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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the extended weekend due to the training day on Friday. It was a busy week in school last week with some very inspirational visitors to key stage 2 children. We had Eleonore Cockerham (singer / pianist) and Sarah Beattie (singer / songwriter / guitarist) performing to the children and delivering workshops.

Class News:

EYFS: This week in EYFS we have been learning about the creatures that live in the Kalahari Desert. We have explored different settings linked to our storybook 'Meerkat Mail'.

Year 1/2: This week we have been practising some choral poems - the children have loved listening to them and joining in! We even shared one in assembly this week! In Art we have been learning to print using the printing inks and rollers in preparation for designing and making our printing blocks. In History we have continued to learn about Space and investigated timelines. We have been learning to play a variety of team games in PE and learning that it's hard when you are out but still fun to watch!

Year 3/4: This week we have enjoyed drawing conclusions from our science investigation which involved putting plants in different conditions to see if they would still grow healthily. We made some detailed observations over the course of the last week and noticed lots of changes in the way the plants grew!

Year 5/6: This week in year 5/6 we have been looking at the way Chinese artists use their brushstrokes to create different paintings. We had a go at replicating some of these techniques using water colours, paint, charcoal and oil pastels. The results were fantastic!



Class Clubs

Class Clubs run by the teachers for children in Reception and Years 3-6 have finished for the term. Children in Year 1 and 2 who go to Sporting Start on a Tuesday after school will still continue their club for the term.

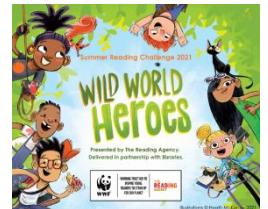


Staffing update – return to work

Mrs Luke is returning to work today after maternity leave. Mrs Luke will resume teaching in the Year 1/2 class where she will share the class responsibility with Mrs Kestell. Mrs Luke will be teaching at the beginning of the week and Mrs Kestell will teach at the end of the week.

Music for Life – Thursday 24th June

On Thursday 24th June Key Stage 2 children listened to a wonderful concert from musicians through Music for Life. Eleonore and Sarah had the most beautiful singing voices and thoroughly entertained the children. Their concert and workshop was truly inspiring and we may find we have some future song writers amongst the children! A huge thank you to everyone at 'Music for Life' for organising this event.



Summer Holidays Activities

Please see below information regarding the Summer Reading Challenge from Thirsk Library:

We challenge all 4 - 11 year-olds to read 6 books over the holidays!

Our theme is Wild World Heroes so discover how to save our planet with this summer's reading challenge. Come to the library after school on Mon, Tues, Thurs or Fridays before **5pm** or between **9.30 - 3** on **Sat 3rd July** or **10th July** to sign up or throughout the holidays.

You will get a record card and stickers and rewards every time you come in to choose more books. When you have read 6 books you get a medal and a certificate all FREE! Also we have Buzzy Bee's Honey Hunt for preschool children with stickers and rewards.

Also, attached to this newsletter is a leaflet from Thirsk Community Library which outlines a number of events and activities they are holding over the summer holidays.



North Yorkshire holiday programme FEAST (Food Entertainment Activities Sport Together)

At a recent meeting I attended, it was brought to my attention that a holiday food and activity programme is going to be delivered throughout North Yorkshire over the summer holidays that will be open to children (there will be a cost for sessions). Further information is expected in due course for schools to publicise this to their school community and I have included a link to the website below. The website will also be updated as the term progresses, however there are links to social media on there which may be of interest to families in order to gain up to date information over the coming weeks about where these events will take place, ages of children they are open to and cost.

<https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/>

Covid Restrictions

As you know, Covid restrictions are remaining in place until the 19th July. As a result, we have had to adapt our plans for the rest of the summer term after consulting with our Health and Safety Adviser and representatives from Public Health England.

Transition: A whole school transition session will now take place on Wednesday 21st July in the morning – details of this will be shared in due course.
Reception children parent information session will be held virtually this Wednesday, the 30th June at 2pm.

Sports Day and Leavers' Assembly: Sports Day and the Leavers' Assembly were already scheduled for the last week of term and these will go ahead as planned. Sports Day is on Monday 19th July at 10am and the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly is on Thursday 22nd July at 2pm for the Year 6 children and their parents.

Start and end times of the school day: the staggered start and end times of the school day will remain in place for the rest of this term. It is hoped that in September we will be able to have one start and one finish time as we used to: 8.45am – 3.15pm. Details will be shared before we break up for the summer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, children and families. This has been a difficult year for everyone and our priority is to keep safe. We have all worked so hard together to implement Covid safe procedures and we had very much hoped that we would be lifting restrictions this week, however we will need to wait a little longer.



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 the letter M.

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

Mm



Building Work

Building work is due to start later this term and will continue throughout the summer holidays and into the autumn term.

There will be alterations to the carpark and the current staffroom is going to be taken down and rebuilt into a larger space with two breakout rooms and additional staff facilities. A storage container will be placed on the playground in the next few weeks and part of the existing carpark will become a site office. I would advise that where possible, families walk to and from school as parking will be restricted for the last 2-3 weeks of term.

Work on the staffroom is due to be completed by the 26th November.

School Dinners July

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of July 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!

Promotional School Dinners

Sports Day Lunch – Monday 19th July



Pizza Margarita with Tiger Fries,
Grated Carrot and Cucumber Sticks

Chocolate and Vanilla Swirl Biscuit with Fresh Orange Slice

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.



Postings

If any families are due to be posted over the summer holidays or early in the autumn term, please inform Miss Wright in the school office at your earliest convenience.

AWARDS

Celebration Assembly

On Friday, 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 a superstar. This person demonstrates all of our school values at Dishforth Airfield every single day. For example, they show compassion by being a wonderful friend and by always helping others, they show resilience when faced with challenges and always take new challenges on with a smile on their face. We are so lucky to have this person in our class. Keep up your super work!

Congratulations and well done to, Sami!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been trying really hard with her reading and writing. She listens attentively and is a really good friend to have in our class. Well done Izzy!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who always works hard and has a positive attitude to learning. We are so proud of this person as they show all our school values, respect, responsibility, resilience, co-operation, commitment and compassion and these shine through everything they do. We are so proud of your achievements and we love having you in our class. Well done Violet!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been a super friend. I have noticed this person being so kind and helpful towards their peers this week. This person always has a smile on their face and they have a super attitude towards learning. We are really lucky to have them in our class! Well done to Evie!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who always works hard in every lesson. They show determination and are self-motivated to improve their own learning. This person is kind and helpful and a delight to have in the classroom! Well done to Maizi!

Kind regards,
Mrs Julie Lyon, Head Teacher



Diary Dates

June	
28/6/21	School open
30/6/21	New Reception starter parent information session via Zoom 2pm
July	
8/7/21	Water Safety Assembly
19/7/21	Sports Day – morning for Y1-Y6 10am Sports Day Lunch School Reports home
21/7/21	Whole school transition morning
22/7/21	Leavers' Assembly for Year 6 children and their parents 2pm
23/7/21	School closes for summer holidays at 2.30pm
September	
6/9/21	Training Day
7/9/21	School open for the autumn term

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

