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Newsletter 8 Monday 21st October 2019

Dear Parents,

It's the end of a very busy half term on Friday at 3.15pm. I hope you all have a super week off and enjoy Halloween – the children are looking forward to it!

Harvest

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported the children in their Harvest Festivals last week. A wide range of music, singing, poetry and drama was seen across the two services – thank you to the children and the staff.

Thank you also to everyone you baked and then bought all the delicious cakes and goodies for the cake stall – we raised a grand total of £108.10 which will be sent to the charity Water Harvest.

Class News

FS1/FS2 – This week we have been learning about the Harvest and thinking about things we are thankful for.

Y1 – This week we have been exploring the world of dinosaurs using all of our senses.

Y2 – This week we have been writing the story of the Little Red Hen which we performed in assembly.

Y3/4 – This week we have been writing a newspaper report in literacy.

Y5/6 – This week we have been working hard in maths. We are practising using long multiplication and having a go at some challenging problems!

Halloween Disco – Thursday 24th October.

The Friends of Dishforth Airfield's Halloween Disco is this Thursday! Children are welcome to wear their party clothes or if they would like to they can dress in Halloween costumes.

The EYFS/KS1 disco is from 5pm to 5.45pm and the KS2 disco is from 6pm to 7pm.

*** May we politely remind you that payment for the disco must be made in advance. Please can you send in payment by Wednesday 23rd October. ***

Parent / Child / Teacher consultations

Just a reminder that the parent/child/teacher consultations will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 22nd October and each appointment will be 10 minutes.

Football Tournament

Unfortunately the football tournament scheduled for today had to be postponed due to a very waterlogged pitch. We will advise of new dates as soon as they have been confirmed.

Poppy Appeal

We are selling items for the Poppy Appeal again this year. Last year the school was very successful and gave one of the highest donations in the local area.

Alongside the traditional poppy there are snap band rulers, reflectors, zip pulls and wristbands. Suggested donations are between 50p and £1.

They will be sold in the hall or in the playground (weather dependent) at the end of every school day from Wednesday for Parents and children to access.



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

A letter with details about the trip has now been sent out. The cost of this trip has been subsidised by the fundraising activities over the last year and is £10 per child. I am sure this will be wonderful and memorable day for the children.

Aldi Stickers update – awaiting update at lunchtime

We are still collecting the Aldi's Kit for Schools stickers so if you have any please send them in! Well done to everyone for collecting them - we are now up to **251** vouchers! Please keep bringing them into us and remember to collect them over half term – they are available to collect until the 3rd of November and can still be handed in during the first week after half term.

Flu Immunisation – Rec-Year 6, Thursday the 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. **If you would like your child to be immunised and have not returned your permission form, you need to return the completed form to school by this Wednesday 23rd October.** Nursery children need to be immunised at the GP surgery as this is not open to nursery children in schools.

Online Safety Newsletter October 2019

The October edition of our Online safety is attached for your information – it contains lots of useful information about keeping children safe online, parental controls and age appropriate fun games.

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 and Thursday 9th July

Free Christmas Crafts Course- starting 12th Nov in school for parents of Nursery Children

The Adult Learning and Skills Services team will be running a free 5 week course in school for parents of children in Nursery. The sessions will run on Tuesday mornings from 9am to 10.30am and you can work with your child/children to create Christmas Crafts to take home. Booking is essential so if you are interested please speak to the school office.

Wednesday 13th November – whole school staff safeguarding training

Just a reminder that on Wednesday 13th November there will be no clubs running after school including Dandelions childcare club due to whole staff safeguarding training.

Children in Need - Friday 15th November – Advance Notice

We will be supporting Children in Need day in November so if you 'spot' any of the fundraising items on sale and want to buy in advance please feel free to do so. Children will get a chance to wear/use them on the day in school.

Cycling To and From School – Be Safe Be Seen!

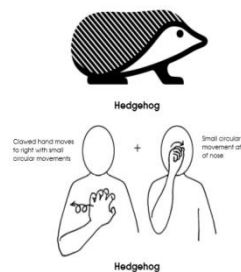
If your children are cycling to and from school please ensure that they wear a helmet understand at least basic road safety. The road is narrow and busy so all users need to be aware of each other.

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 Hedgehog

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



School Dinner Special Events:

Bonfire Meal –

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!

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 **October** is £52.25 (for 19 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.

Diary Dates

October	
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

This week the cup goes to someone who is keen to participate in every aspect of our curriculum. This person has enthusiasm and determination to complete all his learning. He is a pleasure to teach and have as a member of our class. We love your love of life. Well done to Devin Sunuwar.



Ribbons



FS1 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has been really impressing us with his determination in his maths work. Well done, Franklin!

FS2 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working very hard on his writing. Well done, Ernie!

Year 1 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who is working really hard with all their learning. They have a fantastic attitude and participate in everything we do. Well done, Kian.

Year 2 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who showed real compassion to another child who was looking for someone to play with at playtime. Well done, Eliora.

Year 3 – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has worked really hard in Science and has made a real effort to share their ideas. Well done, Jessica.

Year 4 – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has really impressed me with their creative DT design. Well done, Abdou.

Year 5 – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has shown determination and perseverance in maths lessons. Well done, Israel.

Year 6 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who is always enthusiastic, hardworking and determined in everything she does. Well done, Keera.

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Hayden Learmouth for demonstrating our values of co-operation, resilience and respect. Hayden was nominated by Morgan, who recognised that Hayden is always kind, is a good friend and is a good person to work with. Well done, Hayden.

**Attendance**

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

Week Commencing 14th October 2019

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
96%	97	100	99	100

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon
Head Teacher