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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend.

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 settling in with some 'getting to know you' games as we have welcomed our new children and staff into Nursery. We have been learning our new routines and as the weather is chilly, we have been trying hard to be independent when we are getting ready to go outside. We have also been discussing and drawing pictures of what we did during our time off in the last two weeks. Reception have been using the sounds they learnt last term to write words and captions to go with their pictures.

Year 1 and 2: This week Year 1/2 have begun to learn about the exploration Ernest Shackleton. They have explored some different artefacts that were used during the expeditions. We have looked at and explore The Weddell Sea and how the ice looks and feels. As part of our LORIC learning we will be learning to organise ourselves and our belongings - so please support this at home too.

Year 3 and 4: This week, Year 3 and 4 have been learning about cats in factual and fictional texts as they started their class novel Varjak Paw and began researching different cat breeds. In PSHE and RE the children considered what makes a community and how the golden rule of treating others as you want to be treated can make everyone's life a little better. They also began learning the Bob Marley song 3 Little Birds, were introduced to the sculptor Barbara Hepworth and learned about the names of different fruits in French. Not bad for a three-day week!



Year 5 and 6: This week we have been writing letters to the year 5/6 children at Dishforth Village Primary School. We are hoping to become pen pals with them and find out more about them. We have written informal letters with information about ourselves and questions to ask them. We look forward to getting a reply!

Year 5/6 World War 2 Launch Day

Year 5 and 6 children have stepped back in time. Today we had our topic launch day and we all came dressed up as evacuees. We have spent the day learning all about evacuation, we started our new class text 'Goodnight Mr Tom' and we also had our first history lesson on World War 2. We learnt some key dates and the countries that were involved.



Year 6 Information session for parents / carers regarding SAT assessments

On Thursday 12th January at 2.45pm in the school hall, Miss Newton will be holding a parent / carer information session about the Year 6 SAT assessments.

Curriculum Letters

Curriculum letters are being sent out this week which outline what your child /children are learning about this term in school.

Clubs

A club letter will be sent home this week with clubs on offer for the spring term. Clubs will begin week commencing 23rd January and will finish week ending 17th March.



Please note, there will be no clubs the week of parents evening, 6th February.

Promotional School Dinner – Chinese New Year

Sweet & Sour Chicken with Egg Fried Rice

Sticky Vegetable Noodles (V)

Cauliflower & Green Beans

Crusty Bread

Chinese Raspberry Snowflake with Custard



Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Check

Children in Reception and Year 6 are due to get their height and weight checked on the 16th January. We have also been asked to remind all families that children should have their eyes checked once a year and this is free.

Applying for a Reception place for September 2023

If you have a child in Nursery who is due to start Reception in September 2023, an application must be made to the Local Authority by the **15th January 2023**. Applications can be made through clicking on the link below.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school>

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 going to be 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!!

Swimming Year 3 and 4 – January – this Wednesday



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 3 and Year 4 children start on Wednesday 11th January.** 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.

The cost of swimming will be **£5.00 each week.** Payments are through Parent Pay. School has subsidised the cost of swimming due to rising prices from the bus company and constraints imposed by Thirsk Pool.

School Dinners

The price for dinner is £2.95 per meal (£14.75 per week). The cost for the month of January is **£59.00.**

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@dishforhairfield.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 making fantastic links in their learning, asking questions and using amazing vocabulary. This person is using their sound knowledge to Fred talk and is beginning to write independently.



We love your enthusiasm for learning and positive attitude towards everything you do.

Well done and congratulations to ...

Theo!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week's ribbon goes to someone who has come in this week ready to learn with a wide smile on their face even though there have been a lot of changes in Early Years. But most of all, this person has been a good friend to the new children in Nursery, helping them to settle in happily. Thank you and well done to

Alice!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who was asking amazing questions about the different artefacts we explored in History. Their questions were reflective and showed a great deal of thought and consideration. Well done Amelia-May!

Year 3 / 4 – This week, the ribbon goes to someone who always does their very best. They are always a positive role model and embody the school values of resilience, respect, compassion and co-operation every day. They are quietly determined, patient and helpful with a lovely sense of humour. We are lucky to have you in Year 3/4. Well done to Florence!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has demonstrated hard work, resilience and teamwork. This person is kind and caring and always looks out for other people. Well done to Eliana!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because in class they work and on the playground they put a smile on everyone's face.

The values award goes to Karren who was nominated by Faith.

Well done, Karren!

Attendance

Weekly Attendance

Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.

Week commencing 4th January 2023

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
96%	95%	93%	96%



Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

January 2023	
11/1/23	Year 3 and 4 swimming to Thirsk (finishes 29 th March)
12/1/23	Year 6 SAT parent / carer information session 2.45pm
16/1/23	Reception and Year 6 children height and weight checks
19/1/23	Promotional School Dinner – Chinese New Year
February 2023	
w/c 6/2/23	Parent / Teacher / Child consultations
10/2/23	Break-up for February half term
20/2/23	School open
March 2023	
31/3/23	Break-up for Easter
April 2023	
17/4/23	School open for the summer term
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

