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## Newsletter 1 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful first week back last week which culminated in the whole school topic launch of 'Once upon a time...'. The whole school enjoyed a Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Friday afternoon after exploring the story of Alice in Wonderland. In assembly, we saw some beautiful miniature gardens and heard some fantastic descriptive writing.

### Class News

**FS1/FS2** – We have enjoyed reading the story of Alice in Wonderland and using oil pastels to create colourful illustrations.

**Y1** – This week we have dived into the world of Alice in Wonderland and created some fantastic character descriptions.

**Y2** – This week we have been creating miniature gardens like the ones found in Alice in Wonderland.

**Y3/4** – This week we have loved exploring the story of Alice in Wonderland to launch our whole school topic.

**Y5/6** – This week we have been reading Alice in Wonderland and using our creative vocabulary to describe the moment Alice fell down the hole!

### Swimming - September



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 children start on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September.** 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.

After Christmas children in Years 1, 3 and 4 will go swimming.

The cost of swimming will remain at **£3.50 each week**, this still has to be paid even if your child misses a swimming lesson as we still have to pay for the bus, pool hire and swimming instructors. Payments must be made on your Parent Pay account.

### Homework

Homework begins this week. This was outlined in last week's newsletter and is also on the curriculum letters which were sent home. To support homework, we are sending out with this newsletter tips for helping your child learn their spellings and also a maths booklet for parents which shows the learning in maths for the year. Both of these documents are on our website as well and if you would like a paper copy then please request this through your child's class teacher. If you would like any further help with homework and how best to help your child, then please see the class teacher.

School has purchased Spelling Shed which is a computer based package to support children learning to spell. Further information will be sent home about this and Mrs Luke will be showing it to the children in assembly this week.

## 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](mailto:office@dishforthairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk) or give them to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support.

## Virtual Reality

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 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!

## 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 they are 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.

## Clubs

A separate club letter went out on Friday regarding clubs. The deadline for handing the forms in is this Friday (13<sup>th</sup>). Week commencing the 16<sup>th</sup> September letters will go out confirming which clubs children are in. Clubs begin **week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> September and will finish week ending the 29<sup>th</sup> November.**

## 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

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS THEIR PE KIT IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY WITH A PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRT, NAVY / BLACK SHORTS AND TRAINERS.** As the weather turns colder, a plain navy or black tracksuit can be worn and I would also recommend a lightweight waterproof jacket. PE can take place in most weathers outside if children have the correct clothing!

**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 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.

## **Music Service – Instrumental Information**

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

Parents can also go direct to the North Yorkshire Music Hub website to find out about the lessons that can be provided and use the online form to apply for lessons.

[www.northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk](http://www.northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk)

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

## **School Uniform**

The children look very smart in school wearing their uniform – a lot of shiny shoes! 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.**

## **Playtime Snack**

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 receive a free fruit snack every day which is Government funded. Children in Year 3-6 can bring a piece of fruit in from home to keep in the classroom for playtime. **I strongly recommend that you send fruit in for children in Year 3-6 as they have a long morning and often need a snack. Please can this be put in their book bag and not their packed lunch box as it is easier for them to access at break time – thank you.**

## **Milk**

Children under 5 are entitled to Free Milk. Older children can also receive milk (at a charge) and orders are needed by yourself through the Cool Milk website. Forms are available outside the office in the foyer.

## **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.

## **Free Family Story Sacks Course for Nursery Children**

NYCC will be running a set of exciting and fun family learning courses at school during the Autumn Term. The course is free and is a fun way of parents and children to spend time together learning a new skill or just having fun.

The Story Sack course will run from **17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 for 5 weeks** and your child can take part in class activities and create resources to add to a story sack featuring their favourite book. If you are interested in coming along to this course, please let the office know and we will register your interest.

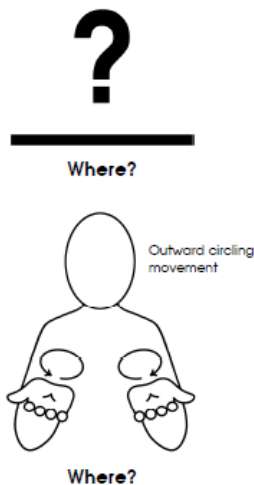
### **Dandelions - Advance Notice**

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

### **Makaton in school**

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

This week's sign is 'where?'



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

### **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.

### **Reading Information session for EYFS parents**

On Wednesday 18th September, Mrs Dixon will be holding a reading information session specifically for Reception parents. This session will explain how we teach reading in school and will provide some ideas for parents to enable them to support new readers at home. The session will be held in the EYFS classroom and will start at 2.45. All are welcome, please see Mrs Dixon for further details.

### **Diary Dates**

<b>September</b>	
11/9/19	First swim to Thirsk for Years 2, 5 and 6
18/9/19	Reading information session for EYFS parents with Mrs Dixon at 2.45pm in the EYFS classroom
w/b 23/9/19	Clubs start
<b>October</b>	
4/10/19	Red, white and blue day – non-uniform £1 donation

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
22/10/19	Parent / Child / Teacher consultations
25/10/19	Break-up for October half term at 3.15pm
<b>November</b>	
4/11/19	School open
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 <b>after school club</b> will be closed due to staff training
w/e 29/11/19	Clubs finish
<b>December</b>	
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
19/12/19	Christmas Parties
20/12/19	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm
<b>January 2020</b>	
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 started year 3 with a fantastic learning attitude. This person has set a super example and is a fantastic role model. We are very lucky to have them in our class.

Well done and congratulations to, Kyra Robinson!



### Ribbons



**FS1** – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled into school really well and has been trying new things. Well done, Jake Nosworthy.

**FS2** – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed us with his confidence this week. Well done, Lucas Parker.

**Year 1** – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed us with his attitude to learning and his enthusiasm which is infectious. Well done, Devin Sunuwar.

**Year 2** – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has made a super start to their time at Dishforth Airfield. Well done, Maddison Cane.

**Year 3** – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has really impressed us during teamwork activities. Well done to Alexia Fuller.

**Year 4** – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has started Year 4 with a fantastic learning attitude.

Well done to Dylan Haggart.

**Year 5** – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled into Year 5 really well and he has been contributing in lessons. Well done, Josh Tavo.

**Year 6** – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has come into school every morning with a big smile and he has impressed us with his attitude towards learning. Well done, Morgan Cain.

**Values in Action**

Our Values Award will begin next week.

**Attendance**

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

Week Commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
100%	91%	97%	100%	100%

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon

Head Teacher