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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a super year in school culminating in our outstanding Ofsted judgement and we are all looking forward to spending time at home with our families for a few weeks over the summer break and hopefully we will be able to enjoy some lovely weather as well! We have much to be proud of at Dishforth Airfield Primary School. The staff are dedicated and passionate in supporting every child to reach their potential and I can't thank them enough for all their hard work and commitment. I do hope you all have a lovely summer and I wish you well in all your plans for the future if you are a family moving on.

School closes at 2.30pm on Friday 21st July for the summer holidays.

Class News:

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

EYFS: This week in EYFS we have been reading the story of Tiddler by Julia Donaldson, a fish who has a big imagination and tells tall tales! Reception have designed Lost posters for Tiddler and Nursery have told their own stories about which sea creatures Tiddler met in the sea. In Maths, we have been following directions. We have drawn maps to show Tiddler's journey. We have enjoyed practising ball skills during outside time in the fine weather.

Year 1 and 2: This week the children in Year 1/2 have been retelling the story of Finn McCool and the giant's causeway. They have been exploring how Finn's wife tricked the Scottish Giant by watching a video of the story. In Maths the children in Year 1 have been learning about time and the Year 2 children have been practicing their problem solving. We have explored the story of Jonah and the Whale, and the children have understood the parable linked to the story. We also had our marble jar treat this week - which the children thoroughly enjoyed.



Year 3 and 4: This week, as well as getting to know their new classes on transition morning, Year 3 & 4 have been busy writing and filming exciting travel adverts for a range of exotic locations. They have also choreographed their own group dances with Miss Rich and worked scientifically to classify animals.

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been creating graphs with the data we collected on our field trip to Ripon. We gathered the information about land use and produced a bar graph of our findings, and the year 6 children went on to create a pie chart with this information. We also produced a bar graph showing the profits taken from a range of different shops in Ripon to look at the impact of Covid on their takings.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – Thursday 2.00pm

The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly is taking place on Thursday 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.

Promotional School Dinner – Friday 21st July

Seaside Special

Flipper Dippers
(v) Veggie Dog
Chips
Peas
Ketchup



Chocolate Ice-Cream Roll and Fruit

Class Structure for the academic year 2023-24

Please see below the staffing structure for the next academic year.

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 13th 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.



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

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 Days in SEPTEMBER

PE Kits are needed on the following days:

EYFS: Please have PE kit in every day

Year 1 and 2: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 and 4: Monday and Thursday

Year 5 and 6: Wednesday (swimming) and Tuesday



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.

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

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 15th July until Sat 9th 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 worked incredibly hard in the run up to SATs. This person has shown commitment, resilience and determination towards their learning. We are all very proud of their achievements and we know they will continue to succeed as they move into Year 7.



This person also demonstrates our school values on a regular basis and they always look out for their friends.

Congratulations and well done to

Holly!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week's ribbon goes to someone who tries their very best in all that they do. This person reads regularly at home and always listens at learning time so they know what to do during independent learning time. As a result, they have made excellent progress this year, particularly in reading and writing. Well done,

MJ!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has recently joined our class and is demonstrating all our values at school. She is a delight to teach and is coming out of her shell and we are seeing her amazing personality. Well done to Penny!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who always demonstrates their commitment to learning by offering great contributions to discussions, seeking challenge and focusing on their work. They have been showcasing their creative flair this week as well as the value of cooperation, as they independently created a fabulous dance routine with their friends before which they practised in their own time and performed for the class. We are always entertained whenever you are around! Well done, Faith!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled well into life here at Dishforth Airfield. They are working hard in class; have made some good friends and they are confidently contributing to our discussions in lessons. Good luck as you move into year 7! Well done to Cole!

Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they are kind and they share with me.

The values award goes to Noah Cameron who was nominated by Junior.

Well done, Noah!



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 10 th July 2023			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
100%	99%	97%	94%

Leavers

Goodbye and Good Luck to all the children and families who are leaving Dishforth Airfield over the summer. It has been a pleasure to have the children in the school and we are all going to miss you!

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment over the last year – we have a fabulous team of staff who work incredibly hard to ensure that the children have an exciting curriculum and make excellent progress.

On behalf of the staff and governors, may we wish you a relaxing, peaceful summer break. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5th September at 8.45am.

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher



Diary Dates

July 2023	
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
November 2023	
6/11/23	School open
7/11/23	Number Fun Day
December 2023	
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

