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Newsletter 5 Monday 30th September 2019

Dear Parents,

Red White and Blue day – Friday 4th October

This Friday we will be taking part in Red White and Blue Day to support the Armed Forces. Children can wear non-uniform in these colours and bring in £1 donation.

Red, White & Blue Day is an annual fundraising campaign that raises money for ABF The Soldiers' Charity, The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity and The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund.

Class News

FS1/FS2 – This week we have been reading the story 'Harold and the Purple Crayon' and we have been writing our own stories.

Y1 – This week we have been learning about skeletons and had great fun building them using cotton buds. We've also loved using the Doctor's Surgery role play.

Y2 – This week we have started our whole class reading book, 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' and we created our own dragon descriptions.

Y3/4 – This week we have been developing our DT skills by exploring moving mechanisms, ready to create our own moving picture books!

Y5/6 – This week we have been looking at the different planets in our solar system and creating some graphs to represent the data we collected.

New Website Launch

A new Dishforth Airfield Primary School website will be launched later this week – we will let you know the day it goes live! The new website will be compatible and easy to use on all mobile devices.

School Photograph Day – Tuesday 8th October

School Photographs are being taken on Tuesday 8th October. As with previous years the family photographs are to be taken first from 8.30am, these are for children in school who have siblings who are not at school. If this applies to you, please come to school for 8.30am to have your children photographed together. Individual photographs and siblings who come to this school will be taken during the school morning.



School Dinner Special Events:

Children's Choice – Yorkshire Hotdog Day – this Thursday!

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 – letters being sent out this week

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).

Roast Dinner Day – menu change

Wednesday 13th November is Roast Dinner Day and the menu for this day will be Roast Chicken with stuffing, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots followed by stick toffee pudding and custard.

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!

Harvest

We will be holding two Harvest Festivals this year on Thursday 17th October. FS2, Year 1 and 2 will have their Harvest Festival at 9.30am
Year 3-6 will have their Harvest Festival at 2.30pm.

After the Harvest Festivals, there will be a cake bake sale and café. Please send in donations for the cake bake sale on Thursday 17th October (nut free).



Parent / Child / Teacher consultations – Tuesday 22nd October

A letter is being sent home today for parents to fill in regarding a preferred time slot for the consultation evening on the 22nd October. Please send the slip back into school as soon as possible so the class teachers can organise timings for the evening. A confirmation slip will be sent out closer to the time.

EYFS - recycling project

On the 11th of October, EYFS are very excited to be welcoming Miss Figg and Miss Dixon who are coming in to school to talk to the children about single use plastics and recycling. As part of their work with the children they will be showing them how to make 'eco-bricks' which we will then use to create a fantastic new planter for our outdoor area. We would be very grateful for any donations of clean, empty 1 litre plastic bottles and thin plastic packaging (ie the type that is used to wrap bunches of bananas). Please bring any donations to the EYFS classroom. We look forward to sharing what we create with you! A huge thank you to Miss Figg and Miss Dixon for giving up their time to work with the children.

Emotion Coaching drop-ins with Mrs Dixon

In school we use emotion coaching to support children to develop their emotional literacy and navigate problems independently. This approach is founded in research and has proven to be very effective at supporting children to regulate and recognise their own emotions and behaviours. Previously the whole staff team was lucky enough to receive training in emotion coaching from the North Yorkshire County Council Educational Psychology department which has been tailored specifically to support service children and the challenges they may face. We are delighted that we are able to continue to pass this training on to you. Mrs Dixon has run a successful programme for parents in the past and is happy to continue to provide 'drop in' support for anyone who feels that they might benefit from emotion coaching at home. The dates are listed below and all sessions will be held in the EYFS classrooms. All are welcome, if you have any questions or would like to arrange another meeting then please feel free to speak to Mrs Dixon at any point.

Emotion coaching drop-ins are scheduled on the following dates:

Thursday 14th November

Thursday 23rd January

Thursday 19th March

Thursday 14th May

Thursday 9th July

Whole School Trip – Rainbow Factory Leeds –Thursday 12th December

Advance notice – the cost of this trip is going to be £10 per child. This has been subsidised by the fundraising activities over the last year and I am sure will be a memorable day for the children.

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, your paper consent form needs to be filled in and returned to school **by Friday 27th September**.

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

Aldi Stickers

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

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 October

Here is a link to the sign of the week.

<https://wetalkmakaton.org/>



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

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.

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

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
8/10/19	Individual School Photograph Day
10/10/19	Fiji Day
11/10/19	Virtual Reality workshop for children in Years 3-6
17/10/19	Harvest Festivals: Reception-Year 2 morning 9.30am Year 3 – 6 afternoon 2.30pm 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
13/11/19	Roast Dinner Day -Menu change – Roast Chicken and stuffing, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots followed by stick toffee pudding and custard.
14/11/19	Emotion coaching drop-in 3.15pm
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
23/1/20	Emotion coaching drop-in 3.15pm

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 is having a super start to the year. They are hard-working, kind and enthusiastic in the classroom. This person has impressed us with their attitude towards their work and is setting a fantastic example to the rest of the class.



Well done, Save Turagabeci!

Ribbons



FS1 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has been sharing his ideas and speaking up. Well done, Elwyn!

FS2 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has been trying really hard with reading and phonics. Well done, Sebastian!

Year 1 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working really hard with everything they do. They are extremely helpful at tidy up time. Well done, Lexey!

Year 2 – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who is becoming more independent in their learning. Well done, Camden!

Year 3 – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has completed some super science investigating. Well done, Connor!

Year 4 – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has worked incredibly hard and has had an excellent learning attitude. Well done, Ronnie!

Year 5 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has written an amazing setting description in English. Well done, Leona!

Year 6 – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has worked really hard in maths, particularly on some missing number addition sums. Well done, Lottie!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Kieran Francique who was nominated by Willow Hawley.

Kieran has shown co-operation and respect by being an amazing friend and working with everyone kindly.

Well done, Kieran.



Attendance

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

Week Commencing 23rd September 2019

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
97%	95%	97%	98%	99%

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon
Head Teacher