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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely weekend. Due to the high wind, the Forest School session for Year 5 and 6 children which was due to take place today has been postponed until Friday for safety reasons.

Class News:

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

EYFS: Another chilly week this week in Early Years which has suited our 'Winter Wonderland' theme! The children have been busy looking for clues around the classroom to find the missing penguin. This has involved the Reception children reading short sentences and Nursery matching pictures and logos. We have studied artist 'Wassily Kandinsky' and replicated his work in class by mixing primary colours to make secondary colours. We will have these on display in our Early Years entrance if you would like to look at our hard work.

Year 1 and 2: This week Year 1 and 2 have been busy reading the story called "The Secret of Black Rock" we have been exploring similes describing the rock and how it looks. We have been working on doubles and near doubles and we have continuing with multiplication - looking at equal groups. We have had great fun looking at our new artist Nancy Standlee and begun our work learning to collage. In Geography we have been learning about the continents and the oceans and have started learning our History topic on the Fire of London.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been writing a set of instructions in English and we have enjoyed reading chapter 2 of our whole class book - things are starting to get exciting in the story! In Geography this week, we have been learning about the structure of the Earth as we begin our topic



all about earthquakes and volcanoes. We have enjoyed our first swimming lesson in PE and we have been learning a rap in our music lessons. It has been a fun-filled week!

Year 5 and 6: In Year 5/6 this week we have been learning about the classification of animals in science. We grouped animals based on their similarities and difference. We also looked into the Linnaeus system and how Carl Linnaeus designs this form of classification. We had our first forest school session which was great fun, although it was a little chilly! We look forward to our next session on Monday.

Parent / Carer Consultations

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

Height and weight checks for children in Reception to Year 6

Attached to this newsletter is the information for parents and carers regarding the height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6 for your information.

Multiplication tables check – children in Year 4

Attached to this newsletter is updated information for parents and carers of children in Year 4 who will take the multiplication tables check in June for your information.

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

Clubs start this week in school – a huge thank you to the staff who are putting these on for the children. Please note there will be no clubs week commencing the 5th February due to Parents Evening.

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 – Friday 26th and Monday 29th 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.

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 making excellent progress with their phonics work.



They have shown a passion for learning how to read as they are regularly reading at home, sharing books in the story corner and finding words to read in the environment.

This person is also such a lovely and kind friend. This person is often seen working with others and being caring towards them when they are feeling sad or finding things tricky.

We are so proud to have you in our class.

Congratulations and well done to ...

Mylah!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has grown in confidence and has really settled into school. She is putting her hand up to ask and answer questions and is making excellent contributions. Well done, Alissia!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has a fantastic attitude to learning and working really hard to use her sounds to Fred talk and build their sentence. We are so proud of how hard you are working. Well done Skyla!



Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed me with their work in maths. This person has shown resilience and has used resources well to learn a new written strategy for division and now there is no stopping them! Keep up the great work and enthusiasm! Well done to Sophia-Rose!

Year 5 / 6 - The ribbon this week goes to someone who has impressed us in our maths lessons this week. This person has taken on the challenge of a new topic with confidence and determination. This person has also shown compassion and consideration for their peers during group work and she always ensure everyone is included. Well done to Libbie!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they try their hardest in everything – especially Forest School. They are a great friend and they always make me smile.

The values award goes to Aaron who was nominated by Eliora.

Well done, Aaron!

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 15 th January 2024			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
95%	100%	96%	99%



Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon

Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

January 2024	
26/1/24	Year 5 and 6 children – Forest Schools
29/1/24	
February 2024	
w/c 5th 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	
15/3/24	Professor Bubbleworks – KS2 science workshops
20/3/24	Year 3 and 4 – last swim
21/3/24	Year 3 and 4 children Murton Park – Roman Day Year 5 and 6 children Murton Park – Viking Day 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

