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Newsletter 6 Monday 7th October 2019

Dear Parents,

Red White and Blue Day

Thank you for supporting Red, White and Blue Day last Friday. We raised £87 for the charity and £79.70 for school funds.

Welcome – Mrs Jefferson

We have appointed a new Administrator to work alongside Mrs Evans in the School Office. Mrs Wendy Jefferson has been appointed to the role and will be working Wednesday – Friday in the office and Mrs Evans will work Monday – Wednesday.

Class News

FS1/FS2 – This week we have been learning all about Autumn in our literacy sessions. We have collected Autumn treasures and made leaf man pictures.

Y1 – This week we have been learning about The Clockwork Dragon, Mrs Kestell keeps pausing the story at cliff hangers! Will Max and Lizzie trick Flamethrottle the dragon!

Y2 – This week we have solving problems using number bonds to 100.

Y3/4 – This week we have been investigating the strength of different magnets of science.

Y5/6 – This week we have been researching wolves! We have been collecting information and we are going to write a magazine article for children!

New Website

A new Dishforth Airfield Primary School website was launched last Thursday! The new website will be compatible and easy to use on all mobile devices.

School Photograph Day – tomorrow

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.



Fiji Day – Thursday 10th October

We are looking forward to celebrating Fiji day on Thursday 10th October. Children will be learning about Fiji and tasting some traditional food. Thank you to all the parents who put in a lot of effort to make this day such a wonderful celebration of the country's culture.

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).**



School Council Elections

On Friday, the children elected their class representatives for the School Council, they are as follows:

EYFS	Jayson Johnston and Leonie Clarke
Year 1	Archie Bell and Jorgie Andrews
Year 2	Mia Johnston and Ryan Jackson
Year 3 / 4	Elsie Dunn and Abdou Sankareh
Year 5 / 6	Kieran Francique and Keera Kelly

Parent / Child / Teacher consultations – Tuesday 22nd October

A confirmation slip of your allotted time will be sent home later this week.

Boroughbridge Library Reading Challenge Children

Congratulations to the children who have been successful in achieving the reading challenge over the summer holidays.

Well done to: Abdou, Awa, Nicole, Elsie, Alice, Penny, Mason and Emeli!

Virtual Reality – Key stage 2 children – Friday

We are looking forward to our first visit of Virtual Reality in for key stage 2 children this week on Friday. The Year 3/4 children will focus on Romans and Year 5/6 on Vikings.

EYFS - recycling project - Friday

On Friday, 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.

Aldi Stickers

We are collecting the Aldi's Kit for Schools stickers so if you have any please send them in! We now have 119 vouchers, well done to everyone for collecting, keep on bringing them in, we have until the end of the month to get as many as we can.

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. If you would like your child to be immunised please can you return your form as soon as possible. Nursery children need to be immunised at the GP surgery as this is not open to nursery children in schools.

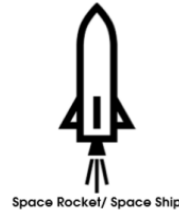
Makaton in school

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 Space Rocket/Space Ship

Here is a link to the sign of the week.

<https://wetalkmakaton.org/>



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.

School Dinner Special Events:

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!

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 **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.

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	
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

This week the cup goes to someone who is always a superstar. I am always impressed with the determination and resilience that this person demonstrates in all that they do. They are a kind and caring friend and they have an infectious smile! We are very lucky to have this person in our class. Well done for the great start to the year, Phebie Wooller.



Ribbons



FS1 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has a fantastic learning attitude and has been doing a wonderful job in Maths. Well done, Penny Dunn!

FS2 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has amazed us all with his incredible writing! Well done, Jayson Johnston!

Year 1 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has an amazing mathematical brain and is able to solve problems and explain their answers. Well done, Soro Pun!

Year 2 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has been using their problem solving skills to solve maths questions. Well done, Olivia Norton!

Year 3 – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has really impressed me with their work on the column addition in maths. Well done, Kelsey Parker!

Year 4 – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has demonstrated some excellent problem solving skills in maths. Well done, Elise Dunn!

Year 5 – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has written a super magazine article about the Anglo Saxons! Well done, Lucie Higson!

Year 6 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has produced some Longley pieces of work in school and at home. This person has also shown great determination during lessons. Well done, Lottie Brimble!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Michael May for demonstrating our values of resilience and respect. Michael was nominated by Dylan, who recognised that Michael is a good friend and never gives up.



Well done, Michael.

Attendance

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

Week Commencing 30th September 2019

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
95%	94%	97%	98%	99%

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon
Head Teacher