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Newsletter 4 Monday 23rd September 2019

Dear Parents,

After last week's beautiful weather, we can now embrace autumn! Please can all children have a coat with them every day – thank you.

Class News

FS1/FS2 – This week we have been going on a bear hunt!

Y1 – This week we have been learning about one more and one less in maths and the adventures of Cotton wool Colin. Colin is a small mouse who wants to do more than his mum will allow.

Y2 – This week we have been writing instructions for growing plants.

Y3/4 – This week we have loved exploring friction in science. We had great fun in carrying out our investigation.

Y5/6 – This week we have started our whole class reading book, 'The Wolf Wilder'. We can't wait to find out what happens in the next chapter.

Buzz and Trim Trail

The Trim Trail and Buzz tower are only to be used at playtimes and lunchtimes when staff are supervising. Please can I politely remind families that the equipment is not to be used before and after school. The Trim Trail is designed for children in year 1 and above and is not open to children below this age.

New gym equipment

As I'm sure you will have seen, we have had our new gym equipment installed on the school field this week. This equipment is for children in Years 3-6 only and is only to be used at break times and lunchtimes with a member of staff supervising. The children have been taught how to use it safely today. Please refrain from allowing any children on this equipment before and after school – thank you.

PTA meeting – Tuesday 24th September at 2pm

There is a PTA meeting tomorrow at 2pm in Dandelions room – all are welcome. Please come along and join us.

New School Library – request for family reading photos

We are pleased to announce that our new school library is almost ready! Staff have been very busy labelling the books and scanning them in to our new lending system. We are just putting the finishing touches to it before we open it to all the children. We would love to get a photo of each child sharing a story with someone to put on our 'share a story' display. This could be a picture of a family member reading a story to your child or it could be a picture of your child sharing a story with younger siblings. Please could you email photos to office@dishforthairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk or give them to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support.



Clubs

Clubs begin this week, **commencing 23rd September and will finish week ending the 29th November.**

Aldi Stickers

We are collecting the Aldi's Kit for Schools stickers so if you have any please send them in!

Mrs Luke- charity walk

This weekend Mrs Luke raised funds for The Gurkha Welfare Trust by taking part in the Trailwalker challenge. This was a 100km walk across the South Downs starting in Portsmouth and finishing in Brighton. Mrs Luke demonstrated our school values of commitment and resilience as the walk took 30 hours through the night!

Flu Immunisation – Rec-Year 6 Thursday 24th October

The children at school can be immunised against flu on the 24th October. This is a national immunisation programme in schools open to all children in Reception – Year 6. In order for your child to be immunised, a paper consent form needs to be filled in and returned to school **by Friday 27th September. The consent form will be sent home today with each child.**

Nursery children need to be immunised at the GP surgery as this is not open to nursery children in schools.

School Dinners

We are so lucky to have such a wonderful cook in our school kitchen with Mrs Crabtree. Mrs Crabtree has reviewed the three weeks that make up the autumn term menu and has made a few amendments. Please see below:

Week 2:

Monday - the pudding will now be cake of the day

Tuesday – the pizza will be the original cheese and tomato pizza

Thursday – the main meal will now be Roast Chicken dinner

Week 3:

Thursday – the pudding will now be Pineapple shortbread with ice-cream

Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 can still order a school dinner and have a packed lunch to encourage them to try different foods – there will be no charge to parents, the dinner just needs to be ordered on the day.

School Dinner Special Events:

Children's Choice

On Thursday 3rd October, we will be having a 'Children's Choice' day where the school dinner option is: Hot dog in a homemade bun with curly fries, mixed salad and coleslaw followed by fruit jelly and ice-cream. This will be offered to every child in Reception and KS1. KS2 children (Y3-6) can order as normal on the day.

Bonfire Meal – order in advance – letter to follow

On Tuesday 5th November we will be celebrating Bonfire night with a special meal of sausage and chips with beans and sweetcorn followed by a treacle bite biscuit (jacket potato option will still be available). This meal will need to be ordered in advance, keep an eye out for a letter home in book bags!

Christmas Lunch – order in advance – letter to follow

Advance notice that we will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 18th December. There will be no jacket potato option on that day; this meal will need to be ordered in advance. More details closer to the date!

Virtual Reality

On Friday 11th October, all children in Key Stage 2 will be taking part in a virtual reality workshop run by a company called Prime VR. This is a really exciting and different way of delivering aspects of our topic curriculum where the children get the opportunity to experience different periods of history through virtual reality software. School will contribute to part of the payment for this and we will be asking key stage 2 parents for a small contribution of £2.50 as well. Year 3/4 will be taking part in a Roman virtual reality and Year 5/6 will be taking part in a Vikings virtual reality. We know the children will be really excited to tell you all about it!



Keeping our environment clean and safe

At this time of year, there are a lot of wasps around so we have covered up the bins outside in an effort to minimise the numbers of wasps in the playground. During school time, we collect up rubbish and fruit peelings/skins and dispose of them in our bins in school.

Please can we ask that if children have any snacks or drinks on the way to or from school that they either put the rubbish in the bins in school or take it home with them - not only will this hopefully reduce the numbers of wasps, it keeps our environment safe and clean.

North Yorkshire County Music Service

The County Music Service can provide tuition to pupils in a wide variety of instruments including: **Brass**: trumpet, trombone; **Woodwind**; clarinet, flute, oboe, saxophone; **Strings**; violin, viola, cello; **Guitars**; classical, acoustic, electric; **Voice** and **Keyboard/Piano**.

There are leaflets available in school Reception providing information about instrumental and vocal tuition and how to apply for lessons.

Parents can contact the North Yorkshire Music Service directly to find out more about lessons that can be provided and how to apply via their website www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk, or email MusicServiceTuitionRequests@northyorks.gov.uk or call 01609 532783.

The website includes details of the tuition fees and information about benefits which will qualify for remissions.

Makaton in school

We have a growing number of children in school who are using Makaton support their communication. During assemblies, we are continuing on developing some basic signs.

This week's sign is

Here is a link to the sign of the week. <https://wetalkmakaton.org/>



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Bikes & Scooters

Children are welcome to ride these to school in a safe, considerate manner wearing a helmet. Once they arrive at the school gate, we ask that they dismount at the first gate and then park them in the cycle/scooter rack provided. **They are not to ride them in the school drive or playground at any time for safety reasons – thank you.**

Collecting children at 3.15pm

If you have arranged for another person to collect your child / children from school, then please ensure you have communicated this to the class teacher and / or the office staff otherwise we won't let them leave school!

PE

FS2 (Reception) – please have PE kit every day. Monday and Friday are focused sessions.

Year 1 – Tuesday (PE), Thursday (dance)

Year 2 – Wednesday (swimming) and Thursday (PE - dance)

Year 3 / 4 – Tuesday (PE) and Friday (PE)

Year 5 / 6 – Wednesday (swimming) and Friday (PE)

School Uniform

Just a reminder about full school uniform: navy blue jumper, red or white polo shirt, dark grey or black trousers or skirts and school shoes – **no trainers of any kind to be worn in school**. Jewellery is not allowed in school except for watches. **Ear-rings must be studs or small sleepers and they must be removed for P.E. and swimming or covered with a plaster. Please label all uniform and PE kits.**

Parent Volunteers

We always welcome parental support and help in school. If you feel that you may be able to help in school in any way such as: hearing readers, making resources, taking a small group for sewing or craft activities, please speak to your child's class teacher.

School Dinners

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of September is £55.00 (for 20 meals). Please ensure your Parent Pay account is up to date and we advise that credit is put onto the account at the start of each month. An autumn term menu is on the back of this newsletter for your information.

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.

Parent Away

Please do let your child's class teacher know if a parent is away from home so that we can offer additional support. Parent Away Club is run by Mrs Cunane on Thursday lunchtime and is available to children if they wish to attend.

Dandelions - Advance Notice

Due to staff training, Dandelions afterschool club will be closed on Wednesday **13th November due to whole staff Safeguarding training**. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Diary Dates

September	
w/b 23/9/19	Clubs start
24/9/19	PTA meeting in Dandelions at 2pm – all welcome
October	
3/10/19	Change to dinner menu – hot dog in a homemade bun with curly fries
4/10/19	Red, white and blue day – non-uniform £1 donation – PTA event after school
10/10/19	Fiji Day
11/10/19	Virtual Reality workshop for children in Years 3-6
17/10/19	Harvest Festivals (TBC) KS1 and EYFS in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon. PTA event after school.

22/10/19	Parent / Child / Teacher consultations
24/10/19	Flu Immunisation for children in Reception –Year 6 – consent needed
24/10/19	PTA event – Halloween Disco
25/10/19	Break-up for October half term at 3.15pm
November	
4/11/19	School open
5/11/19	Special promotion school dinner – sausage, chips and beans – needs ordering in advance
5/11/19	NSPCC talks to KS1 then KS2 followed by a workshop for Year 5/6 children
8/11/19	Year 5 and 6 children to Ripon Cathedral for Service children service
13/11/19	Dandelions after school club will be closed due to staff training
w/e 29/11/19	Clubs finish
December	
5/12/19	EYFS Nativity (TBC)
10/12/19	KS1 Nativity (TBC)
12/12/19	Whole school trip to The Rainbow Factory in Leeds
16/12/19	School Christingle
18/12/19	Last swim for Y2, 5 and 6 Christmas School Dinner – order in advance
19/12/19	Christmas Parties
20/12/19	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm
January 2020	
6/1/20	Training Day
7/1/20	School open for the spring term
8/1/20	Swimming for children in Years 1, 3 and 4

AWARDS

Celebration Assembly

On Friday afternoon, 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 a fantastic attitude for learning. They are conscientious and always put their best effort in. They have an inquisitive mind and have asked some super questions already this year which has really extended our learning.

Well done to Marley Ingram!



Ribbons



FS1 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working really hard in the art area. Well done, Daisy-Mae!

FS2 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has been trying really hard in phonics. Well done, Immanuel!

Year 1 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has impressed us with their determination and fantastic attitude to their learning. Well done, Tess Savage!

Year 2 – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has put in a lot of effort in their writing. Well done to Teddy Graham!

Year 3 – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has really impressed me with their independence and determination in all lessons. Well done, Millie-Mae!

Year 4 – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has worked incredibly hard to write a wonderful setting description. Well done to Jessie!

Year 5 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled in so well. They are hard working and a super addition to Year 5/6. Well done, Maizi Howes!

Year 6 – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has really impressed us with their hard work and determination in all subjects. Well done, Mercy Ingram!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Harry May who was nominated by Eliora.

Harry has shown respect by being kind.

Well done, Harry.



Attendance

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

Week Commencing 16th September 2019

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
99%	93%	96%	97%	99%

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon

Head Teacher