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## Newsletter 19 Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a great weekend. There are a few new events to look out for in this week's newsletter so please read carefully!

### 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 been creating maps to show 'The Lost Penguin' the way home. The children have enjoyed directing each other around the classroom. The children have listened very carefully to their partner. They have used key language such as forwards, backwards, left, right, sideways. The children continue to be very interested in penguins finding out all about them. They have even researched their own facts at home which have been brilliant to share in class. We have also had fun with our music sessions which has involved us tapping the beat and dancing in time to the music.

**Year 1 and 2:** This week Year 1 / 2 have been very busy learning all about plastic pollution and how plastic is destroying our planet. We are learning to write letters and will be sending them to the environment minister in London and we hope he will respond. We have continued to learning about the continents and oceans in Geography. In DT we are learning how to join materials together and which part of the park they would be most useful for!

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have enjoyed learning about the Roman Army in History - we have found out lots of information about their uniform and some of the rules they had to follow. In English we have been busy writing a persuasive letter, being sure to convince the sneaky pirates from our whole class book to set Lila free from their boat. We have also been writing a rap, thinking carefully about how our lyrics can promote equality and kindness in our music lessons - it has been lots of fun!



**Year 5 and 6:** This week in year 5/6 we have been learning about the human and physical features of Brazil. We used Google Earth to locate these features and identify if they were natural or built by a human. We have also been sketching in our art lessons. We went outside to sketch the school building as part of our topic which is linked to a famous architect, Zaha Hadid.

### Summer Term

For your information, after three and a half years of leading two schools and sharing my time between here and Dishforth CE Primary, I have made the very difficult decision to step down from Dishforth CE Primary at Easter. This means I will return to being full time here at Dishforth Airfield from April onwards.

### Parent / Carer Consultations

A confirmation slip of your date and time for parents' evening will be sent home this week. Appointments are for a 10-minute slot.

### Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2024 takes place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme '**Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online**'.

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year we highlight this using the safer internet day resources which cover an online issue or theme that speaks to the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day will be focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

As a school, we will hold an assembly on safer internet day and the children will have some lessons focusing on the identified theme.



## World Book Day 2024

World Book Day will be taking place on **Thursday 7 March** 2024. This is an annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading. This year we are inviting all children to come to school on World Book Day dressed as a character from a book and there will also be a special World Book Day school lunch on this day.

### **World Book Day promotional school dinner – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

BFG Beefburger in a Bun  
Danny's Champion Cheese Pasty (V)

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Witches Wedges  
Mrs Bucket's Baked Beans and Sweetcorn

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Charlie's Chocolate and Vanilla Swirl Muffin

### Book Character Competition - optional

Have a go at turning a vegetable into your favourite book character! Could you turn a carrot into Harry Potter or a potato into Where's Wally? If you would like your child to take part in this competition, they are to bring their vegetable character into school on World Book Day for a whole school display, and the possibility of winning a small prize!



## Worried about the cost of living? – information from North Yorkshire Council

If you're struggling to pay for food and other essentials, there are local schemes and organisations in North Yorkshire which may be able to help or point you in the right direction. You'll find information about emergency financial support, managing debt, benefit entitlement, energy bills and staying connected all in one place at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/costofliving)

North Yorkshire Council's cost of living web page also has information about pension credit, schemes to help families and local community-based support including Warm Welcome spaces as well as advice on staying safe and well.

## 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:

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

## 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.

## 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.**





### 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 **February** is **£53.12**.

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 beginning to love a challenge. This person is resilient in their learning, whilst listening to and responding to feedback.



This person is a lovely member of our class and is a wonderful friend.

Keep doing what you are doing because we all know you can do it!

Congratulations and well done to ...

Alice!

## Ribbons



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been putting in the extra effort each and every day. They are showing a real thirst for learning which is fantastic to see. You are making such great progress. Well done Ellie!

**Year 1 / 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been listening really hard and following instructions. This person is working hard to learn all their letter sounds in English. This person is resilient and super sporty and we love having you in our class. Well done Mesake!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been making a super effort with their handwriting and detail in writing. I have been so impressed with their hard work - keep it up! Well done to Brooke!

**Year 5 / 6** - The ribbon this week goes to someone who shows great courage with their learning. They do not shy away from challenges and they welcome work that encourages them to show resilience and determination. We love the passion that this person has for learning and we are so impressed with their hard work and effort that goes into their work every day. Well done to Noah!



## Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because in class they helped me to tidy up.

The values award goes to Theo who was nominated by Jesse.

Well done, Theo!



## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
84%	96%	97%	98%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Executive Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

January 2024	
29/1/24	Year 5 and 6 children – Forest Schools
February 2024	
w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> 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



<b>March 2024</b>	
<b>15/3/24</b>	Professor Bubbleworks – KS2 science workshops
<b>20/3/24</b>	Year 3 and 4 – last swim
<b>21/3/24</b>	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
<b>22/3/24</b>	Break-up for Easter at 2.30pm
<b>April 2024</b>	
<b>8/4/24</b>	Training Day
<b>9/4/24</b>	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

