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Dear Parents / Carers,

We had a very productive first week back in school last week with new topics started.

It looks like we are in for quite a cold spell this week - I reminded the children on Friday to be finding and wearing their hats and gloves in preparation!

Class News:

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

EYFS: What an excellent week we have had for our first week of 2024! We have been learning all about penguins through our story 'The penguin who lost his way'. We have learnt where penguin's live, what they look like and how penguin's keep themselves safe during harsh weather conditions. We created a penguin huddle, worked with a partner to create a penguin and made burrows/nooks using a range of materials. In maths Nursery have been learning how to subitise 3 playing a game of games and Reception have been learning how to find one less by crossing out or counting back.

Year 1 and 2: In year 1/ 2 this week we have been learning about a girl called Seima who lives in a floating house on a lake in Cambodia. This is a story based on real life events. We have used Google Earth to zoom in and see the actual floating village which was amazing. The children loved making telephones using cups and strings - but they only work if the string is pulled tight! In Maths we have been learning to recognise equal groups in Year 2 and counting on from a given number in Year 1. We have also begun to learn about the continents in Geography and the song which tells us all 7 continents in size order!

Year 3 and 4: This week we have really enjoyed starting our new whole class reading book, 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' - we have been busy exploring the different characters. In Art, we have started to explore the work of Henry Moore and we are looking forward to developing our skills to create a final piece inspired by his artwork created during World War II. In DT, we have been



exploring levers and linkages, looking closely at prototypes to understand how they work so that we are able to make our own mechanisms to create moving story books.

Year 5 and 6: We have had a great first week back in year 5/6! We have started our PE lessons with Sporting influence where we had a gymnastic session. We also started our class text 'The Wolf Wilder' in our English lessons which is a wonderful story about a girl living in Russia! We look forward to seeing what she gets up to!

Promotional School Dinner – this Thursday!

We have a change to the menu this Thursday due to a promotional school lunch.

Fish Fingers
Pin Wheel Pizza (v)
Chips
Peas
Baked Beans

Chocolate & Vanilla Biscuit & Ice Cream

Year 6 Information session for parents / carers regarding SAT assessments

On Thursday 18th January at 3.30pm in the school hall, Miss Newton will be holding a parent / carer information session about the Year 6 SAT assessments. Please can all Year 6 parents and children attend this – thank you.

Parent / Carer Consultations

Parent / Carer Evening is week commencing the 5th February. A letter will be sent home next week outlining the dates and times available for you to state a preference.

PE Days this half term

Children can wear a plain black or navy tracksuit or shorts, plain white t-shirt and trainers. PE days are as follows for this half term:

EYFS:	Wednesday and Friday
Year 1 and 2:	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 3 and 4:	Monday and Wednesday (swimming)
Year 5 and 6:	Tuesday and Friday



Swimming Year 3 and 4 – Wednesday



School swimming will take place at Thirsk swimming pool on Wednesday for Year 3 and 4 children. 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.

Clubs

A letter detailing spring term clubs has been sent out – confirmation slips will be issued later this week for school run clubs which start next Monday. The Sporting Influence club begins tomorrow for Key Stage 1 children.

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.

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.**



Forest Schools – starting Monday 15th January for Year 5 and 6

Miss Rachel Hunt is back at Dishforth Airfield Primary School as our Forest School teacher for this year! Forest Schools will take place on a Monday afternoon for the full afternoon for three weeks for each class at some point in the year.

Here is a message from Miss Hunt:

Hello! I am delighted to be able to deliver Forest School sessions to all year groups over the course of the 2023 - 24 academic year. Forest School is child led, outdoor learning where children can learn a variety of skills from wood craft to fire lighting and challenge themselves to take risks whilst learning to respect and care for the natural world around them.

You can expect your child to get messy as we will be outdoors in all weathers so, please make sure that they bring clothes for every weather for every session. Ideally: wellies or walking boots; waterproof jacket and trousers or all in ones and a sun hat or woolly hat dependent on the temperature. I will provide safety gloves, but warm preferably waterproof gloves should be sent in the colder months.

Year 5 and 6 will have Forest Schools first on Monday 15th, 22nd and 29th January in the afternoon. Please bring the outdoor clothing and footwear above in a named bag.

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 **January** is **£56.44**.

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

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 a super learner. We love this person's enthusiasm in all areas of the curriculum and the resilience and determination that they demonstrate.

This person is a kind and caring member of our school who is always happy to help others. We are so lucky to have them in our class.



Keep being a superstar!
Congratulations and well done to ...

Liam!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is now working independently when writing CVC words they are sounding the word out carefully and using resources around them before asking for help. Well done Poppy!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who always has a fantastic attitude to learning. They love a challenge and they are able to apply the skills they have been taught into their learning. Keep up the hard work. Well done Enoch!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been very focused on their learning and has demonstrated super independence and resilience. We are really impressed with this person's positive attitude towards their learning. Keep up the great work, Arthur!



Year 5 / 6 - The ribbon this week goes to someone who is impressing us all with her growing independence and resilience in school. This person is really beginning to show what they can do and their newfound confidence is shining through in our lessons - particularly in maths! This person is asking for help when they need it but is also challenging themselves every day. Keep up the hard work! Well done to Eva!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they always make me laugh in and out of school and they try their best. They are and always will be an amazing friend to have. They are hardworking and resilient. They are determined in everything they do. They can cheer you up with one glance and the best friend you can imagine.

The values award goes to Libbie who was nominated by Paige and Jessica.

Well done, Libbie!

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 9th January 2024

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
88%	84%	97%	96%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher



Diary Dates

January 2024	
15/1/24 22/1/24 29/1/24	Year 5 and 6 children – Forest Schools – 3 afternoons
17/1/24	Year 3 and 4 swimming
18/1/24	Year 6 Parents SAT information session at 3.30pm in the school hall
February 2024	
w/c 5 th February	Parent /Carer / Child / Teacher consultations
6/2/24	Safer Internet Day (safer internet week)
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

