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Dear Parents / Carers,

I'd like to say a huge thank you to 6RLC for a wonderful afternoon last Friday where the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about different aspects of the army as well as taking part in an assault course and finishing off with a well-earned ice-lolly!



We are set to have a busy last two weeks in school so please read on for all the information!

Class News:

EYFS: This week, Early Years have been enjoying finding out about dinosaurs as they have looked at the rhymes in the book *Dinosaur Roar*, learned a song about prehistoric animals, examined dinosaur bones and measured the length of a Barosaurus in the learning garden.

Year 1/2: This week we have been programming a racing game on the computer using scratch. We have also been comparing the weight of objects using scales and comparing numbers with Numicon.



Year 3/4: This week we have enjoyed learning all about pollination and the life cycle of a flowering plant. We found it really interesting when we learnt about seed dispersal and all of the different ways that seeds can be dispersed.

Year 5/6: This week we have been sculpting replica warriors from the Terracotta Army. This is part of our topic linked to the Shang Dynasty and this history of China. We used clay and many different tools to shape and sculpt our clay to look like ancient warriors.

COVID Restrictions – end of term plans

As there is only one week left in school when the restrictions lift on next Monday 19th July, we are following advice and maintaining our Covid systems for the last week of term. As a result, staggered start and end times for the school day, along with bubbles will remain in place for the last week.

Government Guidance for Schools from Step 4

The Government issued updated guidance last week for schools regarding the lifting of restrictions and I have included the links for this below for your information:

Primary Schools

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak?utm_source=06%20July%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Early Years Setting

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/999798/Actions_for_early_years_and_childcare_providers_during_the_COVID-19_pandemic.pdf

Sports Day - Monday 19th July 10am Year 1-6 children



Our Sports day will take place on **Monday 19th July 2021 at 10am for children in Years 1-6**. Whilst we fully appreciate that the government restrictions around the pandemic are lifting from the 19th, we will be running Sports Day in a way that is in line with our Covid systems.

The plan is as follows:

- Parents / carers are welcome to watch – there will be an allotted place clearly marked out on the field. **Spectators are to stay in this area only. Please do not go to the finish line or cross the track where the classes will be sitting.**
- The weather forecast is looking like it will be warm – please ensure your child / children have sun cream on them before coming to school and they must bring a sun hat. There is no shade on the field.



- Please bring your own chair or rug if you would like to sit down
- There will be no access into school – no toilet facilities for spectators
- The children in Years 1-6 have chosen the races they would like to take part in. The format is a traditional Sports Day with stickers for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
- Sports Day will start promptly at 10am. Please ensure that your child / children has their PE kit and trainers in school.

Transition: A whole school transition session will now take place on Wednesday 21st July in the morning where the children will have the opportunity to spend some time with the class teacher they are going to have in September.

Leavers' Assembly: The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly is on **Thursday 22nd July at 2.30pm** 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 previously shared in past newsletters: 8.45am – 3.15pm. Details will be shared before we break up for the summer when we receive information from the DfE.

Class Structure and Staffing for 2021-22

Please see below the staffing structure for the next academic year. The children in school will get the opportunity to spend some time with their class teacher on the transition morning of Wednesday 21st July.

Head Teacher: Mrs Lyon
Deputy Head Teacher: Mrs Kestell

EYFS: Mrs Luke and Mrs Dixon
Year 1 and 2: Mrs Kestell and Miss Hunt
Year 3 and 4: Mrs Armstrong
Year 5 and 6: Miss Newton



6 RLC – Soldiers and Families Regimental Day – postponed until 11th September

6 RLC have invited all children and their families who attend Dishforth Airfield Primary to their Soldiers and Families Regimental Day on Saturday 11th September.

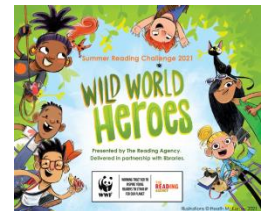
Inflatables
Rodeo Bull
Fun Fair
BBQ, Ice cream, cake stand

This is open to both the service and non-service children and their families who attend Dishforth Airfield Primary School – all are very welcome.

Goodbyes

We are saying goodbye to two much loved and valued members of staff at the end of this term. Mrs Gail Russell is leaving to set up a dog grooming business after working as a Teaching Assistant at school for the last thirteen years and Mrs Sarah-Louise Monaghan is leaving due to a military posting. On behalf of the staff, children and governors, I would like to thank both members of staff for all their hard work over the years and we wish you all the very best for the future.

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/>

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 N.

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

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Building Work

Building work has started today 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 has been placed on the playground and part of the existing carpark has become a site office. I would advise that where possible, families walk to and from school as parking is restricted.

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 kind and funny and always has a smile on their face. This person shows all of our school values in everything they do. We are so proud of all your achievements this year. We love having you in our class.

Congratulations and well done to,

Alyssa!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been in their element sharing their knowledge about dinosaurs and listening carefully to all of their new learning. They are always eager to take on new information. They have been making a special effort with the presentation of their writing and their independent learning has been first class! Well done to Franklin!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has a positive attitude to learning and who always wants to try their hardest. We are so proud of all your achievements. Well done Jermaine!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed the adults in our classroom with their increasing independence in learning. This person has started to work really hard on being resilient with their learning and they have settled well into school life at DAPS. Keep up the great work and well done to Kelsey!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who would give William Shakespeare a run for his money! This person has re-written part of Macbeth using Shakespearean language and they have included all the features of a play script. I am so impressed with their writing! Well done to Ava!

Kind regards,
Mrs Julie Lyon, Head Teacher



Diary Dates

July	
19/7/21	Sports Day – morning for Y1-Y6 10am Sports Day Lunch School Reports home
20/7/21	Aquatic Finatics in school
21/7/21	Whole school transition morning
22/7/21	Leavers' Assembly for Year 6 children and their parents 2.30pm
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
24/9/21	Key Stage 2 trip to Carlton Lodge
October	
12/10/21	Individual School Photographs
22/10/21	Break-up Half Term 3.15pm
November	
1/11/21	School open
w/c 15/11/21	Anti-bullying week
19/11/21	Children in Need Day
December	
15/12/21	Christmas School Dinner
16/12/21	Christmas Parties
17/12/21	School closes for Christmas at 2.30pm

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

