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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend now that the days are drawing out as we head into February this week.

Class News:

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

EYFS: This week in EYFS we have been celebrating Lunar (or Chinese) New Year, the year of the rabbit. We have read the story of the animals crossing the river and retold the famous tale using masks. We turned our kitchen into a takeaway where we have been busy reading menus and writing down our orders for delicious Chinese foods. In Expressive Art and Design, we have created our own red and gold lanterns to ward off the Chinese monster and decorated them with Chinese writing. On Thursday we enjoyed a banquet together, sharing some new foods such as sweet and sour noodles and prawn crackers. Nearly all of us tried something we hadn't tasted before!

Year 1 and 2: This week Year 1/2 have been exploring money and place value in maths - the children have been working hard on finding amounts and giving change as well as working out which number is missing on the number line. In English we have been exploring the story The Way Home for Wolf all about a little wolfling who gets lots from his wolf pack. We have been exploring the rhythmic language and the poetry feel to the story and the children are writing a character description of Wilf. In Art the children have explore rubbings using wax crayons and leaves.

Year 3 and 4: This week, Year 3 - 4 have been completing their balanced arguments about whether or not animals should be kept in captivity. They have made some excellent points on both sides. The children have begun thinking about healthy recipes for sandwiches and done some tasty testing of different types of bread.



Year 5 and 6: This week we have been writing speeches as Winston Churchill during World War 2. We have been trying to persuade the public to do their part in supporting the war effort by joining the RAF, navy or army, doing something practical, evacuating their children and not gossiping about war tactics. We have been using persuasive and emotive language to get our messages across in a powerful manner.

Wednesday 1st February

It has been announced that Wednesday 1st February is a strike day for teachers in the NEU union. School will be open as normal.

KS1 and KS2 reading guide

A reading information guide for parents of children in KS1 and KS2 is being sent home today to support reading at home.

Parent / Teacher / Child consultations

Parent / Teacher / Child consultations are next week in the school hall. An appointment time will be sent home this week.

Year 5 / 6 response from the Prime Minister

Before Christmas, the children in year 5/6 wrote letters to Rishi Sunak about the use of palm oil in products in the UK. The children were trying to persuade Rishi Sunak to ban palm oil products from being imported into the UK. Yesterday, the children received a letter back from 10 Downing Street! The letter thanks the children for writing to him about their concerns about this important matter. The letters have been passed on to the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs so that they are also aware of our concerns. We are thrilled to have received a reply and that our letters might have an impact!

Children's Mental Health Week 6-12 February

Place2Be's Children's Mental Health week is taking place week commencing the 6th February. Now in its ninth year, Place2Be hope to encourage more people than ever to get involved, spread the word and raise funds for children's mental health. In school, the children will undertake some activities using the Place2Be resources on this year's theme, 'Let's Connect. **Let's Connect** is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.

For further information please visit the website below:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>



World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

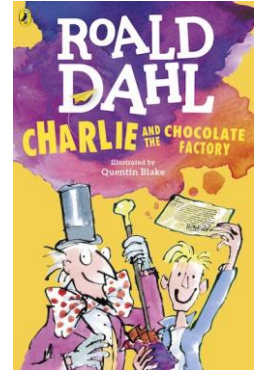
Advance notice that it is World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. Children can come to school dressed up as a character from a book.

World Book Day – promotional lunch – Thursday 2nd March

Beauregarde's Beef Dinner
With Baked Baby Potatoes

Scrumdiddlyumptious
Sausage and Bean Feast (V)

Oompa Loompa Carrots
Mr Bucket's Cabbage
Grandpa's Gravy
Mrs Bucket's Homemade Bread



Charlie's Chocolate Pudding
With Chocolate Waterfall Sauce

Minecraft and Snapchat

A reminder to families about the age ratings of Minecraft (10 years +) and Snapchat (13 years +). There are guides for parents from National Online Safety (Minecraft) and the NSPCC (Snapchat) on the links below for your information:

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/sites/norfolk/files/minecraft.pdf>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-snapchat-safe-for-my-child/>

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 Kit

A reminder that now the weather has turned cold, the children can wear a tracksuit for PE in either black or navy.

At this time of year, the children's trainers are getting rather muddy during PE sessions, please can children bring a spare bag to put their footwear in – thank you.

PE and Forest Schools

Notice for when your child / children need their PE kits in school:

EYFS: Please have PE kit in school every day

Year 1 and 2: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 and 4: Monday and Wednesday (swimming starting 11th January)

Year 5 and 6: Wednesday 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 Reception are undertaking 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 £2.95 per meal (£14.75 per week). The cost for the month of **February** is **£44.25**.

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.

Emergency Procedure for School Closure – weather related / loss of utilities

It is rare, however there are occasions where it has been necessary to close schools because of inclement weather, no electricity or because of lack of heating, so I would like to bring to your attention the procedures I will follow if this event occurs now that we are heading towards winter:

- A notice will be posted on the school Facebook page
- An email will be sent to all families
- County Hall will be informed.



Hopefully, this will not happen this winter but I feel it is better to be prepared.

Please always assume school is open unless you hear via any of the above methods. Please do not phone the school to ask if we are open as we may need to keep the line clear in order to contact staff. Please check on the school Facebook page and check emails.

Learning would be sent home via the class email system.

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@dishforthairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk

ParentPay

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

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 is working independently in all their learning. We are so proud of how resilient and determined you are in all lessons.



You are a wonderful member of our class and an excellent friend to their peers.

Well done and congratulations to ...

Izzy!

Ribbons



EYFS – The ribbon goes to someone who has been working really hard in Maths this week. In Reception we have been finding different ways to make 7 and 8. This person drew 7 spots on dominoes in 4 different combinations independently. They also found 6 different ways to show 8 spots on ladybirds, checking to make sure that they did not have the same combinations of spots each time. Great maths thinking, Daniel!



Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is sharing their ideas more in class and we are loving hearing all of them. We are seeing you grow in confidence and this is being reflected in your learning. Well done Antwan!

Year 3 / 4 – This week, the ribbon goes to someone who has who has demonstrated great cooperation and kindness by helping a friend with their learning. Well done to Kiera!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who constantly has a positive attitude towards their learning. They are keen to improve and take on board advice about their work. This person is well-mannered and sets a wonderful example of behaviour in our school. Well done to Sami!

Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated our school values of responsibility, resilience, commitment, co-operation and respect.



This person has been nominated because in class they have been trying really hard on their writing.

The values award goes to Jermaine who was nominated by Faith V.

Well done, Jermaine!

Attendance

Weekly Attendance			
Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.			
Week commencing 23 rd January 2023			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
98%	95%	100%	96%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher



Diary Dates

February 2023	
w/c 6/2/23	Parent / Teacher / Child consultations Children's Mental Health week
10/2/23	Break-up for February half term
20/2/23	School open
March 2023	
21/3/23	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park
31/3/23	Break-up for Easter
April 2023	
17/4/23	School open for the summer term Year 5 and 6 trip to Eden Camp with Dishforth CE Primary School
May 2023	
1/5/23	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for one day
8/5/23	Bank Holiday Monday – King's Coronation
9-12 May 2023	Year 6 SAT week Tuesday – Friday
26/5/23	Break-up May half 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

