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Newsletter 20 Monday 5th February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I can't believe we are at the end of another half term this week as we break-up on Friday at 3.15pm. We will look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 19th February.

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 similarities and differences. We have sorted objects into two groups by their differences then we have looked carefully for their similarities creating a Venn diagram. We have changed the items throughout the week then we have looked at animals and people. In maths we have been looking at our teen numbers and practised counting in 2's and 10's. In Reception we have focussed on numbers 6, 7 and 8 and made these numbers using two parts e.g. $3+3=6$. The children have used a variety of resources and have been keen to show our Nursery children.

Year 1 and 2: This week year1/2 have been learning to count in multiples of 10. We have been grouping objects to make counting in bigger numbers easier. We have explored the story called Deep Dark Wood which is based on a traditional tale but has a lovely twist at the end. In Art we have been learning different collaging techniques and how to layer to give texture and to blend the colours.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been learning about the features of volcanos in Geography and we were interested to find out that some formations in the UK were actually formed due to volcanos! In Art we have been developing our use of charcoal and chalk to create drawings of fruit, carefully considering where highlights would be in preparation for applying these skills to our final piece. In



computing we have started to film our presentations using a green screen and we are looking forward to editing these next week.

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been learning about microorganisms in science. We have learnt about helpful and harmful bacteria, and we have designed an experiment to explore the different conditions that mould grows in. We have also begun to learn about ancient Greek myths and legends and we plan to re-write the famous myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur' but with a few changes!

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 onwards.

Parent / Carer Consultations

Parent and Carer / Teacher / Child consultations are this week on Tuesday and Thursday in the school hall. Appointments last for 10 minutes. Due to parents' evening, there are no clubs this week – clubs will resume week commencing Monday 19th February.

Children's Mental Health Week 5th – 11th February

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5-11 February 2024. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. This year, we want children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to be empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing.

During Children's Mental Health Week, we want all children and young people to be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters."

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2024 takes place on the 6th 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.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this newsletter the February edition of our monthly Online Safety newsletter.

PhoneSmart Licence – for information only

I have been made aware of a scheme which supports children in learning how to stay safe and be kind online which has been shared with me. It is designed for children age 10-13 who have a smartphone and if you are interested in further information, please use the link below:

<https://eephonesmart.co.uk/about/#:~:text=That's%20why%20EE%20have%20partnered,phones%20for%20good%2C%20not%20hate>

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



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

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:

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.

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 works hard in every lesson. They are committed, determined and becoming more resilient every day.

This person is growing in confidence and is putting herself out of her comfort zone on a more regular basis.

This person demonstrates our school values and she sets a wonderful example to other children.

She is kind, caring and loyal and we are so happy that she is a part of our class and school.

Congratulations and well done to ...

Pippa!



Ribbons



EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is really starting to focus their attention during adult led activities. They have learnt all their letter sounds and are showing resilience when blending them together to read a word. This person is also a great friend as they are showing kindness and compassion towards them.

Keep up the great work. Well done David!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who loves to learn, they have a thirst for knowledge and are keen to learn new facts. They are able to recall the facts and use them in their learning. This person has a great sense of humour and is a pleasure to have in class. Well done Aarish!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had a super week! We have been impressed with their enthusiasm in their swimming lessons and with their determination and resilience in their writing. Keep up the great work, Amelia-May!

Year 5 / 6 - The ribbon this week goes to someone who is contributing more to classroom discussions. We have noticed this person's confidence growing and they are putting their hand up to answer more questions. We believe in you - we are so impressed with your determination and resilience in the classroom. Well done to Evie!

Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because in Year 3 / 4 this person has been a really good friend.

The values award goes to Amelia-May who was nominated by Mairi.

Well done, Amelia-May!



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 29 th January 2024			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
86%	97%	95%	99%

I hope you have a lovely half-term and we shall look forward to seeing the children on Monday 19th February.

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

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	
5/3/24	Reception and Year 6 children height and weight measurements
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

