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Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have had a super first week back at school. They have settled back into routines very well and there has been a lovely, purposeful atmosphere in school.

Like you all, we, as a school community, are deeply saddened by the death of the Queen last Thursday and, through this period of national mourning, we are talking with the children about the Queen's life and her dedication to the country and the Commonwealth as well as discussing their own thoughts and feelings. We are all very aware of the significance of the past few days and coming weeks as a marker in history and as you will know, next Monday is the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II and school will be closed on the 19th September, re-opening on Tuesday 20th September.

Class News:

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

EYFS: This week EYFS have enjoyed seeing old friends and building relationships with new friends. We have been learning how to play co-operatively with others and access the different areas of learning effectively. We are beginning to learn how to manage self-care and routines.

Year 1 and 2: In Year 1/2 we have had a fabulous first week with the children settling in and getting to know each other. We have begun to explore the story of Daisy and her Dragons. It's all about Daisy's emotions and how sometimes our emotions overwhelm us and the opposite emotion gets a little lost for a while and what we can do to change how we feel. We have also begun our Maths topic on Number and Place value with lots of counting and sorting. The children have taken part in throwing and catching activities and dance. It has been a very busy week!

Year 3 and 4: We have had a wonderful first week in Year 3/4! We have been learning to write acrostic poems, reading a story as part of PSHE and learning about place value in maths. In



Geography we started our new topic Animals including humans and learned about the digestive system.

Year 5 and 6: We have had a wonderful week in year 5/6. We have been learning about role models and what qualities a role model has. We have been researching some famous role models and we will be writing a magazine article all about them. These will go up on display in the school corridor.

Homework

Homework begins this week. Materials to support homework – spelling tips and paired reading - are attached to this newsletter. I would also like to draw your attention to our Maths scheme, White Rose Maths, there is an app which accompanies this that children can use at home. This has been updated and would be useful for all children in school to have access to:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths#download>

In addition to this, there is advice and guidance regarding Maths on the White Rose Maths website which families may find useful:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/advice-and-guidance>

Clubs

A letter regarding extra-curricular clubs is being sent home this week.

Swimming – Year 5 and 6 children – this Wednesday



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. Ear-rings must be removed. 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.

Early Reading and Phonics Session for Reception Parents

Mrs Wiseman will be holding a Read, Write, Inc phonic information session for parents of children in Reception on **Tuesday 27th September at 2.30pm**



Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be week commencing the 18th October – further details will follow in due course.

Homework

At our school, we believe that children learn best when parents, the school and children work together in partnership. Home Learning should be a positive experience which is manageable, meaningful and enjoyable for parents, teachers and children.

Homework will begin this week. Please refer to the table below regarding homework for each class.

Class	Homework	Homework Given	Collected and Tested
EYFS: FS2 Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Sight words to learn when appropriate • Mental Maths when appropriate 	Mrs Wiseman and Mrs Walker will send information separately to parents.	
Year 1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily reading • Spellings • Mental Maths • Extended task – see below 	Friday – spellings and mental maths Friday	Homework is collected on a Wednesday. The spelling and mental maths tests are given on a Friday.
Year 3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily reading • Spellings • Mental Maths • One other piece • Extended task – see below 	Friday – Spellings and Mental Maths Friday	Friday – Spellings and Mental Maths Wednesday
Year 5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Reading • Spellings • Mental Maths • Maths and reading comprehension • Extended Task – see below 	Friday- spellings and mental maths Friday	Friday- spellings and mental maths Wednesday

EXTENDED TASKS

Extended tasks are set every half-term, not weekly. These tasks are designed to incorporate many skills and aim for high quality pieces of work throughout the year. **The class teacher will always ensure the hand in time for the extended task is made clear.**



Reading

All children need to read at home every day. Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text and / or pictures. Please ensure that you record what your child has read and how they have managed with their reading in their record book. **Reading and record books need to be in school every day so that they can be checked and new books issued.**

PE

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day. The kit is a plain white t-shirt, navy / black shorts and trainers. As the weather turns colder, a plain navy or black tracksuit can be worn and I would also recommend a lightweight waterproof jacket. PE can take place in most weathers outside if children have the correct clothing!

FS2 (Reception) – please have PE kit every day

Year 1 / 2 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 / 4 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5 / 6 – Thursday and Friday

Forest Schools

All the children in school will be undertaking Forest Schools at some point through the academic year. Forest School is an inspiring process which is a specialised approach that aims to develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning outside.

Children in Year 3 and 4 are going to be taking part in Forest Schools this half term on a Tuesday. Please can children bring into school a waterproof coat, tracksuit bottoms and trainers / wellies – something that you don't mind getting wet and dirty!!

School Dinners

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of September is **£52.25**. 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.

Clarinet Lessons – Year 5 and 6 children

All the Year 5 and 6 children will be learning to play the clarinet this year as part of their music lessons in school – this begins tomorrow.



Information for Parents of Year 6 children

Information regarding applying for secondary school was attached to last week's newsletter from North Yorkshire County Council. Applications need to be submitted from 12th September and by 31st October.

Keep in touch – School FaceBook Page

Please ensure you are signed up to the school FaceBook page so that we can get in touch with families quickly.

Bookings for Dandelions Child-care

All bookings must be made by 12pm on a Friday for the following week so that we can ensure we have staffing ratios and food for the children.

Please either telephone the school office or email admin@dishforhairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk

ParentPay

ParentPay will be updated this week with school dinners, Dandelions and swimming after staff training. Please ensure that your ParentPay account is up to date and all outstanding payments are settled promptly.

We are aware of the new government scheme regarding Service personnel being able to claim for free wraparound childcare for children aged between 4-11 years old. We are working closely with Welfare regarding the information parents will need in order to support them with this. Further details will follow.

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 kind and hardworking. We have been impressed with their positive attitude towards their learning and have challenged themselves even when they have found the learning hard.



What an amazing start to a new school year.

Congratulations and a big well done to ...

Isaac!



Ribbons



EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled back into school really well. They are focused and independent in lots of areas. Well done, Enoch!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been trying really hard and hasn't given up. We are super proud of your learning attitude and how well you are taking on your new year group. Well some Samuel!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has really impressed me with her attitude to learning and effort in class. This person has participated in lessons with enthusiasm and has tried hard to answer questions, particularly in PSHE. Well done to Ada!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has come back to school with so much enthusiasm! We are so impressed with the commitment this person has shown to their learning already and we can't wait to see how year 6 goes for them. Well done to Jack!

Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because he is always very helpful and makes everyone feel okay and he doesn't give up in lessons.

The values award goes to Jack who was nominated by Hollie-Mae.

Well done, Jack!



Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

September 2022	
14/9/22	Year 5 and 6 children start swimming at Thirsk swimming pool every Wednesday until the 7 th December
19/9/22	School closed due to State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II
20/9/22	School re-opens
27/9/22	Reception Parents phonic information session 2.30pm



October 2022	
10/10/22	Fiji Day
18/10/22 or 20/10/22	Parent / child / teacher consultations
21/10/22	Harvest Festival - morning
	Break-up half term
31/10/22	School opens
November 2022	
2/11/22	Individual School Photograph morning
18/11/22	Children in Need Day – non-uniform
23/11/22	Flu Immunisation
December 2022	
7 th December	EYFS Nativity Play - morning
7/12/22	Last swim for Year 5 and 6 children (year 3 and 4 children to go after Christmas)
8/12/22	Year 1 and 2 Nativity Play - afternoon
9/12/22	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
13/12/22	School Christingle for the children
14/12/22	Christmas School Dinner (TBC)
15/12/22	Christmas School Parties – afternoon – bring party clothes in a bag to get changed into
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

