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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable weekend - the autumnal colours are beautiful at this time of year.

Class News

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

EYFS: This week we have been learning more about healthy food. The children designed healthy dinners, wrote menus and made fruit salad. They also looked at Giuseppe Arcimboldo's fruit and vegetable portraits and created their own.

Year 1/2: This week we have been learning all about how germs spread. In Science we had great fun spreading glitter germs around the classroom. On Thursday we learnt about Fiji and learnt a Fijian Dance.

Year 3/4: This week we have been learning about grid references and compass directions in Geography.

Year 5/6: This week we built our own boats! We are learning about Forces in Science and our aim was to make a streamlined boat to reduce the impact of water resistance. It was great fun testing them!



Fiji Day

To celebrate Fiji Day on the 10th October the children have been exploring the culture and asking lots of questions. The children have listened to a piece of traditional Fijian music and learnt a Fijian dance.





Individual Photo Morning - tomorrow

Tomorrow, School Photographs are being taken. 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 (babies / toddlers). If this applies to you, please come to school for 8.30am to have your children photographed together. When arriving at school please ensure that you adhere to social distancing by queuing next to the cones which have been placed 2m apart. Upon entering the building please sanitise your hands and wear a face covering. Individual photographs and siblings who come to this school will be taken during the morning.



Harvest – Food Bank Donations

This year for Harvest, we will be supporting Ripon Community House Food Support. Food support provides emergency parcels for people in crisis in Ripon, Boroughbridge and the surrounding villages. If you would like to donate dried goods, tinned food or long life milk then please can you send them into school by Monday 19th October – there will be a box near the front entrance. Thank you.

Parents Evening – week commencing 19th October

Appointment slips for Parents Evening were sent home last week. If you have not received yours then please contact the class teacher.

Family Learning Courses

North Yorkshires Adult Learning and Skills Service is still unable to attend venues to support parents during this time though we do have a strong presence online. Attached is a document that shows a range of free family learning courses which may be of interest to you. These vary from online safety to children's mental health especially with the impact Covid-19 has had on so many in our communities. Parents/carers can enrol onto these courses by going through the following link:

https://ebsontrackprospect.northyorks.gov.uk/Page/ProspectusList?search_TOPIC_operator=Equals&search_TOPIC_type=String&search_TOPIC_value=FAM

Parent / Carer Consultation: Parent, Carer and Visitor Behaviour Policy

We believe that our school is a friendly and welcoming place where our children and staff can feel safe. Unfortunately, experience in schools around the County is that instances of aggressive and inappropriate behaviour by parents and carers are increasing. Due to this unwelcome behaviour, for the wellbeing of our children and staff, we are considering the adoption of a new Parent, Carer and Visitor Behaviour Policy so that everyone is clear what is and what is not acceptable behaviour, and what action the school will take to protect its children and staff if the Policy is not observed.



The proposed Policy from the Local Authority was attached to last week's newsletter.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Before we make any further decision we are consulting you as a parent or carer of a child at our School and would be very pleased to hear from you with your comments for or against adoption of the Policy by Wednesday 4th November.

Forthcoming events.

A letter of consent was sent home last week for the Harvest and Nativity events this term. Sadly, due to the pandemic, these events will be filmed and placed securely on our school website as opposed to a live performance with families. A password will be sent to parents to view the Harvest Festival and subsequent EYFS Nativity and KS1 Nativity. I would be very grateful if you could send your consent forms back into school by Tuesday 13th October.

Applying for a School Place for September 2021 – Moving from Nursery to Reception

If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 they are due to start school in 2020-21. The primary school application round is now open and **the deadline to apply is 15th January 2021.**

Makaton sign of the week

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 *Swing*

Here is a link to the Makaton site. <https://wetalkmakaton.org/>



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School Dinners October

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of October is £46.75. Please ensure your Parent Pay account is up to date. It is possible to put credit onto the account to help with budgeting for the month!

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.



Bonfire Special School Dinner on 5th November

On 5th November, Mrs Crabtree is cooking a special school dinner! Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 can have this for free and children in Years 3-6 can order the lunch on the day. The menu is as follows:

Hot Dog Banger in a Homemade Bread Finger with
Baked Potato Wedges, a Fountain of Beans and Fiery Tri Colour Slaw.



Toffee Apple Crumble Muffin.



(The jacket potato option will still be available)

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.

Flu Immunisation – 17th November

Every year, flu kills thousands of people. The school age flu vaccination programme **helps protect children against flu**, which can be a very unpleasant illness and may lead to complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. The flu vaccine also helps to prevent transmission of flu to the wider community, including older family members and new born babies who may have weaker immune systems.

As in previous years, the childhood immunisation team will be visiting schools in North Yorkshire to deliver this programme. The date they are visiting at Dishforth Airfield Primary School is Tuesday 17th November. The influenza vaccination programme will be offered to **all children of primary school age, Reception to Year 6**, as was the case in 2019. Children in nursery are **NOT** eligible to receive the vaccine.

The immunisation team will only administer the vaccine to child who are on their list, so it is vital if you wish your child to be vaccinated, that you complete the online consent form.

ONLINE CONSENT FORM

The childhood immunisation team have been working with schools and parents to improve the online consent form and they are pleased to announce it is a lot smarter and quicker to complete. Details of how to register your child for a flu vaccine were sent out on Friday. Here is a reminder of the link:

1. Go to <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>
2. Enter the School Code **121332** and click "**Find School**".
3. **Complete the form** with your child's information and parent/guardian contact information*.
4. Click the **green "Submit" button**.

*If you provide a **valid email address** you will receive an automatic email confirmation to say your form has been submitted. We will also email you to let you know that your child has been vaccinated in school. If your child has specific medical requirements one of our nurses may need to get in touch before we are due to visit school. We never pass on your contact information to third parties.

If you experience any problems in completing the consent form, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and we will be happy to provide assistance.



Advance notice – no after school Dandelions on 13th January 2021

There will be no after school Dandelions childcare on Wednesday 13th January 2021 due to staff training.

AWARDS

Celebration Assembly

On Friday, we have our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;

Celebration Cup

The cup this week goes to a person who is a fantastic learner and a great role model. They always do their best, especially in maths and phonics. This person is always kind to everyone and is very positive in all circumstances. There is always a smile on this person's face. It is a pleasure to have this person in class.



Well done, Penny!

Ribbons



EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone who always tries hard. They have been practising their speed sounds and letter formation and have made amazing progress. They have even gone out of their comfort zone to try new foods. Well done, Ethan!

Year 1 / 2– This week the ribbon goes to someone who has a positive attitude to their learning and is growing in confidence when they find the learning challenging. Well done, Tess!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has written some super Haiku poems in Literacy. Well done, Alice!

Year 5 / 6 –The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed us with how they have settled into life at Dishforth Airfield. They work hard in lessons and aim to challenge themselves – especially in maths! Well done, Joseph!

Attendance

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

Week Commencing 5th October 2020

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



Kind regards,
Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

October	
13/10/20	Individual Photograph Morning
w/c 19/10/20	Parent / child / teacher consultations
23/10/20	Break-up for October half term
November	
2/11/20	School open
17/11/20	Flu Immunisation Programme – all primary age children Rec – Year 6
December	
16/12/20	Christmas School Dinner
17/12/20	Christmas Parties
18/12/20	Break-up for Christmas 2.30pm
January	
4/1/21	Training Day for staff
5/1/21	School open for the spring term
13/1/21	No after school Dandelions due to staff training

Mrs Lyon's working week:

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield
Afternoon	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary

