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Newsletter 25 Monday 18th March 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

The term has absolutely flown by and I am sure we are all looking forward to a rest over Easter - fingers crossed for some lovely warm spring weather! On Friday we break up for Easter and I wish you all a very peaceful two weeks off school. School closes at the slightly earlier time of 2.30pm and we will look forward to seeing the children for the summer term on **Tuesday 9th April**.



PTA newsletter

We have many fun fundraising events leading up to the Easter holidays starting today after school. At the end of each school day there will be a range of items for the children to buy including: fidgets, hair bows, glitter braids, bow ties, glitter tattoo kits, raffle tickets and a cake bake sale. Please see the attached PTA newsletter for further information and please note that this is a cash only system of payment.

Thank you for all the donations which have been sent into school to support the events this week.

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 all about the jungle and finding out facts about jungle animals. We have watched 'Rumble in the Jungle' which we have used musical instruments to create the sounds of the jungle. We have explored creating jungle small world scenes in provision, which has required us to think carefully about what the animals might need for food and shelter. We have



also been learning about 2D and 3D shapes in maths and sorting them by their properties e.g. curved and straight sides.

Year 1 and 2: This week Year ½ have been practicing writing in sentences. We know we need a capital letter finger spaces and a full stop and we have been trying really hard with our handwriting. In Maths we have been learning about mass - recognising whether an object is heavier or lighter. In DT we have evaluated our DT structures and have learnt about the artifacts linked to Easter.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been developing our writing skills in preparation for writing our final firework display description next week. We have also enjoyed starting our final pieces in art using charcoal and chalk to create drawings in the style of Henry Moore. In Geography we have been using grid references to identify locations on maps and we have been learning about the impacts of earthquakes and the hazards that they can cause.

Year 5 and 6: This week in year 5/6 we have been finishing our DT projects. We have research, designed and create a structure or shelter and this week we made them using wood. The children really impressed us with their attitude toward this project where they learnt new skills using hack saws and glue guns. The final projects turned out really well and our evaluations of the success of the project were very useful.

High 5 Netball Final

The High 5 Netball final which was postponed due to the weather before Christmas has been re-scheduled to take place on tomorrow – good luck to the squad!

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



Key Stage 2 trip to Murton Park

Our key stage 2 children are looking forward to their trip to Murton Park on Thursday this week. Year 3 and 4 children will be experiencing a Roman Day to complete their history unit of work and Year 5 and 6 children will be launching their new history learning through a Viking Day.

Great Fire of London Workshop – Year 1 and 2

Also on Thursday, Year 1 and 2 are having a history workshop based on the Great Fire of London which will complete their learning about this period in history.

Friday – egg decorating



On Friday 22nd March children can bring a hard-boiled egg into school for our annual decorate an egg competition. I would advise that you send in a spare hard-boiled egg as well in case of any breakages!

FEAST – Food, Entertainment, Arts, Sport, Together

FEAST brings the fun to the school holidays, offering lots of different activities for everyone to take part in.

FEAST partners with leading holiday playschemes, clubs and activity providers from across North Yorkshire to offer a wide range of session for children of all ages from 4 to 18.

For further information please see the poster attached to this newsletter.

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.**

PE Days after Easter

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:

Year 1 and 2:

Year 3 and 4:

Year 5 and 6:

Please have PE kit in school every day

Tuesday and Friday

Tuesday and Thursday

Thursday and Friday



School Uniform

A polite reminder that children need to wear school shoes as part of their uniform. In summer, girls can wear either blue or red checked dresses. Again, school shoes are part of the summer uniform as opposed to open-toe sandals. Children still need practical footwear for school that protects their feet, allows them to move about and climb on trim trails!

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 **April** 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 and always with a smile on their face! We have noticed how much effort this person puts into everything they do and how this has such a positive impact on their learning.



Keep up the great work – we are really proud of you!

Congratulations and well done to ...

Isla!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has made wonderful progress with their phonics and sentence writing. This person is taking pride in their work and producing lovely handwriting. Well done Sahir!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working really hard on their handwriting. This person is trying to join their handwriting. This person has been resilient and determined to keep trying. Well done Alice!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had a super attitude towards their learning. We have been particularly impressed with their work in English where they have worked hard to include lots of our new writing toolkit skills in their sentences. Keep up the great work, Brooke!

Year 5 / 6 - The ribbon this week goes to someone who is an all-round model pupil! This person demonstrates our school values on a daily basis and they are a shining example to the rest of the school. We are impressed with this person's care and dedication to their work and they show us every day how determined they are to make progress. Well done to Eliora!



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 always cheer me up.

The values award goes to Lucas who was nominated by Anthony.

Well done, Lucas!



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 11th March 2024

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
89%	98%	97%	99%

On behalf of all the staff, may we wish you all a very Happy Easter!
We will look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 9th April.

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

March 2024	
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	Bring in two hard-boiled eggs for decorating 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 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

