impressed with the resilience and dedication they have shown. Keep up the super work. Well done to Penny!



Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who arrives every morning at school with a smile on their face. This person's hard-working attitude is paying off and they are making great progress with their learning. We love having this person in our class as they bring us joy every day! Well done to Harry!

Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because she always makes me smile and Laugh and she tries her best in everything.

The values award goes to Paige who was nominated by Kelsey.

Well done, Paige!



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 18th December 2023

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
92%	87%	90%	97%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates



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 22/1/24 29/1/24	Year 5 and 6 children – Forest Schools – 3 afternoons
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

