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Dear Parents / Carers,

Arrangements for this week due to weather and school events

Thank you for your understanding over the postponement of Sports Day in these unprecedented times. We are following all government guidance with reference to the extreme heat that is forecast for this afternoon and tomorrow and we are fortunate to have so many classrooms with air conditioning that we can utilise.

Tuesday – children can wear loose summer clothing

Wednesday – children to wear school uniform

Thursday – children to wear school uniform and trainers for the sponsored walk – Year 6 children please bring school shoes for the Leavers' Service

Friday – Sports Day at 9.15am for children in Y1-Y6 – children can come to school in PE kit for the day. Year 6 children can bring a red t-shirt in for signing at lunchtime

End of term – early closing Friday 22nd July

School closes at 2.30pm on Friday 22nd July for the summer holidays.

We have had a super year in school and we are all looking forward to spending time at home with our families for a few weeks over the summer break and hopefully 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.



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 reading 'Paddington's Post' we have been looking at all the different letters he was sent from birthday cards to postcards. We have spent time looking at the envelopes and how they are addressed to make sure they get to the right place. We have enjoyed writing our own letters to our new class teachers too!

Year 1 and 2 – This week Year 1/2 have been exploring food, where it comes from and how it grows. We have learnt how to peel, grate, slice and squeeze different fruit and vegetables. We discuss hygiene and safety before design and making either a fruit / vegetable salad or a kebab! Great fun was had - especially the eating.

Year 3 and 4 – We have been continuing to read our class novel "The Secret of Platform 13" and have been looking at characters involved in the rescue! In maths we are learning about statistics and applying our knowledge to collect and represent data in graphs. We have also been classifying the invertebrates we found on our local environment invertebrate hunt.

Year 5 and 6 – This week we have been using lino cutters to create our final designs into piece of lino. The children have carefully chosen which blade to use to create detail in their final design. Next week we will be using ink and rollers to print the designs and we can't wait to see the final result!

Sponsored Walk – Thursday 21st July

As mentioned in previous newsletters, I am delighted to announce that the 6RRLC are supporting the school in carrying out a fundraising event in the form of a sponsored walk on the morning of Thursday 21st July. This is to raise much needed funds for the school which benefit all the children. We are seeking to invest in new Computing hardware and also subsidise transport for school days out. As you are all well aware, the impact of Covid has prevented us from raising funds for the last two years and now that we are coming out of this challenging period of time, we are seeking to re-launch our Passport of Experiences where we take the children to various places to enhance the curriculum for them.

The sponsored walk is an opportunity for families to support the school. We are hoping that each child can raise £10 through sponsorship. The children in Years 1-6 will walk around the Airfield with 6RRLC accompanying us and children in EYFS will walk laps of the school grounds. There will be refreshments half way and a well-deserved ice-cream at the end of the walk!

A huge thank you to Captain Franks and Captain Vincent for supporting the school in this fundraising event. **Please can any sponsor money be returned to the school by Friday 22nd July – thank you all so much!**

Families are welcome to walk with us but no dogs are allowed – thank you.

Please can children bring trainers to change in to on this morning – thank you.



Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – Thursday 21st July

On Thursday 21st July at 2.30pm we will be holding our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly. Families of Year 6 children are welcome to join us.

Sports Day



Sadly, due to the temperatures that have been forecast, we have postponed today's Sports Day and it will now take place on Friday morning at 9.15am.

EYFS Sports Day – Wednesday at 9.30am

EYFS children will have their own Sports Day on Wednesday morning at 9.30am. Apologies for the change in day and time, however, due to the forecast of extremely high temperatures tomorrow we feel it is best to change the date.

Goodbyes

We are saying good bye to Mrs Luke at the end of this academic year due to a military posting. On behalf of all the staff and the governors I would like to thank Mrs Luke for all her hard work and dedication to the school over the last five years. We wish Mrs Luke and her family all the very best of luck for the future.

Swimming – September



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 5 and Year 6 children start on Wednesday 14th September.** Please ensure your child has swimwear, goggles and a towel (named). It is helpful if girls wear socks and not tights on swimming days. Due to the layout and number of cubicles at Thirsk swimming baths, some children need to share a cubicle in order to change before and after the lesson. If any parents have questions or queries about this then please don't hesitate to speak to

Mrs Lyon. After Christmas children in Years 3 and 4 will go swimming.

The cost of swimming will be **£5.00 each week**, this still has to be paid even if your child misses a swimming lesson as we still have to pay for the bus, pool hire and swimming instructors. Payments must be made on your Parent Pay account. School has heavily subsidised the cost of swimming due to rising prices from the bus company and constraints imposed by Thirsk Pool.



Ear-rings in PE

Please can I remind parents of the policy regarding the wearing of ear-rings in PE? Guidance was updated by the Association for PE a number of years ago.

All personal effects should be removed including earrings.

Newly pierced earrings can be removed after a 6-week healing duration. During this period students should be given alternative tasks within physical education such as officiating.

Students unable to remove earrings were previously permitted to make them safe by taping. The guidance on the aforementioned has now changed based on national advice issued by the Association for Physical Education (afPE) 2019. It is now felt that the taping of earrings 'creates a perception of safety and is not recommended', as there have been several incidences within the local authority where children's ears have been injured from earrings being pulled out from under the tape.

Teachers/TAs are not permitted to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves, therefore, it would be helpful if earrings could be taken out at home on PE days.

If a child has recently had their ears pierced and is unable to remove their earrings they will not be permitted to take part in the practical aspect of PE lessons for six weeks, after which time they will be expected to remove their earrings in order to participate in PE lessons. During this six-week period the child will be able to take on the role of umpire, referee or coach where appropriate.

Please be aware that this policy will be followed by school staff and Sporting Start coaches.

If your child is going to have their ears pierced, please do so at the start of the summer holidays rather than during term time.

ParentPay

The administrator has emailed families of any payments that are owing to school. Please ensure that your ParentPay account is up to date and all outstanding payments are settled before the end of term on Friday.

Charges from September

All charges remain the same in September except for Breakfast and After School Club which will be £3.95 an hour – this price has increased by 30p an hour due to increased costs of food and utilities.

Breakfast and After School Club – Dandelions Childcare

In September families who use Dandelions are required to inform the office of bookings by Friday at 12pm for the following week. Once these bookings are made, families will be charged. No additional booking can be made within the week and if your child doesn't attend, the family will still be charged.

First week back – breakfast club is on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. After school club is on Tuesday and Thursday only due to safeguarding training on Wednesday 7th September.



Bookings need to be made for the first week back – week commencing 5th September - by Friday 2nd September at 12pm

Please email admin@dishforthairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk

Autumn Term School Dinner Menu

Attached to this newsletter is the autumn term school dinner menu.

Class Structure and Staffing for 2022-23

Please see below the staffing structure for the next academic year.

Head Teacher: Mrs Lyon

Deputy Head Teacher and SENCO: Mrs Kestell

EYFS:	Mrs Wiseman (Monday- Wednesday) Mrs Walker (Wednesday-Friday) (Mrs Dixon returns from maternity leave in January)
Year 1 and 2:	Mrs Kestell and Miss Hunt
Year 3 and 4:	Mrs Fiveash (Mrs Armstrong returns from maternity leave at the end of November)
Year 5 and 6:	Miss Newton

Wednesday 7th September – no Dandelions after school

Due to whole school Safeguarding training, there will be no Dandelions after school childcare on Wednesday 7th September.

Summer Holiday Activities

Summer Reading Challenge – Local Libraries



Get inventive with the Summer Reading Challenge 2022!

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Gadgeteers and is all about getting creative with science and inventions.

The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited edition Gadgeteers medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Saturday 16th July until Saturday 10th September.



There will also be a fantastic programme of activities in libraries all summer, many of them free, to go with the challenge – flyers with more details will be sent to school for children to bring home.

Science Workshop – Boroughbridge Library

Lovescience workshop is on Tuesday 16th August 10.30-11.30am in the Jubilee room at Boroughbridge library. The workshop is perfect for 5-11 year olds and is a hands-on session where the children make battery powered buggies. A £3 donation is suggested. Bookings can be made in advance by contacting the library.

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

North Yorkshire's holiday food and activity programme is going to be delivered over the summer holidays. Further information can be found at:

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

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 has worked really hard throughout the year and his effort and determination has resulted in him making fantastic progress.

He is a kind, considerate and caring member of the class who is always happy to help others. He is a good role model to the younger children and is always first to volunteer when we need a helper.



We are lucky to have you as part of our class!

Congratulations and a big well done to ...

Jayden!



Ribbons



EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone who we are all so proud of. They have made incredible progress in Reception this year and have really settled into school routines. Keep trying your best and you will continue to succeed! Well done to Leo!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who someone who has an amazing attitude to learning. They are always prepared to give everything a try and loves a challenge. This person is a great friend and a super role model. They also give the best hugs. Well done to Florence!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has really impressed me with their enthusiasm and welcoming attitude during our transition morning. This person was friendly and supportive of the visiting students and showed everyone what a lovely place Year 3/4 is to be. Well done Lexey!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone whose resilience and determination has grown over the course of year 5. This person has stuck at things when they have found it difficult and found ways around challenges to achieve great results. Well done to Alexia!

Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated our school values of respect.

This person has been nominated for helping me when I was stuck.

The values award goes to Alyssa who was nominated by Nicole.



Well done, Alyssa!

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 6th September at 8.45am.

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

July 2022	
19/7/22	EYFS Sports Day at 2pm
21/7/22	Sponsored Walk – morning Y1-6 around the Airfield 9.15am – EYFS around the school grounds
21/7/22	Year 6 Leavers Service – School Hall 2.30pm
22/7/22	Sports Day morning 9.45am Years 1-6 Break-up for summer holidays at 2.30pm
September 2022	
5/9/22	Training Day
6/9/22	School open for academic year 2022-23
7/9/22	No after school club due to safeguarding training
14/9/22	Year 5 and 6 children start swimming at Thirsk swimming pool
October 2022	
w/c 17/10/22	Parent / child / teacher consultations
21/10/22	Break-up half term
31/10/22	School opens
November 2022	
3/11/22	Individual School Photograph morning
23/11/22	Flu Immunisation
December 2022	
w/c 5 th December	Nativity Plays
13/12/22	School Christingle
14/12/22	Christmas School Dinner (TBC)
15/12/22	Christmas School Parties
16/12/22	School closes for Christmas at 2.30pm
January 2023	
3/1/23	Training Day
4/1/23	School Open for the Spring 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

