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

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all managed to have a lovely week last week, despite the weather! We have a very busy half term ahead of us with much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season – please keep checking diary dates.

This week our thoughts are very much about Remembrance and taking time to reflect. The children are working on an installation to mark Remembrance and our Year 5 and 6 children are attending a service at Ripon Cathedral on Friday. Poppies are still on sale from the school office if you would like to make a donation to the Poppy Appeal.

### 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 spooky week this week in preparation for Halloween. We have based our learning on 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. We have made 'Spooky Spells' in the classroom which has involved lots of slimy, messy and sensory play. We have created a spell in English which involved drawing and writing items in caldron. In Maths we have been focussing on number one and finding one in other numbers. We have done this through making numbers with cubes, 'Numicon' and 'Number blocks'. We have introduced our feelings check in the children which encourages the children to recognise and share how they are feeling. We have learnt about happy, sad, angry and excited and will continue to learn other emotions over the next few weeks.

**Year 1 and 2:** This week we have been really busy in Year 1 / 2 exploring the artefacts from a Victorian home - which we have borrowed from Ripon Museum. We have been practising hard for our Harvest assembly. In English we have been retelling the story of Bear and the Piano. We have loved exploring the oil pastels.



**Year 3 and 4:** We have had a super final week of the half term. We really enjoyed learning about our solar system whilst in the planetarium and we were really interested to hear about upcoming space expeditions too. In English we have been busy writing information pages all about different Ancient Egyptian God's and Goddesses. We have also been busy learning our songs for the Harvest Festival - we are looking forward to sharing them with you.

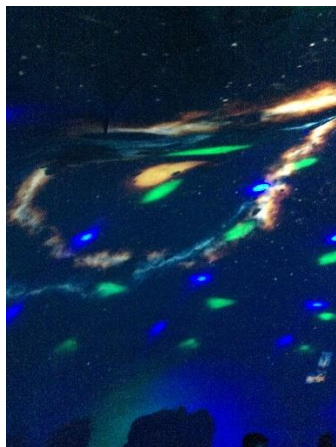
**Year 5 and 6:** This week we have been busy learning about voltage in science. We carried out an investigation to see how the voltage affects the different components in a circuit. We have also been learning about the Maya number system and attempting to work out some different numbers and calculations using their system.

### Clubs

Clubs resume this week and finish week ending Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

### Planetarium visit - EYFS - Y6

On Tuesday, all children in school enjoyed a wonderful experience visiting the mobile planetarium. We learned lots about the Sun, Moon and Earth along with lots of interesting facts about different planets in our Solar System and upcoming Space expeditions. The children asked Dave, our Space expert, lots of fantastic questions and really enjoyed themselves. We think we have some astronauts and Space explorers in the making!



### Number Fun

Tomorrow we are welcoming Dave Godfrey to school who will be working with each class throughout the day delivering maths! Dave is an experienced primary school teacher and mathematics consultant from York. Having taught across the primary age range, Number Fun is the expression of Dave's ongoing passion for the teaching of primary mathematics through a number of ways including music. Dave is also going to be delivering professional development to the staff after school.



## **Anti-bullying week**

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 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 will take place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November. The week will be kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, 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>

## **Online safety newsletter**

Please find attached to this newsletter the November edition of the online safety information we share with families on a monthly basis.

## **Children in Need**

As a school we will supporting Children in Need Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November where the children can come to school in non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1.

## **Crucial Crew**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 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.

### **School Disco**

The PTA are running a school disco on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. 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.

### **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.

### **Year 5 and 6 Ripon Cathedral Service – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

On Friday, Year 5 and 6 children have been invited to go to Ripon Cathedral to be part of a service celebrating military children as well as Remembrance. 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 – 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 such a delight to have in our school. This person always comes into class with a smile on their face.



I am so proud of the way this person shows perseverance when they find things tricky. They are determined to keep going and they are developing a 'can do' attitude.

This person is a good friend to others and is caring towards them.

Congratulations and well done to ...

Scarlett!



## Ribbons



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is really thinking about the sounds in words for writing. They are forming letters really neatly and they are taking such pride in their work. Well done Myla-Rose!

**Year 1 / 2** – In Year 1/2 this week the ribbon goes to someone who has been working really hard at being independent. We have been very impressed with how hard they are trying to listen to and follow adult instructions to improve their learning. Well done Zachary!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had a super half term. It has been wonderful to see this person grow in confidence and working with resilience. We are looking forward to seeing what else you achieve this year as you keep up your super work! Well done to Isaac!

**Year 5 / 6** – This ribbon this week goes to someone who has impressed us all term. This person has shown dedication to their learning, compassion towards their peers and respect towards everyone. We are so proud of how you approach your learning and you're making amazing progress. Keep up the hard work! Well done to Mia!

## Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because at playtime she makes me laugh, she cares for others and she's nice to play with.

The values award goes to Mia who was nominated by Karren.

Well done, Mia!

## 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:			
<b>Week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023</b>			
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 1 / 2</b>	<b>Year 3 / 4</b>	<b>Year 5 / 6</b>
<b>99%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Executive Head Teacher

### Diary Dates

<b>November 2023</b>	
<b>6/11/23</b>	School open
<b>7/11/23</b>	Number Fun Day
<b>10/11/23</b>	Year 5/6 Ripon Cathedral – Service of Remembrance
<b>13/11/23</b>	Anti-bullying week
<b>16/11/23</b>	School Disco – Fundraiser
<b>17/11/23</b>	Children in Need Day  Year 6 at Crucial Crew event in the afternoon – back later around 3.35pm
<b>21/11/23</b>	KS2 Cross Country Competition (at Outwood Academy Ripon)
<b>December 2023</b>	
<b>1/12/23</b>	<b>Flu immunisation afternoon</b>
<b>6/12/23</b>	EYFS Nativity at 10am
<b>13/12/23</b>	Last swim for Year 5 and 6 children
<b>14/12/23</b>	Year 1 and 2 Nativity – afternoon – time TBC
<b>19/12/23</b>	Year 5 and 6 theatre trip to Leeds Playhouse to see 'Oliver!'
<b>20/12/23</b>	Christmas School Dinner Christingle Service
<b>21/12/23</b>	Christmas Party afternoon (children to bring party clothes into school to change into)
<b>22/12/23</b>	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm
<b>January 2024</b>	
<b>8/1/24</b>	Training Day
<b>9/1/24</b>	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

