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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely autumnal weekend. What a fabulous week we have had in school last week with both Fiji Day and the netball success!

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 been learning the story 'The Enormous Turnip' the children have enjoyed acting out and retelling the story through role play and small world characters. We have been focusing on weight, size and capacity in our areas of provision which have involved using the balancing scales in our construction area, mud kitchen and little bears porridge area. This has encouraged lots of great mathematical language such as full, empty, light and heavy.

Year 1 and 2: This week has been a busy week for Year 1/2. We have started our new Maths block on Addition and Subtraction and have been learning to use the part-part whole method. In English we have been learning about poetry and we are writing poems linked to harvest. In Art we explored mark making and smudging using the oil pastels - the children had great fun. In PSCHIE this week we looked at the Pants programme explaining that what's in our pants are private - we had some very mature conversations around this. On Tuesday we were lucky enough to celebrate Fiji Day with our Fiji families - this is always a great pleasure.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been mastering column addition in maths and have started to explore column subtraction using resources. We have enjoyed being scientists and investigating which materials are magnetic and which are non-magnetic - some of the results surprised us! We have enjoyed playing 5-a-side matches of football in our PE lessons and did an excellent job of putting all the skills we have been practicing in to play.



Year 5 and 6: This week we have been exploring the climate of different places in North America. We looked at a number of different countries and we had to match the place and the description together. We then had to use the description to work out which temperatures graph and precipitation graph matched up.

Fiji Day



Last Tuesday we celebrated Fiji Day with our Fijian families. A huge thank you to the Fijian community who came to school to share the history of Fiji with the children and the staff, cooked for us and danced with us – thank you!



School Council

Our school council members have been elected for the academic year and they are as follows:

EYFS:	Oscar
Year 1 and 2:	MJ and Lily
Year 3 and 4:	Isla and Lucas
Year 5 and 6:	Jesse and Libbie

Netball

A big congratulations to some of our Y5/6 girls for their effort and perseverance with their netball tournament at Outwood Academy Ripon on Tuesday 10th October. The girls played five games against different schools and came out as joint winners! They will be playing in the finals later this term! They set a fantastic example for our school and were great team players.

Martin Colley from Sporting Influence emailed to say: 'Please can I pass on my praise to the girls who attended SI's Y5/6 Netball Festival today, their attitude and behaviour was exemplary. They showed great respect both for the rules and the opposition in all games. They demonstrated determination and desire to be the best that they can be and because of this they all made great progress, our final games were fast paced end to end Netball. A special well done to Ripon Cathedral and Dishforth Airfield who were our joint winners, they will represent the Ripon area in the Netball Finals on Tuesday 5th December 2023.'



Parent / Carer Consultations

Parents Evening is week commencing the 23rd October. A confirmation slip will be sent home early next week with the date and time for your appointment. Appointments are strictly for 10 minutes only. If there are further areas you would like to discuss with the teacher, please make another appointment so that we can ensure the evenings run to time – thank you.

There will be no Tchoukball or clubs run by teachers during the week of parents evening.

School Photograph morning

On **Thursday 26th October** it is school photograph day. As with previous years the family photographs are to be taken first from 8.30am, these are for children in school who have siblings who are **not** at school. If this applies to you, please come to school for 8.30am to have your children photographed together. Individual photographs and siblings who come to this school will be taken during the school morning.



Promotional Bonfire Lunch – Thursday 26th October

As Bonfire Night falls in the half-term holiday, our promotional Bonfire Lunch will take place on Thursday 26th October.



Hot Dogs (Pork or Vegetarian)

Cheese and Bean Jacket Potato

Witch's Finger Wedges

Carrot and Cucumber Sticks

Sparkler Sponge Cake

Harvest

KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) will celebrate Harvest Festival on Thursday 26th October at 2.30pm

Reception, Year 1 and 2 children will celebrate Harvest Festival on Friday 27th October at 9.15am which will last approximately 15 minutes.



Due to the size of the hall, please can a maximum of two people from each family attend Harvest - thank you.



Poppy Appeal

We are selling items for the Poppy Appeal again this year. Last year the school was very successful and gave one of the highest donations in the local area.



Alongside the traditional poppy there are snap band rulers, reflectors, zip pulls and wristbands. Suggested donations are 50p for a zip pull, 50p for a reflector, £1 for a wristband and £1.50 for a snap band.

Please come to the school office before or after school if you would like to donate to the Poppy Appeal.

Flu Immunisation – Wednesday 29th November

Attached to this week's newsletter is information regarding the flu immunisation programme for this year. All children in Reception to Year 6 can be immunised. Please see below for the E-consent link for parents/carers.

<https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/northyorkshire>

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!

Black History Month

In the UK, October marks the beginning of Black History Month. This national celebration aims to promote and celebrate the contributions of those with African and Caribbean heritage to society and to foster an understanding of Black history in general. Through Black History Month, we learn so much about ourselves and our abilities to overcome challenges both big and small. We learn to reason and wonder about things morally. We also learn from mistakes people made in the past and learn the importance of treating others with compassion – we learn to be givers and helpers. Through this month we are using a number of assemblies to learn about significant people in history.

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

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)

PE Kit

A reminder that now the weather is turning a bit cooler, the children can wear a tracksuit for PE in either black or navy (plain).

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 **October** is **£66.40**.

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 is an all-round superstar! This person is a funny, kind and caring member of our school. They always demonstrate our school values and they are a pleasure to teach.



We love having you in our class. Keep up the super work!

Congratulations and well done to ...

Sophia-Rose!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has made an excellent start to Reception. They listen intently to everything that is taught and always tries their very best. Well done Raf!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has completed some amazing writing in Geography. You were able to think about the facts and information you need to include. We are so pleased how you have settled well into our class and our school. Well done Brooke!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed me with their independence in learning, particularly in maths. This person has used resources well and has been very enthusiastic about talking through their workings out. Keep up the great work, Jermaine!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is giving everything their all. They are so driven to make progress and improve in every area of school. We are so proud of the way this person is working, and their attitude toward the challenges they face and the achievements they make. We know how hard you are working. Well done to Jessica!



Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because at the netball festival they helped everyone to play better and they even helped when they were on the side-lines.

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

Well done, Jessica!

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 9th October 2023

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
85%	94%	96%	97%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

October 2023	
24/10/23 26/10/23	Parent / Carer Evenings
24/10/23	Planetarium Morning
26/10/23	School photograph morning



	KS2 (Years 3-6) Harvest Festival at 2.30pm
27/10/23	Reception, Year 1 and 2 Harvest Festival at 9.15am Break-up October half term at 3.15pm
November 2023	
6/11/23	School open
7/11/23	Number Fun Day
13/11/23	Anti-bullying week
17/11/23	Children in Need Day Year 6 at Crucial Crew event in the afternoon – back later around 3.35pm
21/11/23	Cross Country Competition (at Outwood Academy Ripon)
29/11/23	Flu immunisation - morning
December 2023	
6/12/23	EYFS Nativity at 10am
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

