

Dishforth Airfield Community Primary School
Short Road
Dishforth Airfield
Thirsk
YO7 3DL



Tel: 01423 322556

Email: admin@dishforthairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk

Website Address: www.dishforthairfieldprimaryschool.com

Headteacher: Mrs Julie Lyon



Newsletter 25 Monday 20th March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend and enjoyed the milder weather. Just a reminder that school clubs have finished for the term and new clubs will be on offer after the Easter Holidays.

Thank you to everyone who supported Comic Relief on Friday – as a school we raised £75.00

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 thinking about our mummies and what they do to help us every day. We have made special cards to say thank you so we hope you all had a lovely Mother's Day! In Maths, we have been learning how to use a balance scale and compare objects, describing which are heavier and lighter. We have also been learning about what plants need to survive and how they 'drink' water. We investigated where a cactus stores water as part of our Africa topic. We have remembered to water the vegetable seedlings for our outdoor area and they are now growing nicely.

Year 1 and 2: This week Year 1/2 have been learning how to shape and finished their DT project - Wheeled vehicles - they are beginning to take shape and form. We have continued without printing in Art and have create a second colour ready for the final top print next week. We have been learning how to solve problems using all four operations in Maths and have continued to be authors in English writing our own stories. The children loved having time with the animals on Friday afternoon.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been busy writing biographies about famous artist Barbara Hepworth and we are looking forward to seeing some of her sculptures on our trip next week! In Science we have enjoyed setting up a fair test to observe what happens to different liquids when they are cooled and we were very surprised with some of the results. In our computing lessons, we



have been developing our knowledge of garage band and we have been using live loops to create our own songs on the app.

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been writing an explanation text for Wallace and Gromit. We found out that they had lost their invention book and needed help to write up one of their inventions. We have written an explanation text for the Snoozatron which is a machine that helps you get to sleep.

Aquatic Finatic

The children in Years 1-6 enjoyed a visit from Aquatic Finatic on Friday where they saw a wide range of animals including an owl, lizard, chinchilla, snake and a rabbit.

Key Stage 2 Trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park – tomorrow

Tomorrow all of Key Stage 2 are visiting the Yorkshire Sculpture Park for the day which looks like it will be a wonderful day enhancing the superb art work which has been covered in school.

Year 3 / 4 children have been learning about the modernist sculptor Barbara Hepworth who created works using stone, wood and bronze which represented people in relation to the natural landscape. Year 3 and 4 children will be undertaking an artist led visit which will allow children to see some of the key sculptures in the park and then make their own creations under the artist's guidance.

Year 5 / 6 children have been learning about Larry Lerew, an artist who uses wax crayons and a water colour wash to create wonderful paintings. Year 5 / 6 children are going to take equipment, and paint some landscapes at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

FEAST – Food, Entertainment, Arts, Sport, Together

FEAST brings the fun to the school holidays, offering lots of different activities for everyone to take part in.

All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of holiday activities, with free places and a free lunch for children and young people on benefits-related Free School Meals.

FEAST partners with leading holiday playschemes, clubs and activity providers from across North Yorkshire to offer a wide range of session for kids of all ages from 4 to 18.

For further information please visit:

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



EYFS Stay and Play – Friday 24th March

On Friday 24th March, EYFS parents are invited to a Stay and Play session from 1.30pm-2.45pm. This is an opportunity for the children to share how they learn with their parents in Early Years and for everyone to join in with some activities. Please come along to the EYFS PCU at 1.30pm!

'Inspirational Woman' competition for Year 3, 4 and 5 children

Just a reminder about the essay writing competition for children in Years 3, 4 and 5 about inspirational women. The closing date is Friday 31st March. Information was sent with last week's newsletter.

Accessing Health Visitors

Health visitors are specialist community public health nurses, (SCPHN) registered midwives or nurses. They specialise in working with families with a child aged 0 to five to identify health needs as early as possible and improve health and wellbeing by promoting health, preventing ill health and reducing inequalities. If you would like to get professional advice about the health of your family and children from the local team, then you can telephone the single point of contact number on **0300 303 0916** or access the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/selbydistricthealthvisitingteam/>

Easter School Lunch – Wednesday 29th March

Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding with
Sage and Onion Stuffing

(V) Veggie Sausages and Yorkshire Pudding

Roast or Mashed Potatoes

Gravy

Broccoli and Sweetcorn

Chocolate Fudge Pudding and Chocolate Sauce





Egg Decorating

On Friday 31st March children can bring a hard-boiled egg into school for our annual decorate an egg competition. I would advise that you send a spare hard-boiled egg as well in case of any breakages!

Break-up for Easter

We break-up for the Easter Holidays on Friday 31st March at 2.30pm

Year 5 and 6 trip to Eden Camp

On the first day back after the Easter holidays, Monday 17th April, Year 5 and 6 children are visiting Eden Camp for the day to complete their learning about World War 2. The children are going with Year 5 and 6 from Dishforth CE Primary School.

School Uniform

A polite reminder that children need to wear school shoes as part of their uniform. In summer, girls can wear either blue or red checked dresses. Again, school shoes are part of the summer uniform as opposed to open-toe sandals. Children still need practical footwear for school that protects their feet, allows them to move about and climb on trim trails!

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 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

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)
Year 5 and 6: Wednesday and Friday

School Dinners

The price for dinner is £2.95 per meal (£14.75 per week). The cost for the month of **March** is **£67.85**.

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.

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.

DishFest

Please find attached to this newsletter information regarding DishFest which is taking place in Dishforth Village on Saturday 29th April.

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 a kind, caring and considerate member of our class. This person is a lovely friend and would do anything to help anyone.



We are also impressed with the hard work and determination that this person demonstrates in every lesson. This person has made amazing progress in their learning and we are seeing their confidence grow!

We love your fun, cheeky personality!

Keep up the hard work.

Well done and congratulations to ...

Aaron!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week's ribbon goes to someone who has really enjoyed independent learning this week. This person listened to how to use a balance scale and then collected lots of objects and weighed them without support from an adult. They used the words heavier and lighter to compare the objects. This person can also write their name correctly. Well done, Aurora!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who always tries their hardest and who listens carefully to instructions and feedback in the lesson. This person is an excellent friend and reflects our school values in everything they do! Well done and keep up the hard work Isaac!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed me with their determination and resilience. They have taken on challenges in their learning with a big smile on their face. We are really proud. Well done to Khloe!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown some wonderful qualities in our PE lessons. This person is a fantastic sportswoman and has demonstrated patience, resilience and determination in our lessons- particularly in netball. This person is reading the game well and improving each week. Well done to Faith



Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they are kind and caring to people and they hold the door open. They always put other people first.

The values award goes to Maddy C who was nominated by Eliora.

Well done, Maddy!

Attendance

Weekly Attendance

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

Good attendance is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. Nationwide research has shown that the pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have had higher rates of attendance throughout primary school, compared to those with the lowest attainment. The government aims for all pupils to have a minimum of 95% attendance across the school year, and any child with less than 90% attendance is recorded as a persistent absentee. Here is our school's current overview of attendance:

Week commencing 13th March 2023

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
97%	97%	95%	97%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher



Diary Dates

March 2023	
21/3/23	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park
24/3/23	EYFS Parents / Carers – Stay and Play session 1.30pm-2.45pm
31/3/23	Children to bring in 1 or 2 hard-boiled eggs to decorate Break-up for Easter at 2.30pm
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
June 2023	
5/6/23	School open Year 4 Multiplication Check window begins
12/6/23	Phonic Screen Check window

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

