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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a super Bank Holiday weekend with another one to enjoy next week! We have a very busy week in school this week with a balance bike session for EYFS, Music for Life concert on Thursday and our Coronation event on Friday.

I have also added further information on diary dates at the end of the newsletter, so please keep checking!

Coronation Assembly and family picnic – this Friday 5th May at 11.30am

We would like to invite families to join us for our Celebration Assembly on Friday 5th 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.

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.

Class News:

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

EYFS: Our class story this week has been Oliver's Vegetables by Vivian French. We have talked about the different vegetables that Oliver tried and drew a picture of a vegetable in the story they haven't tried. In Maths this week Reception have been working hard to sequence numbers to 20, while the Nursery children have been using positional language in their play e.g. on, under, beside.



In Art this week, we have been looking at the 'fun' pictures created by the artist Sharon Pierce McCullough. We talked about straight and wavy lines, the colours she uses and how the art makes us feel. We used felt-tips and crayons to create our own drawings with some fantastic results!

Year 1 and 2: Year One and Two have been finding out all about the different parts and functions of a flowering plant. We have learnt all about the roots which take in water and nutrients from the ground and keep the plant in the ground, the stem which keeps the plant upright, the leaves which catch sunlight to produce food and the flowers that attract birds and insects. We found out that the leaves on plants can make their own food from sunlight. We also found out that fruits have seeds and sometimes the seeds are on the outside of the fruits! Billy Bookhead was our superhero of the week!

Year 3 and 4: This week, Year 3-4 continued to explore the work of author Ted Hughes as they wrote fantastic character descriptions of their own imaginary monsters in the style of The Iron Man. They explored light and dark in portraits as part of their learning about Rembrandt by taking photographs close to different light sources. The children delved deeper into Tudor history by researching the life of Henry VIII. How many of his wives can you name?

Year 5 and 6: This week we have started our new history topic about crime and punishment. We have been learning about the first police officers in Ripon and the role of the Wakeman. We will be moving on to look at crimes committed and the punishments for these crimes. We also started our art topic, computer generated art. We looked at the work of Bridget Riley who created some abstract optical illusions.

Wednesday 3rd May – EYFS Balance Bikes

On Wednesday the children in EYFS are having a session with balance bikes on the school playground.

Thursday 4th May – Music for Life Concert

On Thursday we are delighted to welcome musicians from 'Music for Life' in school where the children will watch a concert and then Year 3 and 4 children will participate in a workshop. This year we are seeing Hathor Duo who are a flute and harp duo featuring two award winning musicians, Meera Maharaj and Lucy Nolan who regularly perform throughout the UK together.

With distinctions in postgraduate degrees, **Lucy Nolan** was the recipient of a number of prizes and a finalist in the RNCM's Gold Medal weekend. She is in demand as a soloist and was recently invited to perform at the World Harp Congress in Hong Kong and regularly works with orchestras such as the Hallé, Manchester Concert Orchestra and the Royal Northern Sinfonia. Lucy has been invited to perform in renowned music venues such as the Royal Albert Hall, Cadogan Hall, The Sage, Bridgewater Hall and Lambeth Palace. Lucy is passionate about collaborating and creating new music and she recently received awards from the Arts Council and Help Musicians to fund the composition and commissioning of new harp music and has performed at Huddersfield



Contemporary Music Festival and New Music North West Festival.

<https://www.lucynolan.co>

Meera Maharaj is currently a Countess of Munster Recital Scheme artist alongside pianist Dominic Degavino. Since 2013, she has frequently performed with guitarist James Girling, as Meraki Duo and they were finalists in the 2019 Royal Overseas League competition. Competition successes include first prize in the Royal Academy of Music Flute Competition and Dutch International Flute Competition. She graduated with Distinction in her Masters, studying with Michael Cox at the Royal Academy of Music. In 2017, she graduated from the Royal Northern College of Music (first class honours). Meera has played at the Southbank Centre, Wigmore Hall, Kings Place and Royal Albert Hall at the BBC Proms. She is Co-principal Flute of Chineke! Orchestra.

www.meeramaharaj.co.uk

Recent Hathor Duo Recordings:

L'après-midi d'un faune - Debussy (arr. Loman): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RwHC1xdn5ic>

Malaika - Trad. (arr. Hathor Duo):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TP6PPfG9CQQ>

Nocturne - Sibelius (arr. Hathor Duo):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VODiUXtvc1M>

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/>

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find the May edition of the Online Safety newsletter for families attached to this week's newsletter.



National Curriculum Assessments at the end of Key Stage 1 and 2

Key Stage 2 Assessments – Year 6

Next week the children in Year 6 are taking national curriculum tests in English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and mathematics. The tests help measure the progress pupils have made and identify if they need additional support in a certain area. The tests are also used to assess schools' performance and to produce national performance data.

At the end of the summer term the test results will be reported in: • English grammar, punctuation and spelling • English reading and Mathematics.

Teacher assessment: As there is no test for English writing, this will be reported as a teacher assessment judgement. This is a judgement the teacher will make, based on the child's work at the end of key stage 2. Parents will also receive a teacher assessment judgement for science.

Key Stage 1 Assessments – Year 2

The teacher is responsible for judging the standards Year 2 children are working at in English reading, English writing, mathematics and science, by the end of key stage 1. To help inform those judgements, pupils sit national curriculum tests in English and mathematics, commonly called SATs. The tests are a tool for teachers to help them measure the children's performance and identify their needs as they move into key stage 2. They also allow teachers to see how the children are performing against national expected standards. The tests can be taken any time during May and they are not strictly timed. Pupils may not even know they are taking them as many teachers will incorporate them into everyday classroom activities.

Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work the children have done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how the children are progressing at the end of key stage 1. These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to parents by the end of the summer term.

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!



Fakeaway Day – promotional school dinner – Thursday 18th May

Pizza Baguette
Chips
Salad

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

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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 always demonstrates our school values. They are a fantastic role model and great friend.

We are so impressed with your hard work and determination that you demonstrate in every lesson.

Keep up all the hard work.

Well done and congratulations to ...

Shanaya!



Ribbons



EYFS – The ribbon goes to someone who has used great speaking and listening skills during learning time this week. This person listened to our class story of Oliver's Vegetables carefully and drew a super picture of a vegetable that they haven't tried. They were able to explain that a carrot was good to eat because it is a healthy choice. This person also noticed lots of signs of Spring in our learning garden and could talk about the different plants and animals that grow in the Spring. Great learning this week, Mylah K!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working incredibly hard in their history and geography. They have amazed me with their map work on the UK. Well done to Lily!

Year 3 / 4 – This week, the ribbon goes to someone who has shown them self to be a fantastic mathematician as well as a promising writer. Their use of adjectives has impressed us in English this week. This person has settled in brilliantly to Year 3-4 in a short time and is working hard to meet the school expectations. Well done and keep up the hard work, Samuel!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working hard to improve their writing. They have written an excellent magazine article about Canada and they've tried hard to form their sentences correctly whilst thinking about how to extend and improve their writing as they go. Well done to Harry M!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they always help me and let me play.

The values award goes to Libbie who was nominated by Bobby.

Well done, Libbie!



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 24th April 2023

| Reception | Year 1 / 2 | Year 3 / 4 | Year 5 / 6 |
|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| 98% | 98% | 96% | 98% |

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

| May 2023 | |
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| 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 | Coronation assembly and picnic lunch – families invited – 11.30am Children can wear red, white and blue instead of school uniform |
| 8/5/23 | Bank Holiday Monday – King's Coronation – school closed |
| 9-12 May 2023 | Year 6 SAT week Tuesday – Friday |
| 17/5/23 | Year 3 and 4 multi-skills festival at Outwood Academy Ripon |
| 18/5/23 | Promotional School Dinner - Fakeaway |



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| 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 | |
| 5-7 July 23 | Boroughbridge High School transition days |
| 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 |

