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Newsletter 21 Monday 19th February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a super half term. We have much to look forward to over the coming weeks as we head towards Easter.

Clubs resume this week starting with Colouring Club and SATS club today, Multi-Skills Club Tuesday, Construction Club Wednesday (lunch time club), Muffalo Potato Drawing Club and Dance and Doodle Club Thursday and Rock Up and Sing Club Friday (lunch time club).

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 thinking about people we love in preparation for Valentine's Day next week. We have enjoyed listening to the story 'Guess how much I love you' and writing a special Valentines message. We have learnt a new technique in our artwork called 'pointillism' where the children have created hearts using small dots of paint. I am sure the children can't wait to show you!

Year 1 and 2: This week we have explored the story Storm - the children have explored noun phrases and alliteration to help develop their vocabulary choices. We have explored our 2-, 5- and 10-times tables in year 2 and using our tables to solve problems. Year 1 have been exploring place value to 50 and partitioning (separating) our tens and ones. In Art we have added houses into our collaging techniques and explored putting all the techniques together.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have enjoyed editing our presentations in computing by inserting images in iMovie onto our green screen videos. In DT we have been busy working in groups to design our own moving picture books for children in EYFS using lever and linkage systems. We are looking forward to making these after half term!



Year 5 and 6: In year 5/6 this week we have been re-writing the Greek myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur' but we have changed one character. Some children decided to have a female hero and retold the story with a heroine! The children have written some wonderful myths and their descriptions of the Minotaur are very detailed. We also drew some conclusions from our experiment into mould in science. We found that the bread that had more moisture on it, and the bread that was dirty, went mouldy the quickest. It was a good reminder about how bacteria can spread.

Summer Term

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



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 7th March

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

Witches Wedges
Mrs Bucket's Baked Beans and Sweetcorn

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!





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:

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

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

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 pleasure to teach. This person works with determination and resilience in all that they do.

They are a compassionate and helpful member of our class. We are so lucky to have them in our school.



Congratulations and well done to ...

Khloe!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is showing lots of independence during their focussed activity work. In writing they are sounding out words and checking back through their work. They are thinking for themselves how they can support and challenge their learning. We are very proud of your 'can do' attitude. Well done Ava!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is a pleasure to have in our class. They are taking their time with their writing and using the spelling mats to help with their spelling. We are so proud of the effort and determination that you are putting into your learning - now you just need confidence in your own ability. Well done Lexa!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is an absolute superstar. I have been so impressed with this person's enthusiasm and work on fractions in maths this week. Keep it up! Well done to Liam!

Year 5 / 6 - This week the ribbon goes to someone who we have noticed is working really hard on making progress with their learning. They are putting their hand up a bit more in class and we have seen their independence grow! We are loving seeing this person's personality shine through - well done to Antwanique!



Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated our school value of respect.

This person has been nominated because at lunchtime they make me laugh.

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

Well done, Noah!



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 5th February 2024

| Reception | Year 1 / 2 | Year 3 / 4 | Year 5 / 6 |
|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| 88% | 96% | 93% | 95% |

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

| February 2024 | |
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| 19/2/24 | School open |
| March 2024 | |
| 5/3/24 | Reception and Year 6 children height and weight measurements |



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| 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 |
| 15/4/24 | Skipping / Boxercise Day |
| 15/4/24 22/4/24 29/4/24 | Early Years – Reception – Forest Schools afternoons |
| 17/4/24 | Year 5 and 6 – lino cutting workshop |
| 18/4/24 | Class photograph morning |
| 18/4/24 | Year 3 and 4 trip to Newcastle Theatre Royal with Dishforth CE Primary to see 'The Wizard of Oz' – children will be late back |
| May 2024 | |
| 6/5/24 | May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for the day |
| w/c 13 th May | Year 6 SAT week |
| 24/5/24 | Break-up May half-term at 3.15pm |

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 |

