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Newsletter 4 Monday 25th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a super weekend.

Class News:

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

EYFS: At the beginning of the week, we were visited by a sad Baby Bear. The children thought about the reasons why Baby Bear might have been sad. This encouraged us to think about the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears and what happened to Baby Bear in the story. We had some great explanations! We have also been exploring the story 'The Lion Inside' which is a lovely story about bravery. The children have enjoyed creating lions in the playdough area and creating a piece of 'lion artwork' in the style of Andy Warhol.

Year 1 and 2: This week Year 1 and 2 have been learning about the life cycle of frogs, programming Beebots and making journey maps around the school. In English we have drawn our own dragon and have been writing descriptions about them. We are continuing to learn about place value in maths - counting forwards and backward and partitioning into tens and ones.

Year 3 and 4: We have enjoyed another forest school session this week and had lots of fun creating a range of items such as picture frames and paint brushes which we then used to create natural art. We have also enjoyed watching a video called the Dream Giver and using this as a stimulus for writing our own diary entries in English. In Science, we have been busy investigating friction and how different surfaces can impact the speed and distance in which a toy car will travel down a ramp.

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been busy learning about North America. We are studying North America in our Geography lessons, and we have been using maps and atlases to locate the different



countries within North America. We have also been finishing our magazine articles on Guatemala which are full of factual information and wonderful pictures.

KS2 Football

A huge thank you to the children who represented our school at the KS2 football festival at Ripon last Tuesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed playing in the matches and were a credit to the school. The Year 3/4 team came fourth and the Year 5/6 team came joint third. Well done!

Willow Weaving Year 1 – Year 6

Mrs Kestell has organised for a local artist, Anna, to come into school on Monday 2nd October to work with the children in Years 1-6 on willow weaving. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to take part in the workshops which will enhance their art curriculum.

School will be subsidising this experience but we are asking for a contribution towards this of **£3** no later than **Friday 29th September 2023**. Please make this payment via ParentPay.

NSPCC – speak out, stay safe programme

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme** this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age-appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom-based activities, alongside NSPCC volunteer led face to face workshops for children in Year 5 and 6 on Wednesday 27th September. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Feedback survey for pupils aged 7-11

The NSPCC would like to gather feedback from pupils aged between 7-11 about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme to gauge their learning. **This will be voluntary and children can still take part in the programme if they don't take part in the survey.**

UK Parliament Outreach Programme

On Tuesday 26th September we are delighted to welcome Rachael Dodgson to school. Rachael is Parliament's Senior Education & Engagement Outreach Officer for Yorkshire & Humberside, working across the region to help young people develop their understanding of democracy and Parliament. Rachael will be delivering an assembly to children in key stage 2 giving an introduction to Parliament with an overview of the three key parts of Parliament and how they work together to make laws.



NHS Guidance for Parents and Carers

It can be difficult deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school on the first day. Let school know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

For other illnesses, please see the end of this newsletter after diary dates for a comprehensive list.

Promotional School Dinner – Thursday 5th October

Hot Dog & Chips

Or

(v) Pizza & Chips

Peas
Sweetcorn
Ketchup

Jelly & Ice-cream





The Little Princess Trust

The Little Princess Trust provides real-hair wigs to around 2000 recipients every year and needs financial donations as well as hair donations for its free wig provision service.

Kelsey, in Year 6, has made the decision to have her hair cut and is donating her hair to the charity. If you would like to make a donation in support of The Little Princess Trust, then please send your donation to the school office where it will be passed on or please click the link below.

The Little Princess Trust also fund childhood cancer research, and since 2016, they have supported 128 projects searching for kinder and more effective treatments. This means that every pound raised helps give Hair and Hope to so many children and young people with cancer.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/kelsey-donating-her-hair-to-princess-trust?utm_campaign=p_lico+share-sheet-first-launch&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook

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.**

Information for Parents of Year 6 children

Information regarding applying for secondary school was attached to last week's newsletter from North Yorkshire County Council. Applications need to be submitted from 12th September and by 31st October.

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: Tuesday and Wednesday (swimming)

Sporting Selfies! Message from Miss Newton



We would love to see some of your sporting selfies to add to our PE display in school. Take some selfies of yourself doing the sports you love and print them off and bring them in or send them to the school admin email so we can add them to our Sporting Selfie Display!

Planetarium visit - EYFS - Y6

We are very excited to share that on Tuesday 24th October we will be having the Auriga Star Dome in school. All children in EYFS - Year 6 will watch a show inside the mobile planetarium which will enhance their Science learning about Earth and Space. School is covering the cost of this exciting and immersive experience for the children. We can't wait to share with you what we find out!

Keep in touch – School Facebook Page

Please ensure you are signed up to the school FaceBook page so that we can get in touch with families quickly.

ParentPay

Breakfast and After school club, swimming, 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.

School Dinners

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 can have a school dinner free of charge.

The price for a school dinner for children in Years 3-6 is £3.32 per meal (£16.60 per week). The cost for the month of **September** is **£63.08**.

Children in Nursery can order a school dinner and the cost of their meal is £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



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 made an impressive start back at school since September. This person is growing in confidence in all areas and they are really beginning to challenge themselves in and out of the classroom.



This person is kind, funny and caring and we are so pleased that they are a member of our class.

Keep working hard and you will do amazing things!

Congratulations and well done to

Kelsey Power!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to somebody who is putting in 100% effort into their maths and their phonics work. This person is so enthusiastic and excited by learning which is fantastic to see. Well done Deborah!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has excelled in all areas of their learning due to their positive, resilient and fantastic attitude. We are so proud of you keep up the good work. Well done Lillian!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has continued to impress us with their effort across the curriculum. This person always listens carefully and strives to achieve their best in every lesson. We have been very impressed. Keep up the great work, Oscar!

Year 5 / 6 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has made a fantastic start to life here at Dishforth Airfield. We are so impressed with their attitude towards their learning, especially their reading at home! This person is so helpful and polite, and we are thrilled that they have joined our class! Well done to Alfie!



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 they kept on pushing through when things got hard – they kept on going.

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

Well done, Bobby!

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 18th September 2023

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
96%	96%	98%	97%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

September 2023	
25/9/23	Year 3 and 4 children – Forest Schools afternoon
26/9/23	UK Parliament outreach programme – assembly for KS2 children – An overview of Parliament and how laws are made.
27/9/23	Year 5 and 6 NSPCC workshop



October 2023	
2/10/23	Willow Weaving
10/10/23	High 5 Netball competition Y5/6 - one team girls only (at Outwood Academy Ripon)
24/10/23 26/10/23	Parent / Carer Evenings
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
21/11/23	Cross Country Competition (at Outwood Academy Ripon)
December 2023	
13/12/23	Last swim for Year 5 and 6 children
14/12/23	Year 1 and 2 Nativity – afternoon – time TBC
19/12/23	Year 5 and 6 theatre trip to Leeds Playhouse to see 'Oliver!'
20/12/23	Christmas School Dinner Christingle Service
21/12/23	Christmas Party afternoon (children to bring party clothes into school to change into)
22/12/23	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm
January 2024	
8/1/24	Training Day
9/1/24	School open for the spring 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

NHS Guidance for other illnesses

Follow this advice for other illnesses:

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.



High temperature

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#).

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#).

Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school.

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

[What to do if your child has tested positive](#)

Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.



Ear infection

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has [hand, foot and mouth disease](#) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

You can treat [head lice and nits](#) without seeing a GP.

Impetigo

If your child has [impetigo](#), they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics.

Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment.

Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm

If your child has [ringworm](#), see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP.

It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has [scarlet fever](#), they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks.

Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.



Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [slapped cheek syndrome](#) because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.

But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#). But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.

A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of [tonsillitis](#).

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [threadworms](#).

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

