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## Newsletter 36 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the extended weekend due to the staff training day. We have a very enjoyable and busy few weeks left of the academic year – please keep checking diary dates at the end of the newsletter for any last-minute changes to events and timings.

On Wednesday morning at 9am we have the Reception starters parent session. This is for all parents who have a child in nursery who is starting in Reception in September as well as any new families who are moving to the Airfield.

We are all looking forward to seeing the Key Stage 2 performances of Peter Pan on Wednesday – the afternoon performance is starting at 1.30pm (earlier than originally advertised) and the evening performance is at 6pm with the children coming to school at 5.40pm to get changed. The performances are ticketed and no filming is allowed – thank you.

### Welcome

A very warm welcome to Penny who has joined us this week in Year 2.

### Class News:

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

**EYFS:** This week the Reception children have been learning about grouping in Maths. In provision we have been pegging up socks in pairs and we have noticed that if there is an odd number of socks, we cannot put them all in pairs. We have been reading poems about the seaside and talking about which ones we like best. We have also watched Magic Grandad's visit to the seaside over 100 years ago. We have really enjoyed role playing the story of Punch and Judy and looked at old photos



of seaside entertainment. We were surprised to find that people got into a wagon on wheels called a bathing machine to get changed and climb down a ladder to go swimming in the sea!

**Year 1 and 2:** This week in Year 1/2 we have started new Maths topics - Year 1 are learning all about money and the value of each coin, whilst Year 2 are developing their understanding of position and direction - looking at clockwise and anti-clockwise turns. In PSCHE this week the children labelled the different body parts including their privates. In RE the children have listened the story of Moses and sequenced pictures from the story whilst retelling.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have really enjoyed English where we have watched a short animation called Pigeon Impossible and have been using time conjunctions to support us with sequencing and retelling the events. In the next few weeks, we will be writing a newspaper report about the events in this animation and we are really looking forward to it! In maths, we have been continuing to learn about time and have been busy solving problems involving time.

**Year 5 and 6:** This week we have been rehearsing for our Peter Pan production which we will be performing next week. The children are working so hard on their lines, acting and dancing! We can't wait to share our show with you all!

### **Staffing update and classes for September**

At the end of the school year, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Dixon who is taking a break from education to bring up her young family and support her husband with the growing family business. Mrs Dixon has been a very valued member of staff in EYFS for the last seven years at Dishforth Airfield and we are going to miss her very much.

We have appointed a new full time EYFS teacher for September and we are delighted to welcome Mrs Nicola Hutchinson to the team. Mrs Hutchinson is a very experienced EYFS teacher who has taught in EYFS for ten years in Halifax and has relocated to North Yorkshire with her family. Mrs Hutchinson joined us for our training day on Friday and will be at the Reception parent information session in school on Wednesday morning and she will be in school for both Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July to get to know the children and meet all EYFS parents.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Edwards and Miss Hunt at the end of term – however, Miss Hunt will be returning under a new role! Miss Hunt is leaving to set up her own Forest School business and I am delighted that Miss Hunt will be coming back to Dishforth Airfield to deliver Forest Schools to the children at different points in the school year.

Mrs Armstrong is increasing her teaching days to work Monday – Thursday and we have appointed an experienced Year 3 / 4 teacher, Mrs Elisabeth Porter, to job share with Mrs Armstrong on a Friday. Mrs Porter joined us for our training day on Friday and she will be in school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July for the whole school transition morning so she can get to know the children and meet parents.

### **Class Structure for the academic year 2023-24**

Please see below the staffing structure for the next academic year. The children in school will get the opportunity to spend some time with their class teacher on the transition morning of Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July.



Head Teacher: Mrs Lyon  
Deputy Head Teacher and SENCO: Mrs Kestell

EYFS: Mrs Hutchinson  
Year 1 and 2: Mrs Kestell (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) and Mrs O'Connell (Wednesday)  
Year 3 and 4: Mrs Armstrong (Monday – Thursday), Mrs Porter (Friday)  
Year 5 and 6: Miss Newton

## **Peter Pan**

As stated at the start of this newsletter, we are very much looking forward to seeing the Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) performances of Peter Pan which will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm and 6pm. A separate letter was sent to KS2 families about the performances as, due to the size of the hall, this will be ticketed with each family receiving two tickets for each performance only.

School will be filming the dress rehearsal which the whole school will watch and then this will be put securely on the school website with a password.

There is to be no filming on mobile phones or any other device at the performances – thank you.

## **Parent / Carer Information Session – Reception children in September**

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 9am we are holding a parent / carer information session for children who will be in Reception in September. If your child is currently in our Nursery, please still attend this meeting if they are moving into Reception in September.

## **Sports Day for Years 1 -6 – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 9.45am**



Our traditional Sports Day is on the morning of Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> July for children in Years 1-6 starting at 9.45am. Please ensure your child has their PE kit with them on this day.

Families are welcome to join us and please feel free to bring your own chairs!

## **Sports Day for Early Years (Nursery and Reception) – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

EYFS children will have their own Sports Day on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm.



## Year 1 and 2 trip to Harrogate – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Year 1 and 2 children are going to Pizza Express in Harrogate as part of their Design Technology work on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. The cost of this trip is £10 – please can parents ensure this has been paid on ParentPay by the end of this week. Thank you.

## Promotional School Dinner – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### Seaside Special

Flipper Dippers  
(v) Veggie Dog  
Chips  
Peas  
Ketchup



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Chocolate Ice-Cream Roll and Fruit

## Summer Holidays

School breaks up at 2.30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July for the summer break.

## Summer Holiday Activities

### FEAST: Food. Entertainment. Arts. Sport. Together

Please see the information below regarding the FEAST programme in North Yorkshire over the summer holidays.

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

*All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of sessions, with free places and a free lunch for those on benefits-related Free School Meals, thanks to funding from the Department for Education.*

*To see all the fantastic activities on offer and learn more about how to claim a free place, <https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/>*

*There is so much to choose from – come and take a look at what's on!*

The FEAST programme is provided by North Yorkshire Together, commissioned by North Yorkshire Council and funded by the Department for Education.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [hello@northyorkshiretogether.co.uk](mailto:hello@northyorkshiretogether.co.uk)



## ParentPay

Breakfast and After school club, school meals and nursery fees are put on Parent Pay at the end of every week. Please can we remind families to check their account on ParentPay and make sure bills are paid as soon as possible.

## 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**

## 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 and the children can attend the Parent Away club which is run by Mrs Parker.



## 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 **June** is **£56.05**.

We have been informed by County Caters that due to rising costs there will be a price increase on school dinners for children in Years 3-6 from September. The cost in September will be £3.32



Nursery meals will also increase to £2.10

### **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@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.

### **Reading Challenge Summer 2023**



## **Get active with the Summer Reading Challenge 2023!**

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Ready Set Read! and is all about the power of play, sport, games and physical activity.

The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited-edition Ready Set Read! medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 15<sup>th</sup> July until Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sept.



There will also be a fantastic programme of activities in libraries all summer, many of them free, to go with the challenge – look out for flyers with more details which have been sent to schools for children to bring home.

## 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 so committed to their learning over the last half term.

This person has been determined to improve their reading and writing skills so the progress they have made has been amazing!



Well done – you are really preparing yourself for Year 1!

Keep up the hard work!

Congratulations and well done to ....

Tristan!

### **Ribbons**



**EYFS** – This week's ribbon goes to someone who has shown great enthusiasm for his learning this week. He has asked some interesting questions about seaside photos in the past and remembered what bathing machines were used for! He has taken a great interest in the story of the Titanic and can remember lots of details.

Well done for your super attitude to learning this week, Oscar! You must be very proud of yourself.

**Year 1 / 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working hard to be resilient with their learning. They have been listening and responding to feedback. You have a wonderful sense of humour, and we love to see you with a smile on your face. Well done Junior!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has demonstrated some excellent acting and dancing skills. It has been great to see their confidence grow in our production rehearsals. Keep it up and well done to, Lucas!



**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working hard all year. Whatever we do, whatever task they are given, this person always give it 100%! They have also impressed us with their acting and singing skills in our performance and we can't wait to see them take one of the lead roles next week. Well done to Maddy C!

**Values in Action**

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



This person has been nominated because she always tries her best and is kind to everyone.

The values award goes to Amelia-May who was nominated by Emily-Rose.

Well done, Amelia-May!

**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 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2023			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
100%	99%	99%	99%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Executive Head Teacher





## Diary Dates

<b>June 2023</b>	
<b>28/6/23</b>	<b>Parent / Carer information session for September Reception children – 9am</b>  <b>KEY STAGE 2 (YEARS 3-6) PERFORMANCE OF PETER PAN at 2pm and 6pm</b>
<b>July 2023</b>	
<b>3/7/23</b>	Sports Day – morning for children in Years 1-6 (9.45am)
<b>4/7/23</b>	Ripon Fire Brigade – water safety talk  EYFS Sports Day in the afternoon 1.30pm  Game of Actual Life – Year 5 and 6
<b>5-7 July 23</b>	Boroughbridge High School transition days
<b>7/7/23</b>	Year 1 and 2 trip to Harrogate
<b>10-14 July 23</b>	Thirsk High School transition days
<b>11/7/23</b>	PCSO Liam Bradbury-Monk – stranger danger talks
<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
<b>September 2023</b>	
<b>4/9/23</b>	TRAINING DAY
<b>5/9/23</b>	School open for the 2023-24 academic year
<b>13/9/23</b>	First swim for Year 5 and 6 children at Thirsk swimming pool
<b>October 2023</b>	
<b>26/10/23</b>	School photograph morning
<b>27/10/23</b>	Break-up October half term
<b>November 2023</b>	
<b>6/11/23</b>	School open
<b>December 2023</b>	
<b>13/12/23</b>	Last swim for Year 5 and 6 children
<b>19/12/23</b>	Year 5 and 6 theatre trip to Leeds Playhouse to see 'Oliver!'
<b>22/12/23</b>	School breaks up for Christmas 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



