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## Newsletter 6 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend.

### Fiji Day – tomorrow

Tomorrow we will be celebrating Fiji Day. A huge thank you to member of the Fijian community who are coming to school to share the history of Fiji with the children and the staff.

### 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 explored the world looking at our planet and our country. We have learnt about other places around the world and which foods countries are famous for e.g., Italy is famous for pizza and pasta. We listened to a lovely story called 'Here we are' that shows the children our planet and how we live on land. It also explained how people can look very different but we can all treat each other with kindness. We have also looked at size, length and capacity this week in maths this has involved sorting big and small objects and placing them in size order and filling and emptying containers to measure.

**Year 1 and 2:** We have had an exciting start to our week in Year 1/2 with Anna the willow weaver making our fish! We have been writing letters this week pretending to be mole and explaining why he took all the stars from the sky. In Maths we have finished our block on place value and will be starting on addition and subtraction next week. We had fun in Art this week making our faces in the style of Picasso using the cubist style - using parts of our faces from different angles!



**Year 3 and 4:** We started this week off with a fantastic willow weaving workshop where we very carefully bent, twisted and wrapped pieces of willow together to create our very own dragonfly sculptures. We used lots of art skills and had lots of fun. In English we have started to plan a set of instructions on how to mummify an apple! In Geography we have been learning about how mountains are formed and in PE we have continued to develop both our football and hockey skills.

**Year 5 and 6:** We have had a busy week in year 5/6! We started the week by making some wonderful willow dragonflies with the help of Anna. It was a really exciting afternoon and the children showed determination when learning a new skill. We have also been exploring the climate of North America this week. We were learning about the temperature and rainfall in different places in North Yorkshire.

## Willow Weaving

This week we were very lucky to work with the artist Anna - from Anna and the Willows. Anna is a local artist who works with willow. Anna shared her art journey with us in assembly and then worked with the children from Year one to year six. The children all had a fabulous day making either fish or dragonflies. The children were able to demonstrate the values of perseverance and determination as it was as easy as Anna made it look. Anna was really impressed with all the children and their achievements.



## School Council

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

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



## Netball

Good luck to our netball squad who are playing in a festival tomorrow at Outwood Ripon against other schools.

## Parent / Carer Consultations

Parents Evening is week commencing the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Harvest



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

**Reception, Year 1 and 2** children will celebrate Harvest Festival on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Flu Immunisation – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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)**

## 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](mailto: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 been impressing all of us with their hard work, determination and persistence in all of their learning.

This person always has a smile on their face and positive attitude.

We love having you in our class.

Congratulations and well done to ...

Skyla!



## Ribbons



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to somebody who is trying so hard with their writing and is making great progress. Well done Eddie!

**Year 1 / 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is trying really hard with their learning. They are using their RWI skills to help with their writing. We have been impressed with your give it a go attitude this week. Keep up the good work. Well done Joey!

**Year 3 / 4** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has really impressed me with their use of resources in maths when completing column additions. I have been really impressed with this person's resilience and it has been lovely to see their confidence grow in maths this week. Keep up the great work, Khloe!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled into school here well. They are really beginning to show us what they can do, and they have made some lovely friends. Keep up the hard work and well done to Paige!

## Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they are a great friend and always make me laugh. They keep having a go at everything they do.

The values award goes to Felicity who was nominated by Pippa.

Well done, Felicity!



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
95%	98%	97%	100%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Executive Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

October 2023	
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 26/10/23	Planetarium Morning School photograph morning
	<b>KS2 (Years 3-6) Harvest Festival at 2.30pm</b>
27/10/23	<b>Reception, Year 1 and 2 Harvest Festival at 9.15am</b>  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
<b>December 2023</b>	
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
<b>January 2024</b>	
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

