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## Newsletter 38 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a super weekend. Thank you so much for all the kind words and messages surrounding our recent inspection report. We are all delighted and a huge thank you to the school community for all your support!

We continue to have a busy couple of weeks ahead before the summer break, so please keep checking the newsletters.

### Welcome

A very warm welcome to Brooke and Ava who have joined us this week in Year 3 and Year 5 respectively.

### 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 thoroughly enjoyed taking part in sports day. We all tried our best in all the races and activities and encouraged each other even when we didn't win. Well done to everyone who took part.

We have been reading *The Night Pirates* by Peter Harris and talked about what pirates do. We have a pirate ship in the role play provision and shouts of 'ship ahoy!' and 'anchors aweigh!' have been heard from the outdoor area! We have drawn treasure maps and made our own pirate flags too. In Maths Reception have been using Cuisenaire rods to compare lengths and Nursery have been playing a bean bag in the hoop game to learn how to add numbers together.



**Year 1 and 2:** This week Year 1 and 2 have had an exciting week - we started the week off with sports day and the children were all amazing and we finished the week going to Pizza express to finish off our Design Technology Project making pizza. During the week the children have finished their final art piece of work and evaluated it. We have been learning about Finn McCool in both English and Geography and completed work on money and position and directions.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week, Year 3 4 have been challenging themselves in all sorts of ways. From giving their all at sports day to completing their newspaper articles about the exciting antics of a spy and a pigeon they have all tried their best and should be proud of themselves. They have also been designing pneumatic monsters, learning about Tudor crime and discussing Christian festivals. Another busy week!

**Year 5 and 6:** This week we have been writing about dragons! We have watched some clips and looked at images to help us write some descriptions. We are moving on to write some poems based on a poem called 'Portrait of a Dragon' by Moira Andrews.

### **Year 1 and 2 trip to Harrogate**

On Friday the Year 1/2 travelled into Pizza Express in Harrogate to celebrate their Design Technology learning about food by making Pizzas. The children sang lots of songs on the bus on their way to and from Harrogate. When we arrived at Pizza Express the children learnt about the different ingredients that are used to make pizza and had a demonstration by one of the chefs or Pizzaiolo - who threw the dough to expand the dough. All the children were able to make their own pizza and then taste it before we headed back to school. The children all had an amazing time!

### **Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly is taking place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm in the school hall. Please can we ask that no more than two family members join us for this assembly due to the limited space in the hall – thank you.

### **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 will be in school again this Wednesday 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

## Swimming – September



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 5 and Year 6 children start on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September.** Please ensure your child has swimwear, goggles and a towel (named). It is helpful if girls wear socks and not tights on swimming days. Due to the layout and number of cubicles at Thirsk swimming baths, some children need to share a cubicle in order to change before and after the lesson. If any parents have questions or queries about this then please don't hesitate to speak to

Mrs Lyon. After Christmas children in Years 3 and 4 will go swimming.

The cost of swimming will be **£5.00 each week**, this still has to be paid even if your child misses a swimming lesson as we still have to pay for the bus, pool hire and swimming instructors. Payments must be made on your Parent Pay account. School has heavily subsidised the cost of swimming due to rising prices from the bus company and constraints imposed by Thirsk Pool.

## Ear-rings in PE

Please can I remind parents of the policy regarding the wearing of ear-rings in PE? Guidance was updated by the Association for PE a number of years ago.



All personal effects should be removed including earrings.

Newly pierced earrings can be removed after a 6-week healing duration. During this period students should be given alternative tasks within physical education such as officiating.

Students unable to remove earrings were previously permitted to make them safe by taping. The guidance on the aforementioned has now changed based on national advice issued by the Association for Physical Education (afPE) 2019. It is now felt that the taping of earrings 'creates a perception of safety and is not recommended', as there have been several incidences within the local authority where children's ears have been injured from earrings being pulled out from under the tape.

Teachers/TAs are not permitted to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves, therefore, it would be helpful if earrings could be taken out at home on PE days.

If a child has recently had their ears pierced and is unable to remove their earrings they will not be permitted to take part in the practical aspect of PE lessons for six weeks, after which time they will be expected to remove their earrings in order to participate in PE lessons. During this six-week period the child will be able to take on the role of umpire, referee or coach where appropriate.

Please be aware that this policy will be followed by school staff and Sport coaches.

**If your child is going to have their ears pierced, please do so at the start of the summer holidays rather than during term time.**

### 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 **July** is **£44.25**.

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@dishforhairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dishforhairfield.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 making great contributions to whole class discussions, sharing their knowledge and asking interesting questions.



They have been enthusiastic in their learning and demonstrated resilience especially in Maths.

Well done, you are starting to show us what a mature learner you can be.

Congratulations and well done to ....

Imogen!



## Ribbons



**EYFS** – This week's ribbon goes to someone who found it tricky being away from mummy when he first came to Nursery. This person has managed their feelings really well and is now happy to say bye to mum and come into Nursery happily. Well done, Archie!

**Year 1 / 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is trying really hard with their reading and writing. We know you don't always find this easy, but you are showing more and more resilience and giving everything a try. Well done Jaxson!

**Year 3 / 4** – This week, the ribbon goes to someone who has been a great example of our school values of cooperation and resilience despite only having been with us for a very short time. They have made friends, slotted into the school routine and taken everything in their stride. Well done and welcome to, Liam!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been a delight to teach this year! They are kind, caring, hardworking and resilient They demonstrate our school values on a daily basis, and it has been wonderful to watch them grow in confidence as they year has gone on. I can't wait to teach you in year 6. Well done to Evie!

## Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because in lessons they are kind and committed to their learning and they are resilient when they need to re-do something.

The values award goes to Camden who was nominated by Jack.

Well done, Camden!





## 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 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2023			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
100%	97%	100%	99%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Executive Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

July 2023	
10-14 July 23	Thirsk High School transition days
11/7/23	PCSO Liam Bradbury-Monk – stranger danger talks
12/7/23	Whole school transition morning
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
11/9/23	Year 3 and 4 children – Forest Schools afternoon
13/9/23	First swim for Year 5 and 6 children at Thirsk swimming pool
18/9/23	Year 3 and 4 children – Forest Schools afternoon
25/9/23	Year 3 and 4 children – Forest Schools afternoon
27/9/23	Year 5 and 6 NSPCC workshop
October 2023	
2/10/23	Willow Weaving
24/10/23	Parent / Carer Evenings
26/10/23	



24/10/23	Planetarium Morning
26/10/23	School photograph morning
27/10/23	Break-up October half term
<b>November 2023</b>	
6/11/23	School open
7/11/23	Number Fun Day
<b>December 2023</b>	
13/12/23	Last swim for Year 5 and 6 children
19/12/23	Year 5 and 6 theatre trip to Leeds Playhouse to see 'Oliver!'
22/12/23	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

