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Dear Parents / Carers,

The first half term seems to have come around very quickly with us breaking up on Friday for a week at 3.15pm. We hope you all have a lovely week off school which this year includes both Halloween and Bonfire Night and we look forward to seeing the children on Monday 6th November.

Harvest Festivals

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.

Harvest Collection

As a school, we have discussed the charity that we would like to support over harvest time. The charity that we would like to support this year is the Boroughbridge Community Larder. The Boroughbridge Community Larder is a place where ANYONE can donate any surplus produce they have; this food is then available to ANYONE.

Shops, households, farmers, allotment holders and anyone else can donate extra food and then it can be available for anyone, free of charge, regardless of means.

The aim is to reduce the amount of food waste going to landfill which will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions which in turn will help climate change.

This community project will also help to bring our local community together.

Please support our charity this year and donate any dried food that you can. You will be helping our community and our planet. Thank you.



Class News:

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

EYFS: We have had a lovely autumnal week in Early Years. Thank you for all the 'Autumn Treasures' you have kindly brought in for us. We have been busy creating pieces of artwork out of these. The children have created people, flowers, animals, diggers and much more. We have produced some great observational drawings of pumpkins which will be on display outside our Early Years entrance. We have learnt the gingerbread man story in Nursery and learnt to retell parts though small world characters. As the children have enjoyed this so much, we decided to make our very own gingerbread people but we are hoping none of them are going to run away!

Year 1 and 2: This week Year 1 / 2 have been learning all about Bear and the Piano. With Bear travelling to the big city to become a pianist. The children have been writing their own setting description of the forest. In Maths the children have been learning about fact families and related facts. The children completed some super questioning in science and have been exploring oil pastels in art - they have been learning to blend the colours together. Alongside this the children have been practicing ready for the Harvest assembly!

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been busy research different Ancient Egyptian Gods and Goddesses in preparation for writing our own information page about some of them next week. In Science we have continued to explore magnets and how different poles attract and repel each other. We have also enjoyed our art lessons where we have been exploring different drawing pencils and the impact pencil pressure can have on our drawings.

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been reading adventure stories and analysing the features. We are writing the next chapter of our class text 'Curse of the Maya' and we want to create tension and suspense for the audience. We have also been researching the physical features and famous landmarks in North America.

Parent / Carer Consultations

Parents Evening is this week – tomorrow and Thursday. 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 this week. Clubs resume week commencing the 6th November with a new Sporting Influence club on Tuesday 7th November.

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

Reception Starters for September 2024

Attached to this newsletter is information for parents and carers who have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2024. The deadline to submit an application is the 15th January.

Year 6 Pupils transferring to Secondary School in September 2024

If you haven't already made an application for a secondary school for September 2024, please don't forget to apply by the 31 October 2023. Applications can be made online at:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions

Year 5 and 6 Ripon Cathedral Service – Friday 10th November

On Friday 10th November, Year 5 and 6 children have been invited to go to Ripon Cathedral to be part of a service celebrating military children. The class will have an early lunch and they will return in time for the end of the school day.

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 tomorrow 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 after half term

PE Kits are needed on the following days from week commencing 6th November:



EYFS: Wednesday and Friday
Year 1 and 2: Tuesday and Thursday
Year 3 and 4: Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5 and 6: Wednesday (swimming) and Friday

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 radiates our school values. This person is a delight to teach and gives every challenge their all!



I am so proud of the way this person is tackling Year 6. They are determined, resilient and show compassion to everyone in school. This person always offers to help staff and their peers and no job is ever too big.

You are such a role model!

Congratulations and well done to ...

Bobby!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to somebody who is really enduring with their work. They don't give up when they find things tricky, they keep going and have a 'I can' attitude. This person has made great progress with their writing and maths work. Well done Mylah K!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been trying really hard to form their letters and numbers accurately. They have been using their Fred talk to sound out words to spell independently. Well done to Antwan!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who demonstrates resilience and enthusiasm in all that they do. We are so lucky to have this person in our class. Keep up the great work and well done to, Isla!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled in so well here at Dishforth Airfield. They are working hard in lessons and have made some lovely friends. We are so impressed with their positive start. Well done to Manav!



Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated our school value of respect.

This person has been nominated because when I fell, they came to see if I was hurt or wounded.

The values award goes to Theo who was nominated by Jesse.

Well done, Theo!



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 16th October 2023

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
95%	100%	94%	99%

We hope you all have a lovely half term break and we shall look forward to seeing you all on Monday 6th November.

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

October 2023



24/10/23	Parent / Carer Evenings
26/10/23	
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
10/11/23	Year 5/6 Ripon Cathedral – Service of Remembrance
13/11/23	Anti-bullying week
16/11/23	School Disco – Fundraiser
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



