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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a super year in school albeit a very challenging one – particularly over this last week. It is not the way we would have wanted to finish the school year and I would like to thank families for their support and understanding. Please continue to be vigilant for symptoms in your children such as a headache, runny nose, high temperature, continuous cough and loss of taste or smell. We are all looking forward to spending time at home with our families for a few weeks over the summer break – fingers crossed we will be able to enjoy some lovely weather as well! We have much to be proud of at Dishforth Airfield Primary School. The staff are dedicated and passionate in supporting every child to reach their potential. I do hope you all have a lovely summer and I wish you well in all your plans for the future if you are a family moving on.

End of term – early closing Friday 23rd July

School closes at 2.30pm on Friday 23rd July for the summer holidays.

Class News:

EYFS: This week in EYFS we have been continuing our learning about dinosaurs. The children have learnt about fossils and have done some excellent observational drawings. We have been reading 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs' and have learnt lots of facts about different dinosaurs.

Year 1/2: This week year 1 and 2 have finished the story of Fantastic Mr Fox and have loved it - we are ending the story by recreating the feast with pizza, cake and children's cider (apple juice) the children are excited to be making the pizza and cakes from scratch!
We have also been conducting an experiment to see what conditions seeds need to grow into healthy plants. We have put some of the seeds in the cupboard and we even put some in the fridge! Some were given water and some were not. We were really excited to see the results of our experiment but the results were not quite what we thought they were going to be! We now know that plants need water, sunlight and warmth which are essential but too much heat can be very damaging.



Year 3/4: This week we have enjoyed learning all about the lives of children in the Tudor era and have made lots of comparisons to our lives as children today. In RE, we have enjoyed learning about Jewish wedding celebrations and have made comparisons between Jewish and Christian weddings.

Year 5/6: This week we have been making board games in maths using all of our knowledge from this year at school. The children have designed their games and written questions with answers. We are looking forward to playing them!

Sports Day

Well done to everyone who participated in sports day today – whether it was at school or at home!

School Dinners – this week

There is no catering in school this week so please can all pupils in class 5/6 bring a packed lunch with them. Pupils in class 1/2 can have a packed lunch provided for them in school however if you would like to you can send a packed lunch in from home.

ParentPay

Please can you ensure that your ParentPay account is up to date and all outstanding payments are settled before the end of term on Friday.

COVID Restrictions – end of term plans

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, the wearing of face coverings, along with bubbles will remain in place for the last week.

Government Guidance for Schools from Step 4

The Government issued updated guidance 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

Transition: The whole school transition session has now been cancelled due to the bubble closures.



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 week. 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. As things stand we will start at 8.45am on Tuesday 7th September and finish the day at 3.15pm – this is for all children. **If there are any changes in the summer holidays from the government I will send an email to parents.**

Girls Group

Girls Group is a five week virtual course which aims to support young girls. There are two different age groups: 10-14 years and 14-18 years.

These sessions aim to provide the girls with many tools to support their emotional & physical well-being, have a better understanding of relationships and make healthy choices. Please see attached leaflet for further details and information.

Goodbyes

We are saying goodbye to two much loved and valued members of staff at the end of this week. 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.

Makaton sign of the week

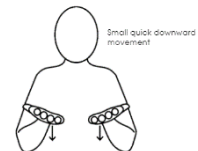
We have a growing number of children in school who are using Makaton to support their communication. During assemblies, we are continuing on developing some basic signs.

This week's sign is Now.

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



Now



Small quick downward movement

Now

Building Work

Building work has started 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 September

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of July is **£41.25**. 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.

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.

Advance notice – no after school Dandelions on Wednesday 10th November 2021

There will be no after school Dandelions childcare on Wednesday 10th November 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 someone who lights up our classroom with their smile! This person is a kind, considerate and well-mannered member of the class and of the school. We are so proud of the hard work and dedication that they have shown towards their learning this year both at home and at school.

This person is a wonderful friend and we are so lucky to have them in our class.

Keep being amazing!

Congratulations and well done to,

Alyssa K!



Ribbons



EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working really hard, especially in phonics. She has been challenging herself to write sentences independently and has been setting a great example to the other children by listening carefully and contributing in class. Well done to Layla!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is an absolute superstar! They demonstrate the school values in everything they do. They always have a smile on their face and can see the funny side of any situation! They are an amazing role model and have lots of patience to help others. You are an absolute pleasure to have in our class. Well done Sophia!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to an all-round superstar. We have been so impressed with this person's resilience and progress over the year. This person works hard both in and out of school and reads at home every single day. Well done and keep up the hard work, Jessica!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who brings daily joy to our classroom. As well as being a wonderfully kind and helpful member of our class, they also constantly give their all with their schoolwork. We are so impressed with their behaviour and willingness to learn. Well done to Maizi!

Leavers

Goodbye and Good Luck to all the children and families who are leaving Dishforth Airfield over the summer. It has been a pleasure to have the children in the school and we are all going to miss you!

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment over the last year – we have a fabulous team of staff who work incredibly hard to ensure that the children have an exciting curriculum and make excellent progress.

On behalf of the staff and governors, may we wish you a relaxing, peaceful summer break. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 7th September at 8.45am.

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
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
10/11/21	No Dandelions after school due to staff training
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

