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Newsletter 11 Monday 20th November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a super weekend and enjoyed lovely autumn sunshine yesterday. It is a busy time in school as we seem to be whizzing through the term, therefore the newsletter today covers quite a bit of forthcoming events to help with planning for the festive season ahead.

Thank you to everyone who supported both the school disco last Thursday and Children in Need on Friday - we are in the process of counting the money raised!

On another note, thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal - £127 was raised by the school.

Last week of clubs

Just a reminder that this week is the last week of clubs run by school staff. The multi-skills club which is run by Sporting Influence will continue until Monday 11th December. A new set of clubs will be on offer to the children after Christmas. Thank you to all the staff who have given up their time this term to run the clubs.

Class News:

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

EYFS: In Early Years this week we have designed our very own planet. This allowed us to use our imaginations and prompted lots of discussion about what features we would have. We had some great suggestions such as a planet made out of chocolate and a planet where everything is made out of Lego. We have been focussing on number bonds to 5 and learning how we can split 5 into two parts. We learnt how a part and a part makes a whole which is the total amount. In provision this



week we have been focussing on having a purpose in mind when we are creating models. This has involved us designing, making and then going back to our model to evaluate and add to.

Year 1 and 2: This week Year 1/2 have been exploring the story called 'The Invisible' and are learning to use description skills to explain what is happening in the story. In Maths we have been practicing to take away on a number line for year 1 and exchange ones for tens in year 2 - it's very tricky! We have begun our final piece of art work and have some amazing art inspired by Pablo Picasso. We have also begun our dance and song in preparation for our Nativity show! So, it's been a very busy week.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have continued writing our own time travel stories in English and we have been particularly focusing on including lots of detail and description. In DT we have started to make our very own mazes using our new woodwork skills - we are looking forward to seeing these come together into our final project. In PE, we have been continuing to develop our tag rugby and gymnastic skills.

Year 5 and 6: In Year 5/6 this week we have been learning about the earth. We were looking at evidence to support why the earth is spherical and why, in the past, some people have thought the earth was different shapes. We analysed the evidence for each opinion. We have also written a newspaper about the discovery of a Maya temple which is link to our class text. We thought about eye witnesses to the event and how people may feel as a result of this discovery.

Flu Immunisation – now Friday 1st 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>

The Flu Portal will close 48 hours before Friday 1st December.

Crucial Crew

On Friday, Year 6 spent the afternoon at Carlton Lodge undertaking activities at Crucial Crew which is an event organised by North Yorkshire Police. The children took part in various scenarios which they may encounter in everyday life, each one posing problems or dangers to them.

Cross Country - tomorrow

Tomorrow, 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 15th January 2024.

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



Christmas Events 2023

We have much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season and I would like to share with you what we have planned so far.

Christmas Cards



Children can bring their Christmas cards into school for special Dishforth Airfield delivery! Please can children bring their cards into school and post them in the special post box from Monday 4th December - please ensure envelopes are named correctly and have the class written on!

Nativity Plays

There are two Nativity plays this year, one by EYFS called 'The Nativity!' and Year 1 and 2 are presenting the Nativity through the story of 'Shine Star Shine'.

EYFS Nativity is on Wednesday 6th December at 10am



Year 1 and 2 Nativity is on Thursday 14th December in the afternoon – time is to be confirmed.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 8th December, we are taking part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. For a £1 donation to the charity, children can come to school in a Christmas jumper – this can be a decorated jumper or a bought one.

Carol Singing – Year 5

Year 5 children are going to Boroughbridge Manor Care Home on Friday 15th December to sing carols and spread festive joy to the residents.



School Christingle

On Wednesday 20th December, every child in the school will make a Christingle and we will hold our own Christingle Service towards the end of the afternoon.



Christmas School Dinner – Wednesday 20th December



School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch – order in advance

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 20th December; this meal will need to be ordered in advance and the **deadline is Tuesday 5th December**.

**Roast Turkey, Christmas Chipolatas
and Seasonal Stuffing
or
Cheesy Leek Croquette (v)**

**With
Mrs Claus' Roast or Mashed Potatoes
Rudolph's favourite Gravy
A Merry Mix of Seasonal Vegetables**

Followed by

**The Elves' Hand Decorated
Chocolate Orange Christmas Cookie**

Christmas Party afternoon – Thursday 21st December

On Thursday 21st December, the children will have their Christmas Party in classes. Please can children come to school wearing their uniform and bring their party clothes in a named bag to change into after lunchtime. Thank you.

Break-up for Christmas – early closing – Friday 22nd December

On Friday 22nd December, school closes early for Christmas at 2.30pm.

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 14th 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 31st 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 11th December**. Thank you!

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 making great contributions in all lessons and demonstrates a positive attitude to learning.

We love seeing your personality and you are a super role model – we can't wait to see you continue to grow and shine!

Congratulations and well done to ...

Shanaya!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is showing a really positive attitude towards learning. This person is a kind caring friend who shows compassion to others. They are making excellent choices in the classroom and around school. This week the ribbon goes to Noah!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who always has a smile on their face and a positive attitude to their learning. This person is thriving on the challenges being set in their learning and working really hard to achieve them. Well done MJ!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working really hard in all lessons. We have been really impressed with this person's resilience and determination to achieve their best during learning time. Keep up the excellent work, you are doing so well! Well done to Mairi!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has made a great start here at Dishforth Airfield. This person is working hard in lessons, is polite and is growing in confidence every day. Keep up the hard work, well done to Rova!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they are always kind and help me when I need it. They always help others and are a good friend.

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

Well done, Imogen!

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 13 th November 2023			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
95%	99%	100%	97%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

November 2023	
21/11/23	KS2 Cross Country Competition (at Outwood Academy Ripon)
December 2023	
1/12/23	Flu immunisation - afternoon
6/12/23	EYFS Nativity at 10am
8/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day – children can wear a Christmas jumper for a donation which will go to Save the Children
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
10/1/24	Year 3 and 4 swimming at Thirsk Pool
15/1/24	Year 5 and 6 children – Forest Schools – 3 afternoons
22/1/24	
29/1/24	
February 2024	
9/2/24	Break-up for February half-term
19/2/24	School open
March 2024	
20/3/24	Year 3 and 4 – last swim
21/3/24	Year 3 and 4 children Murton Park Year 5 and 6 children Murton Park Year 1 and 2 – Fire of London workshop
22/3/24	Break-up for Easter at 2.30pm
April 2024	



8/4/24	Training Day
9/4/24	School open for the summer 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

