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## Newsletter 28 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend despite the wet weather on Saturday. Next week's newsletter will be out on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May as of course school is closed on Monday for May Bank Holiday. Just a reminder that the deadline for the pre-order of the school Coronation picnic is this Friday.

### Class News:

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

**EYFS:** We were very excited in EYFS at the beginning of the week to share our holiday news. Egg hunts were very popular over the Easter break! We started the week with a spring hunt looking around in the learning garden for green shoots, flowers and the vegetables beginning to sprout. One of our stories this week has been The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. We have looked at photos of different species of butterfly and used oil pastels to create some beautiful observational drawings.

**Year 1 and 2:** This week Year 1 and 2 are loving our new book The Baranbus Project - they have created their own creature out of modelling clay and have written a character description. In Maths we have been learning about Fractions in Year 2 and Multiplication and Division in Year 1. We are learning different ball games this term in PE so have started throwing and catching. The children are very excited to start our project on Food in DT with the excitement of making smoothies. In Art we are learning about the Artist Vincent Van Gogh. We have lots of lovely learning which the children are keen to explore.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have started our new class book, The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. We enjoyed reading the first chapter and exploring some of the character description. We have been generating our own adjectives, similes and metaphors about the Iron Man and have used these to write our own character descriptions. In Geography we have been locating some of the states in



North America using maps and in Science we have started our new unit - Sound. The children also began a new dance with Miss Rich as we started to prepare for our KS2 Summer production.

**Year 5 and 6:** In Year 5/6 this week we have been learning about renewable and non-renewable energy. We researched the different types of renewable energy and what they can be used for. We found out about solar power, wind power, biomass, geothermal and hydro power. We are determined to try and save our planet by making small changes each day.



### **Coronation Assembly and family picnic – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am**

We would like to invite families to join us for our Celebration Assembly on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am (prompt) where we will mark the Coronation of King Charles III with a presentation and special song followed by a picnic lunch. The assembly and picnic will take place outside – please can families bring picnic rugs / chairs.

**Families are invited to pre-order our special Coronation School Dinner (a separate letter was sent out on Thursday and needs to be returned by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April)** to eat on the day or parents can bring their own picnic to eat. At 1pm the children will return to class for the afternoon session in school and school will finish at the usual time of 3.15pm.

The children can wear red, white and blue on this day and they will all receive a Coronation pin to commemorate the occasion.

### **Coronation Picnic – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May - pre-order by Friday!**

A selection of homemade sandwiches

Homemade sausage rolls

Homemade cheese straws

Vegetable sticks

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Celebration cupcakes

### **Clubs**

A club letter for the summer term will be sent out in due course.



## Year 5 and 6 trip to Eden Camp

Last Monday, Year 5/6 children visited Eden Camp to finish their WW2 history topic. We spent the day exploring the different huts which were each about a different part of World War 2. We began with the rise of Hitler, went on to learn about U-boats, the Blitz (which was a loud, smoky and dark hut!), the role of women in the war and what happened during each year from the start to the end of the war. We walked down replica streets from the 1940s and got to see vehicles and tanks that would have been used in the war. We had a brilliant day with the children from Dishforth Village and it was a super way to end our topic.



## Fakeaway Day – promotional school dinner – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Pizza Baguette  
Chips  
Salad

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Cookie

## 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

PE Kits are needed on the following days:

**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 Uniform

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

## Parent Away

Please do let your child's class teacher know if a parent is away from home so that we can offer additional support.

## Sun Cream

Please can I ask parents to ensure the children have sun cream applied to them before they come to school in the morning when the forecast is due to be sunny and also please do send into school a bottle of sun cream labelled with your child's name on it so that they can apply it when necessary over the summer months – thank you.

## 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](mailto: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 been making great contributions in all lessons and demonstrating a really positive attitude to learning. They have started to become a mature and positive role model and we are looking forward to seeing this continue as this person moves towards becoming a Year 5.



Well done and congratulations to ...

Junior A!

### **Ribbons**



**EYFS** – This week's ribbon goes to someone who has been very responsible this week. This person has listened carefully to instructions at learning time and been really resilient when the task has been difficult. They have even chosen to stay and do extra learning to make sure they have understood. We were really impressed at singing time when this person composed their own song about how a caterpillar grows into a butterfly! Very well done, Jesse!

**Year 1 / 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been listening and acting on the feedback with their writing. They are thinking and trying to add additional information to their writing to make it more interesting to the reader. Keep up the hard work, Chris!

**Year 3 / 4** – This week, the ribbon goes to someone who has worked hard to generate similes for their character description in English as well as making great contributions to our class discussions



in PSHE. They also gave 100% effort in dance and demonstrated their resilience with some challenging maths. Keep working hard and keep smiling, Sophia Rose!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been trying so hard all year. This person is determined, selfless and kind. We are so proud of them and their attitude towards their learning. When they find things tricky, they try and try again. Well done to Phebie!

**Values in Action**

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



This person has been nominated because they are always there when you need them most and they always cheer you up when you feel down. This person always has a smile on their face.

The values award goes to Caleb who was nominated by Jessica.

Well done, Caleb!

**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 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6



100%

98%

97%

98%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Executive Head Teacher

### Diary Dates

<b>April 2023</b>	
<b>May 2023</b>	
<b>1/5/23</b>	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for one day
<b>3/5/23</b>	EYFS Balance Bike afternoon
<b>4/5/23</b>	Music for Life – whole school concert and workshop for Year 3 and 4 (morning)
<b>5/5/23</b>	Coronation assembly and picnic lunch – families invited – 11.30am  Children can wear red, white and blue instead of school uniform
<b>8/5/23</b>	Bank Holiday Monday – King’s Coronation – school closed
<b>9-12 May 2023</b>	Year 6 SAT week Tuesday – Friday
<b>17/5/23</b>	Year 3 and 4 multi-skills festival at Outwood Academy Ripon
<b>18/5/23</b>	Promotional School Dinner - Fakeaway
<b>26/5/23</b>	Break-up May half term
<b>June 2023</b>	
<b>5/6/23</b>	School open Year 4 Multiplication Check window begins
<b>7/6/23</b>	Year 5 and 6 – Game of Actual Life Day
<b>12/6/23</b>	Phonic Screen Check window
<b>23/6/23</b>	TRAINNG DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR THE DAY
<b>July 2023</b>	
<b>12/7/23</b>	Whole school transition morning (TBC)
<b>17/7/23</b>	School Reports home
<b>20/7/23</b>	Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly – afternoon
<b>21/7/23</b>	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

