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Dear Parents / Carers,

The term has absolutely flown by and I am sure we are all looking forward to a rest over Easter - fingers crossed for some lovely warm spring weather. On Friday we break up for Easter and I wish you all a very peaceful two weeks off school. School closes at the slightly earlier time of 2.30pm and we will look forward to seeing the children for the summer term on **Monday 17th April**.

PE Workshop for each class

Please can all the children have their outdoor PE kit in school this week. The children will either be having an outdoor workshop on Wednesday or Thursday, so please ensure they have their kit with them – thank you.

Class News:

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

EYFS: This week in Early Years we have been learning about which fruits grow in the hot countries of Africa and how they are different from the fruit that grows in the UK. We tasted mango, coconut and avocado and described the flavours. Sweet mango was the most popular! We also read the story of Baby Went to Market by Atinuke and talked about the setting in a busy Nigerian marketplace. In Maths, we have been learning about capacity and comparing containers in the water tray to discover which holds more and which holds less.

Year 1 and 2: This week we have entered the world of Fantastic Mr Fox and his adventures around the farms of Boggis, Bunce and Bean... we have left the children on a cliff-hanger waiting to see what happens to Mr Fox and his family. In Maths we have begun a new topic on measure including mass, capacity and temperature - we have been learning to recognise heavier and lighter as well as



reading scales. It has been a busy week finishing our wheeled vehicles and our printing - we have some amazing end products which the children will be bringing home next week!

Year 3 and 4: This week we enjoyed a trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park where we continued to explore sculptures and the work of artist, Barbara Hepworth. In Science we have been learning about the water cycle and have created our own 'water cycle in a bag' where we can see each stage taking place.

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been learning about social media and how to use it appropriately. We have been learning about what is suitable to share and what isn't. We also reminded ourselves about the age restrictions for different social sites.

Key Stage 2 Trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park

On Tuesday, Key Stage 2 had a fantastic time on their trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Year 5/6 continued to develop their skills in art by completing a range of observational drawings and paintings using watercolours and wax crayons. Year 3/4 enjoyed exploring some of the sculptures created by Barbara Hepworth and took part in an artist led workshop where they made observations of different sculptures, developed their drawing skills and created their own group sculpture from clay. A fun day was had by all!



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/>

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

World Earth Day Family Event

Please see the attached leaflet about a World Earth Day family event in Thirsk on the 22nd April from 10am – 1pm.

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!

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/>

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 – after Easter

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

EYFS: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 1 and 2: Monday and Thursday

Year 3 and 4: Monday and Thursday

Year 5 and 6: Thursday and Friday



School Dinners

The price for dinner is £2.95 per meal (£14.75 per week). The cost for the month of **April** is **£29.50**.

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.

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 has made fantastic progress in all his learning this term. This person knows all their sounds, can blend to read words and has tried very hard to form all their initial letters correctly when they are writing a sentence.



Recently, this person has tried their best to listen to what someone is saying and follow instructions carefully. We love having this person in our Early Years class because they are affectionate, enthusiastic and they always make us smile.

Keep up the good work!

Well done and congratulations to ...

Laud!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week's ribbon goes to someone in Early Years who has not been feeling completely well this week but has still kept on trying their best. We have been learning about which fruits grow in the hot countries of Africa and this person tried mango and coconut and described the taste. They looked carefully at the inside of an avocado and used oil pastels to create a super observational drawing. Great resilience this week, Poppy!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is trying really hard in everything they do. We have noticed how independent you have become and the amazing writing that you have completed this week. Keep up the hard work. Well done Noah!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who really impressed us on our trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park. This person made some excellent contributions to our group discussions about different sculptures and had some lovely ideas about what each sculpture represented. Well done to Faith!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed us with their progress in reading. This person is reading fluently out loud in front of the class and they are answering retrieval questions based on the text. This person is committed to improving their reading and their hard work is paying off. Well done to Sophie P!

Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated our school value of respect.



This person has been nominated because they are a respectful friend and they are nice to others.

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

Well done, Karren!



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 20th March 2023

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
97%	96%	98%	93%

**On behalf of all the staff, may we wish you all a very Happy Easter!
We will look forward to seeing you all on Monday 17th April.**

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

March 2023	
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
20/4/23	Class photographs
May 2023	
1/5/23	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for one day
3/5/23	EYFS Balance Bike afternoon



4/5/23	Music for Life – whole school concert and workshop for Year 3 and 4 (morning)
5/5/23	School event to mark the King's Coronation – details and time to follow
8/5/23	Bank Holiday Monday – King's Coronation – school closed
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
7/6/23	Year 5 and 6 – Game of Actual Life Day
12/6/23	Phonic Screen Check window
23/6/23	TRAINNG DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR THE DAY
July 2023	
12/7/23	Whole school transition morning (TBC)
17/7/23	School Reports home
20/7/23	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – afternoon
21/7/23	Break-up for summer holidays at 2.30pm

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

