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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend and the children have managed to enjoy some time in the snow!

We have a busy week in school this week with our High 5 netball team who are playing in the finals at Ashville College, Harrogate tomorrow – good luck! Also, the EYFS Nativity is on Wednesday morning at 10am in the school hall and on Friday we are supporting Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children' where the children can come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper for a donation of £1.

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 had a very busy week preparing for our Nativity. We have learnt the 'Christmas story' and rehearsed our Nativity songs. Everybody is putting in so much effort which is lovely to see. We have also been exploring the weather outdoors and creating ice by leaving trays of water overnight. The children have enjoyed seeing the results in the morning and have exploring heating the ice so it melts. In maths we have been finding one less by taking one away. The children have explored making different sized towers making sure they have one less each time.

Year 1 and 2: This week Year 1/2 have been working really hard on their acting and dancing skills ready for their nativity. We have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes this week and their prosperities. We have evaluated our final art work in the cubist style of Pablo Picasso and have been exploring artefacts and life in the past. In ICT we have been using an app called book creator to create our own eBooks.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been working hard on our DT and Art skills. We have enjoyed making our own mazes in DT using our woodwork skills and we have been developing our shading skills in art in preparation for starting our final piece. In English, we have been using our geography



knowledge to begin planning our river journey writing, paying close attention to key vocabulary and generating exciting adjectives and similes. In PE, we have continued to practice our tag rugby technique and we have been learning how to do cartwheels and handstands in gymnastics. A very busy week indeed!

Year 5 and 6: This week we have begun to create our final doll design in DT and Art. We have used wire to create the frame and then chicken wire to wrap around the original structure. We are then going to use mod roc to cover the figure and then decorate it! The children have worked really carefully with the new equipment that we have been using and have shown resilience during the project so far.

Swimming Year 3 and 4 – January



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 3 and Year 4 children start on Wednesday 10th January.** Please ensure your child has swimwear, goggles and a towel (named). It is helpful if girls wear socks and not tights on swimming days. Due to the layout and number of cubicles at Thirsk swimming baths, some children need to share a cubicle in order to change before and after the lesson. If any parents have questions or queries about this

then please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Lyon.

The cost of swimming will be **£5.00 each week.** Payments are through Parent Pay. School has subsidised the cost of swimming due to rising prices from the bus company and constraints imposed by Thirsk Pool.

Emergency Procedure for School Closure – weather related / loss of utilities

It is rare, however there are occasions where it has been necessary to close schools because of inclement weather, no electricity or because of lack of heating, so I would like to bring to your attention the procedures I will follow if this event occurs now that we are heading towards winter:

- An email will be sent to all families via Scholar Pack
- A direct message will be sent to the Scholar Pack App
- County Hall will be informed.

Hopefully, this will not happen this winter but I feel it is better to be prepared.

Please always assume school is open unless you hear via any of the above methods. Please do not phone the school to ask if we are open as we may need to keep the line clear in order to contact staff. Please check on the school Facebook page and check emails.

Learning would be sent home via the class email system direct from the class teacher.

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

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 today - 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 – this Friday

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 tomorrow**.

**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 always demonstrates a positive attitude towards their learning and to others. They are a kind, caring and popular member of our class.



In lessons this person is enthusiastic, motivated and encourages their peers too. We love having you in our school.

Keep up the super work!

Congratulations and well done to ...

Samuel!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone is putting in so much effort into his phonics. He is wanting to read and write in his independent learning time which is great to see. He is also loving our nativity rehearsals and showing us his great acting and singing skills. Well done, Sahir!

Year 1 / 2 - This week the ribbon goes to someone who is a fantastic role model and a wonderful member of our class. This person is listening carefully to instructions and is thriving on having a challenge. We are loving your determination and resilience. Keep up the hard work. Well done Tiana!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who ALWAYS demonstrates resilience and determination whilst putting in 100% effort into everything they do. We are so impressed with how hard you work, and we love teaching you. Keep up the super work, Liam!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has stood out in our maths lessons. This person has shown increasing levels of determination and throughout our fraction topic, has continued to challenge herself. Well done to Ava!



Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because he always lets me join in and let's me play.

The values award goes to Lucas who was nominated by Sophia-Rose.

Well done, Lucas!



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 27th November 2023

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
93	97	98	97

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

December 2023	
5/12/23	Netball High 5 finals at Ashville College, Harrogate - cancelled
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 22/1/24 29/1/24	Year 5 and 6 children – Forest Schools – 3 afternoons
18/1/24	Year 6 Parents SAT information session at 3.30pm in the school hall
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

