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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely weekend and enjoyed the dry weather!

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 learning about the story 'Giraffe's can't dance'. The children have thought about how the Giraffe needed to keep practising and not give up. We learnt a song called 'The power of yet' and we thought about how we should say 'I can't do it Yet!' rather than 'We can't'. In maths we have been learning about height and length and measuring animals using cubes. We have been finding the tallest and the shortest and putting the animals in order.

Year 1 and 2: This week the children have been learning about Vlad a small flea who lived on Boxtton the rat in 1666 at the time of the Great Fire of London. The children have been learning to write a diary in the first person. In maths we have been learning to measure - recognising the difference between length and height. We have planned out our final pieces of Art and DT and have listened too and recounted the Easter story.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been exploring features of a newspaper report in preparation for writing our own in English next week. In maths, we have been exploring fractions and we have started to look at equivalent fractions. In French, we have started our new unit, Au marche, where we have learnt the names of some fruit and vegetables.

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been learning about the impact of wolves on the environment. We have looked into Yellow Stone National Park and the dramatic change that releasing wolves back into the wild has had on the ecosystem. We are going to write a balanced argument about whether



we feel wolves should be allowed back into the wild. We have also had our first dance lesson with Miss Rich. We're looking forward to learning the dances for our production in the summer term!



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!



Comic Relief Day – Friday 15th March

On Friday 15th March school will be supporting the Comic Relief Day where children can wear red noses and non-uniform for a £1 donation.

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:	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.

Easter School Lunch – Wednesday 20th March

Roast Chicken and Yorkshire Pudding

(V) Veggie Sausages and Yorkshire Pudding

Roast Potatoes

Gravy

Broccoli and Sweetcorn

Celebration Biscuit



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 has shown a consistent approach to reading at home every day, completing home learning tasks and wanting to achieve their best.



This person is a cheerful character who brightens up everyone's day.

Keep up the amazing work.

Congratulations and well done to ...

Eddie!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week ribbon goes to someone who is really showing a positive attitude towards learning. They are wanting to complete learning challenges, help other people and join in with class input. Well done Noah you are such a super star!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has a fantastic attitude to learning, they have a wonderful personality and a great sense of humour. This person is a pleasure to have in our class and is a wonderful role model. Well done Shanaya!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed us with their handwriting. They are working with resilience and determination and their hard work is really paying off. Keep up the great work, Jaxson!

Year 5 / 6 - The ribbon this week goes to someone who has impressed us in our maths lessons. This person has been aiming to listen carefully to the input and has been trying to put their hand up more. We have seen a great improvement in your maths knowledge and confidence - well done to Zoyaan!



Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they are always there for me during the highs and lows. They are a wonderful friend.

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

Well done, Eliora!

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 19th February 2024

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
95%	99%	98%	97%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

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



7/3/24	WORLD BOOK DAY – children can come to school dressed as a character from book
15/3/24	Comic Relief Day Professor Bubbleworks – KS2 science workshops
19/3/24	High 5 Netball final
20/3/24	Year 3 and 4 – last swim Easter School Dinner
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 approx. 6.30pm
May 2024	
6/5/24	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for the day
w/c 13th 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

