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## Newsletter 1 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back everyone! The children have come to school looking very smart and ready for the new academic year. It is looking like we are in for a wet week after all the beautiful summer weather so please ensure your child / children has a waterproof coat with them every day so that they can get outside for some fresh air.

The school day times are 8.45am – 3.15pm. Please can children arrive at 8.40am (no earlier) ready for learning to start at 8.45am – thank you.

A newsletter is published every week throughout the school year. These are e-mailed via Parent Pay or a hard copy if you request it through the School Office. They are also always on our school website and in the playground in the display case. Please ensure that you read the newsletter every week as they contain essential up-to-date information. At the end of the newsletter there are diary dates which also may change so please do check.

There are many events to look forward to this term and I will share these with you over the coming weeks, however, as this is the first newsletter of the year it is quite lengthy, so I suggest you make yourself a drink, sit down with a calendar or diary and read on!!

### Welcome

A very warm welcome to all the children and families who have joined us over the summer holidays:

**Nursery (FS1)** – Penny, Dalton, Deborah, Isla, Eddison, Noah

**Reception (FS2)** – Gabriel, Freddie, Mareca

**Year 2** – Mairi

**Year 3** - Peter

**Year 4** – Noah

**Year 5** – Mia, Aaron

Also, a very warm welcome to Mrs Watts who is our new School Administrator and Mrs Wiseman who is our new EYFS teacher Monday – Wednesday.



## 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

## Sponsored Walk

A huge thank you to all the families who supported our sponsored walk at the end of last term. I am absolutely delighted to let you know that £1427 was raised through the walk and in addition to this, the Padre and his team have raised an additional £900 for the school.

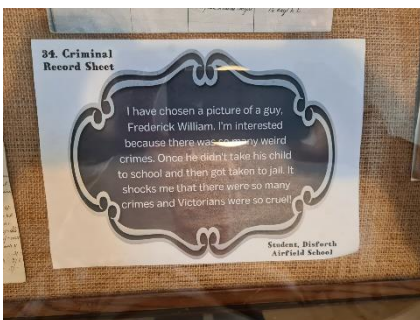
We are all so grateful for the wonderful support from the Regiment and our school families. We will be putting the money to good use with 14 brand new iPads due to be delivered this half term and new reading books for the classrooms and the school library.

## Ripon Museum Trust

At the end of term, Year 5 and 6 were invited to take part in an exciting project led by Ripon Museum Trust. The Museum is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday and wanted to work with different community groups to co-create a new exhibition called "The Trust in 40<sup>th</sup> Objects".

We were given a "Police and Prison" outreach box and the children were all asked to choose an object or document from the museum's collection which they felt a connection to. The children had a fantastic morning, exploring the collection, asking questions and making comparisons between policing in the Victorian Era and now. All of the children created an interpretation label which we shared with the museum. Two of our interpretations were selected and used in the exhibition which is an amazing achievement for our pupils. We were thanked by the curator for engaging with the project and we are looking forward to doing some more collaborative work in the future.

Well done to all of our amazing historians! If you would like to see the exhibition it is currently running across all 3 of the museum sites in Ripon.



## Autumn Term Menu

The Autumn Term school dinner menu is on our school website. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school dinner every day at school as part of the Government's universal free school meal scheme. Children in Years 3-6 can order a lunch on a daily basis and this will be charged through Parent Pay at £2.75 per meal.

## 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.

Reading books will be prioritised this week in school and homework will commence next week. Please refer to the table below regarding homework for each class.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Homework</b>	<b>Homework Given</b>	<b>Collected and Tested</b>
EYFS: FS2 Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading</li> <li>• Sight words to learn when appropriate</li> <li>• Mental Maths when appropriate</li> </ul>	Mrs Wiseman and Mrs Walker will send information separately to parents.	
Year 1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily reading</li> <li>• Spellings</li> <li>• Mental Maths</li> <li>• Extended task – see below</li> </ul>	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"> <li>• Daily reading</li> <li>• Spellings</li> <li>• Mental Maths</li> <li>• One other piece</li> <li>• Extended task – see below</li> </ul>	Friday – Spellings and Mental Maths  Friday	Friday – Spellings and Mental Maths  Wednesday
Year 5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily Reading</li> <li>• Spellings</li> <li>• Mental Maths</li> <li>• Maths and reading comprehension</li> <li>• Extended Task – see below</li> </ul>	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.**

### Early Reading and Phonics Session for Reception Parents

Mrs Wiseman and Mrs Walker will be sending out information to Reception families regarding a meeting about our phonics scheme, Read Write Inc. in the next week.

### Autumn Term Curriculum Class Newsletters

Curriculum Class newsletters which give information about the subjects which are to be taught this term will be sent out to families later this week. The class newsletters will also be uploaded to the school website and will be available for reference for the whole term.

### Reward System

Our reward system in school is that each class has a jar that will be filled with marbles in Year 1-6 and bugs in a jug in EYFS. Children can be awarded bugs or marbles for following the School's Expectations, working hard and showing good manners. When the jar is full the class can then decide with their teacher which reward they would like.

### Celebration Assembly

Every Friday the school gathers together for a Celebration Assembly. This is an opportunity for the children to share something which they have worked on during the week. In addition to this, we also have birthday celebrations, award a ribbon to one child in each class for hard work and hand out a cup to a pupil who has impressed the staff at the school either for their work, attitude or behaviour. The cup is to be returned the following Thursday for the next assembly and the ribbons can be kept. I will publish who has been awarded the cup and ribbon in each newsletter.

### Bikes & Scooters

Children are welcome to ride these to school in a safe, considerate manner wearing a helmet. Once they arrive at the school gate, we ask that they dismount at the first gate and then park them in the cycle/scooter rack provided. **They are not to ride them in the school drive or playground at any time for safety reasons – thank you.**

### Collecting children at home time

If you have arranged for another person to collect your child / children from school, then please ensure you have communicated this to the class teacher and / or the office staff otherwise we won't let them leave school!



## School Uniform

The children look very smart in school wearing their uniform – a lot of shiny shoes! Just a reminder about full school uniform: navy blue jumper, red polo shirt, dark grey or black trousers or skirts and school shoes – **no trainers of any kind to be worn in school**. Jewellery is not allowed in school except for watches. **Ear-rings must be studs or small sleepers and they must be removed for all forms of P.E. including swimming and Forest Schools. Please label all uniform and PE kits.**

## 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!!

## Autumn Term Curriculum Topic – class newsletters

Paper copies of class newsletters giving information about the topics to be taught this term, homework and PE timetables etc will be sent home later this week. The class newsletters will also be uploaded to the school website and will be available for reference for the whole term.

## 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.



## Music Service – Instrumental Information

There are leaflets available in school providing information about instrumental and vocal tuition and how to apply for lessons.

Parents can also go direct to the North Yorkshire Music Hub website to find out about the lessons that can be provided and use the online form to apply for lessons.

[www.northyorkshireremusic.co.uk](http://www.northyorkshireremusic.co.uk)

The website includes details of the tuition fees and information about benefits which will qualify for remissions.

## Playtime Snack

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 receive a free fruit snack every day which is Government funded. Children in Year 3-6 can bring a piece of fruit in from home to keep in the classroom for playtime. I strongly recommend that you send fruit in for children in Year 3-6 as they have a long morning and often need a snack. Please can this be put in their book bag and not their packed lunch box as it is easier for them to access at break time – thank you.

## Milk

Children under 5 are entitled to Free Milk. Older children can also receive milk (at a charge) and orders are made by yourself through the Cool Milk website. Forms are available outside the office in the foyer.

## Water Bottles

We have provided, free of charge, a water bottle for every child in the school so that all children can have access to water throughout the day. We will be responsible for cleaning the bottles and filling them each day so your child does not need to bring one in from home.

## Absence and Punctuality

If your child is absent from school through illness or appointments, please can you phone the school as early as possible each day they are absent. It is important that we keep our records accurate. Please can you ensure that your child arrives to school promptly. Please ensure your child / children are at school just before 8.45am as lateness will be recorded.

**If your child's attendance falls below 90%, they are classed as a persistent absentee.**

## Leave of Absence in Term Time

The Government implemented amendments to the regulations regarding holidays in term time a number of years ago. The amendments remove references to family holiday and extended leave as well as the threshold of ten school days. Therefore, Head Teachers will only be able to grant leave of absence in **exceptional circumstances. There is no 'Holiday' code for absences at any school. Please refer to the leave of absence forms which are located next to the school office for full details.**

## Information for Parents of Year 6 children

Information regarding applying for secondary school is attached to this newsletter from North Yorkshire County Council. Applications need to be submitted from 12<sup>th</sup> September and by 31<sup>st</sup> October.



### Online safety newsletter

Attached to this newsletter is this month's edition of the Online Safety newsletter. These newsletters are invaluable in the ever-changing world of technology and they offer guidance as to how to keep children safe.

### 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.

### No after school Dandelions on Wednesday this week

There will be no after school Dandelions childcare on Wednesday due to staff training on safeguarding.

### 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](mailto:admin@dishforhairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk)

### Clubs

A letter regarding extra-curricular clubs will be sent out in due course.

### Swimming – Year 5 and 6 children



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 5 and Year 6 children start on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ParentPay

Please ensure that your ParentPay account is up to date and all outstanding payments are settled promptly.





We have so much to look forward to this year and I will share further information with you over the coming weeks. If you have any questions or queries then please don't hesitate to speak to the staff. As Headteacher of two primary schools, I will be outside every day either at the start or end of the school day as outlined below.

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Head Teacher

### Diary Dates

<b>September 2022</b>	
5/9/22	Training Day
6/9/22	School open for academic year 2022-23
7/9/22	<b>No after school club due to safeguarding training</b>
14/9/22	Year 5 and 6 children start swimming at Thirsk swimming pool every Wednesday until the 7 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>October 2022</b>	
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
<b>November 2022</b>	
2/11/22	Individual School Photograph morning
18/11/22	Children in Need Day – non-uniform
23/11/22	Flu Immunisation
<b>December 2022</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>January 2023</b>	
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

