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Newsletter 31 Monday 15th May 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the lovely weekend weather. Just a reminder to keep checking diary dates as new dates are being added regularly.

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 learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We read Caterpillar Butterfly by Vivian French and watched a video about the different stages so we could sequence pictures in the correct order. We are lucky enough to have some caterpillars to take special care of in our classroom. They have grown very fat in just a week and are already crawling up the pot ready to go to sleep inside their pupa. We have learned how to be careful when we are looking at them. We are hoping that they will complete their metamorphosis before the half term holidays!

Year 1 and 2: This week we have been writing letters to the people in the Secret Lab who have kept Barnabus locked in the lab. The children are working really hard to tell the Scientists how cross they are and why they need to be released. We have been learning about fractions in Maths and are beginning to recognise half and the equivalent fractions too. In History we have been learning about Neil Armstrong and the key facts and dates. In DT we have learnt to peel, grate, slice and squeeze in preparation for designing and making smoothies.

Year 3 and 4: This week, we have really enjoyed using Scratch on the computers to create our own colour changing geometric shape by writing our own code! It was a fun challenge and we enjoyed finding lots of different shapes we could create. In History, we explored different types of Tudor clothing and made lots of comparisons to the clothing we wear today. We concluded that we are very pleased that we do not dress in the same way people did during the Tudor era!



Year 5 and 6: This week we have started our DT topic of pulleys and gears. We are aiming to build a fairground ride and we investigated how different fairground rides move. We discussed how they rotate and use an electrical circuit. We will be designing and building our own fairground ride!

Year 3 and 4 Sport Festival

On Wednesday, Year 3 and 4 children are participating in a multi-skills festival at Outwood Academy Ripon. The children can come to school in their sports kit for the day – white t-shirt, black or navy shorts / tracksuit and trainers. Please can you also ensure that your child/ren is equipped for all weather and has a rain jacket, jumper, sun cream and sun hat and an inhaler if they need one for asthma. The children are out for the morning and will be back for lunchtime.

Summer Term Clubs

A letter was sent home last week about summer term clubs that are on offer by school staff. The letter needs returning by Friday and confirmation slips will be sent out next week. Clubs start week commencing 5th June and finish

Wednesday 17th May – Y5/6 parents

Year 5 /6 parents and carers invited to see Miss Newton about RSE resources 3.30pm-4.00pm

Fundraising - Maddy

Maddy in Year 5 is going to be doing a 10km walk/run for the REME charity during mental health week.

Maddy will be completing the 10km walk / run on Saturday 20th May around the Airfield. If you would like to support Maddy and sponsor her, the link is below:

<https://remeconnect.enthuse.com/pf/maddison-cane-246b4>

Good luck, Maddy!!

Fakeaway Day – promotional school dinner – Thursday 18th May

Pizza Baguette
Chips
Salad

Cookie



Mental Health Awareness Week 15th – 21st May – information from Mental Health UK

Mental Health Awareness Week takes place from Monday 15 – Sunday 21 May 2023. The official theme for this year, as set by the Mental Health Foundation, is ‘anxiety’. The ‘**Just Anxiety?**’ campaign aims to help people and organisations to understand the difference between anxiety and anxiety disorders and to confidently seek and signpost each other to the right support.

Anxiety is a common emotion that we’ve likely all experienced at some point in our lives. People living with an anxiety disorder will feel intense levels of anxiety frequently, which can deeply impact their quality of life.

Anxiety disorders affect over 8 million people in the UK – that’s a little over 1 in 10 of us – and there are lots of different types of them.

When we talk about anxiety, we might dismiss or invalidate it as someone “*just worrying*” or “*just being stressed*”. These common phrases can be harmful. That’s why we want to challenge the notion that it’s ‘just’ anxiety, and share the truths about the condition.

Further information can be found through the following link:

<https://mentalhealth-uk.org/mental-health-awareness-week/>

National Curriculum Assessments

Year 1 Phonic Screen Check

Children in Year 1 will take the phonic screen check during the period week commencing 12th June. The outcome of this check is reported to parents by the end of the summer term.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Children in Year 4 will take the national multiplication check in June during a two-week window commencing on the 5th June. The outcome of this check is reported to parents by the end of the summer term. Please refer to the parent / carer information document which is attached to this newsletter.

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

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

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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 **May** is **£53.10**.

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@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 an all-round superstar!

This person demonstrates all our school values on a daily basis. We have been so impressed with this person's determination and resilience with their learning. They are a role model.

We are so lucky to have such a compassionate and smiley person in our school.

Keep up your great work!

Well done and congratulations to ...

Sophia-Rose!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been trying their best in all the learning tasks this week. In particular, they listened closely to how a caterpillar changes into a pupa and so could sequence pictures in the correct order. They can now talk confidently about the life cycle of a butterfly. Great learning this week, Poppy!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been trying really hard to improve their handwriting. They have worked really hard this week to make it smaller and neater. We are so impressed with your determination and effort. Well done Lexa!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been very focused on selecting sophisticated descriptive words and phrases ready to begin writing a character description for the beginning of their story. We have been really impressed with this person's determination to challenge themselves in their learning. Keep up the great work, Khloe!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to a group of children who have worked incredibly hard on the run up to their SATS. They have demonstrated our school values of resilience, determination and commitment and we are so proud of each and every one of them. Well done to Hollie-Mae, Holly, Sami, Connor, Faith, Harry, Phebie, Jack, Kelsey and Caleb!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because she tries her hardest in all lessons even when they are hard.

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

Well done, Mia!



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 9 th May 2023			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
96%	95%	99%	99%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

May 2023	
17/5/23	Year 3 and 4 multi-skills festival at Outwood Academy Ripon Year 5 /6 parents and carers invited to see Miss Newton about RSE resources 3.30pm-4.00pm (separate letter has gone out about this)
18/5/23	Promotional School Dinner - Fakeaway
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	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR THE DAY
28/6/23	KEY STAGE 2 (YEARS 3-6) PERFORMANCE OF PETER PAN at 2pm and 6pm



July 2023	
3/7/23	Sports Day – morning for children in Years 1-6 (time TBC)
4/7/23	EYFS Sports Day in the afternoon (time TBC)
5-7 July 23	Boroughbridge High School transition days
7/7/23	Year 1 and 2 trip to Harrogate
10-14 July 23	Thirsk High School transition days
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
September 2023	
4/9/23	TRAINING DAY
5/9/23	School open for the 2023-24 academic year
October 2023	
26/10/23	School photograph morning
27/10/23	Break-up October 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

