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## Newsletter 10 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a peaceful weekend. I know you have all taken time to look at the poppy installation in the playground at the end of last week. The children have been very thoughtful in their messages of Remembrance. Thank you to Mrs Kestell who organised this.

We have another busy week ahead in school with Year 6 at Crucial Crew on Friday and also our school disco on Thursday! Please read ahead for other super PTA fundraising activities for the festive season.

### Children in Need

As a school we are supporting Children in Need Day on Friday where the children can come to school in non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1.

### Class News:

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

**EYFS:** What a very busy week we have had in Early Years. We looked at the beginning part of the story for 'The Smed and Smoos' written by Julia Donaldson which is a story based on aliens and space. We designed and named our own alien and made aliens out of playdough. We also found a letter in our classroom written by 'Pippin the alien' who wanted to know more about us. We wrote 'Pippin the alien' a letter back telling the alien all about us. We also had a fantastic 'Number fun' day on Tuesday which involved us taking part and acting out number songs and learning our number bonds through song.

**Year 1 and 2:** Year 1 and 2 have had a fantastic start back this half term. We have been learning about Remembrance and have made beautiful poppies with a message linked to something we have learnt. We are enjoying our number work finding fact families and adding and subtracting 10! The



children loved the Number Fun day and have learnt lots of new mathematical songs to help them with their learning. We have continued to learn about Victorian homes in History and have explored lots of different artefacts and how they are used.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have been planning and beginning to write our very own time travel stories. We have been working hard to include lots of description in our writing to create a clear image in our readers minds. We have also started our learning on multiplication and division in maths and have enjoyed exploring arrays for multiplication and multiples of 6. We also had great fun on Tuesday in our number fun workshop - we loved the songs that have been helping us develop our maths knowledge and understanding.

**Year 5 and 6:** This week we started our new topic 'Earth and Space' in science. We were exploring different statements made by Professor Brian Cox. We were generating enquiry questions based on the statements. We have also started some weaving which is linked to our Art and DT lessons. We are aiming to weave like the Maya's did and create an outfit for our mod roc doll which we are making in DT.

### **Diwali – Mrs Patel**

A huge thank you to Mrs Patel who came into school on Friday to talk to the children about Diwali which was celebrated yesterday. Mrs Patel explained how Diwali is a Hindu festival and went through the different elements of the celebration. The children listened very carefully and asked very thoughtful questions.



### **Number Fun**

Last Tuesday we welcomed Dave Godfrey to school for the day. Dave is a very experienced teacher and maths consultant who has written songs to accompany the teaching and learning of Maths throughout school from Nursery to Year 6. There are different songs to use for different purposes, such as: mental recall of facts, reasoning songs and songs which support the teaching of a mathematical concept. Dave has worked with White Rose Maths where his songs have been linked to different units of learning and last week gave us all the opportunity to see how this has been achieved when Dave delivered staff training at the end of the day.



## **Anti-bullying week – this week**

This week is anti-bullying week which is coordinated in England, Wales and Northern Ireland by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year it has the theme 'Make A Noise About Bullying' and the week has started off with Odd Socks Day today where adults and children can wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

If you would like any further information regarding anti-bullying week, there is a dedicated part on the anti-bullying alliance website through the link below:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/parents-and-carers>

## **Year 5 and 6 – Ripon Cathedral**

Year 5 and 6 children had an interesting and thoughtful time at the Remembrance Service on Friday at Ripon Cathedral where they joined hundreds of children from all over North Yorkshire to celebrate the Armed Forces and remember those who have been affected by war.



## **School Disco – Thursday!**

The PTA are running a school disco on Thursday. A letter has already been sent home and many of you have kindly returned your permission slips and paid for tickets via parent pay. If you need another letter to buy tickets, please speak with Mrs Watts in the school office. Please can tickets be purchased in advance and brought along to enter the disco. A snack and drink are included with tickets however we also have a tuck shop and glitter tattoos available to buy on the night, so please do bring along some extra pennies in a named envelope/ purse to raise money for our school! A





friendly reminder that any children attending in Reception will need an adult to stay with them for the duration of the disco and that **all** children need to be collected by an adult.



## PTA Christmas fundraising - December 2023:

### Christmas Hampers - donations

Christmas time is almost upon us and we are excited to introduce this year's rainbow Christmas hamper raffle! We are asking for your support by donating items that can be made into Christmas hampers. We would be very grateful if you could send contributions into class with your children by Thursday 7th December so that the hampers can be made up ready for our Christmas raffle draw on 14<sup>th</sup> December. We have chosen colours for each class and ask for your donations to match the colour of the class your child is in. Donations can be anything such as sweets, chocolate, toiletries, pamper products, tea, coffee, a bottle of something to drink, festive snacks etc. Please could we ask that you try to check the best before dates on any perishable items is after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

### **Nursery/ Reception: Red**

### **Year 1/2: Green**

### **Year 3/4: Pink**

### **Year 5/6: Blue**

Tickets for the raffle will be on sale from December – more information will follow on how and where to buy these shortly. Thank you so much for your continued support in raising money for our school.



### Jingle Jars - donations

As we are getting into the Christmas spirit, we are asking for donations of 'Jingle jars'. These are empty jam jars that have been filled with treats e.g. mini sweets, mini chocolates, bath salts, wax melts, mini colouring pencils and activity books etc – anything you can fit into a jar that you think others would enjoy! All jingle jar donations will be collected and sold at school on our Christmas stall in December and all money raised will be for our school. Please could all jingle jar donations be handed in to Mrs Watts in the school office **by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Thank you!

### Crucial Crew

On Friday, Year 6 are spending the afternoon at Carlton Lodge undertaking activities in Crucial Crew which is an event organised by North Yorkshire Police. The children will see various scenarios which they may encounter in everyday life, each one posing problems or dangers to them. The children, working in small groups and under close supervision will tackle each scenario with feedback given as they complete each one.

**All children need to bring a coat.**



## Cross Country

On the 21<sup>st</sup> November, Key Stage 2 children who have chosen to take part in the cross-country festival will be going to Outwood Academy Ripon for the morning to participate in the event.

## Scholar Pack - Parent App – message from Mrs Watts

We are delighted to inform you that we are now using Scholar Pack Parents App.

This app will give you up-to-date information about your child's attendance, reporting absence and your contact details, as well as receiving message directly from school.

Firstly, you will need to download the app onto your phone by searching ' Scholar pack Parents' in the Google Play store or the Apple App store. Once downloaded, you will need to enter a linkup code when setting up. You should have received an email last week containing your link up code. If you didn't receive this, please ask the office to resend you the link up code.

Please make sure your email and contact details are correct. Please get in touch if you need any help.

## Scholar Pack - Comms

We are no longer sending emails from Parent Pay, emails will be sent to you directly from Scholar pack, our new online messaging system.

Parent Pay will still be used for billing purposes and you will continue to use as normal. There are a few links on the Parent App that are very useful. If you select school details, you can see the links. Parent Pay is on there, if you login, it will give you direct access.

## Reception Starters for September 2024

Parents and carers who have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2024 need to submit an application by the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

## Flu Immunisation – **now Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December (afternoon)**

All children in Reception to Year 6 can be immunised as long as parents sign up using the link below.

Please see below for the E-consent link for parents/carers.

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

## 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 this half term

PE Kits are needed on the following days:

**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 **November** 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](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 is an absolute delight to have in our class. This person is kind, helpful and encouraging towards their peers. They work hard and demonstrate resilience in all they do.



You are a role model to others and we are so lucky to have you in our class.

Keep up the fantastic work!

Congratulations and well done to ...

Florence!

### **Ribbons**



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is really developing their confidence to have a try and have resilience to keep going when things can get tricky. This person is showing a really mature attitude when taking turns and sharing with others. Well done Penny!

**Year 1 / 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who find Maths challenging! They have shown resilience and perseverance to use a number line to help them with their subtraction. We watched your confidence grow with every question you got correct - we know you can do this! Well done, Audrey!

**Year 3 / 4** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has had a fantastic and positive attitude towards their learning. We have been so pleased to see this person's confidence shine through this week and we have been impressed with their resilience. Keep up the great work, Emily-Rose!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has a real 'can do' attitude. This person always gives everything their all and tried their best with their work. They have had a successful start to year 5 and that is down to their hard work, commitment and determination. Well done to Devin!





## 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 was sad, he cheered me up by making me laugh.

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

Well done, Peter!



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
98%	99%	99%	96%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Executive Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

November 2023	
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	KS2 Cross Country Competition (at Outwood Academy Ripon)
<b>December 2023</b>	
1/12/23	Flu immunisation - afternoon
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

