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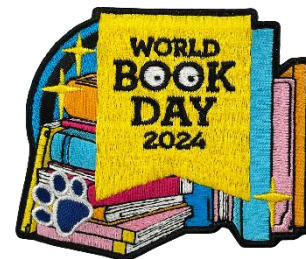


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## Newsletter 23 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have a lovely week to look forward to in school this week with World Book Day on Thursday along with our promotional school dinner and vegetable book character competition!

### 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 continuing our work on Giraffes can't dance and thought about something we wanted to improve and get better at. The children had some great ideas. We have also started learning about parts of a plant as we will be planting vegetables next week, which is very exciting!

**Year 1 and 2:** This week Year 1 / 2 have been writing diary as if they are Vlad the flea in the Great Fire of London. We have been doing lots of measuring in Maths - making sure we measure accurately and in Art we have completed our final college, and they look amazing. We have been using the apparatus in PE and have been learning to play seated volleyball.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have started making our lever and linkage systems for our moving picture books in DT - we have shown lots of resilience and perseverance with this! We really enjoyed using our Roman shields from our extended homework tasks to march in different formations. We worked really well as a team and demonstrated super communication skills to work just like the Roman army!

**Year 5 and 6:** In year 5/6 this week, we have been learning about the nutrients that plants need to survive and thrive. We have set up an experiment to see which seed will grow the quickest and strongest depending on the amount of fertiliser we have added to each pot. The children have made predictions and we're eagerly awaiting our first seeds to germinate!



## World Book Day 2024 – this Thursday

World Book Day will be taking place on **Thursday**. 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!



## **Comic Relief Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

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

## **Professor Bubbleworks**

We are looking forward to having the company 'Science Professors' visit our school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate British Science Week 2024. To kick-start the visit, the whole school will be treated to a fun-filled Science demonstration which is promised to bring awe and wonder! In addition to this, our key stage 2 classes will take part in science workshops based on the British Science Week theme, 'time'. We are looking forward to sharing what we get up to with you!

## **PE Days this half term**

Children can wear a plain black of 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>Monday and Tuesday</b>
<b>Year 3 and 4:</b>	<b>Wednesday (swimming) and Thursday</b>
<b>Year 5 and 6:</b>	<b>Tuesday and Thursday</b>

## **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 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – good luck to the squad!

## **Year 6 Parent / Carer information**

Attached to this newsletter is government information for Year 6 parents / carers regarding the SAT assessments which will take place in May.

## **Online Safety Newsletter**

Attached to this newsletter is the March edition of the online safety newsletter for your information. This month's newsletter has articles about Fortnite and advice on managing devices.

## **Summer Term School Dinner Menu**

The summer term school dinner menu has been circulated with this week's newsletter for your information.



## Easter School Lunch – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Roast Chicken and Yorkshire Pudding

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(V) Veggie Sausages and Yorkshire Pudding

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Roast Potatoes

Gravy

Broccoli and Sweetcorn

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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 **March** 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 has tried really hard with their writing. This person has been focused and has taken great care when completing their perfect writing.



We love your positive attitude towards writing as we know you can do it!

Congratulations and well done to ...

Jesse!

#### **Ribbons**



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is really listening carefully to instructions and is being a really kind friend to others. This person has also puts lots of effort into their writing, which is fantastic. We are very proud of you. Well done Deborah!



**Year 1 / 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been working really hard on their perfect writing. They are taking their time to copy carefully and keep their writing on the lines. Well done Jack!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really grown in confidence in our class discussions. It has been wonderful to see this person sharing more of their thoughts and ideas during our lessons. Keep up the super work, Alina!

**Year 5 / 6** - The ribbon this week goes to someone who has written a detailed balanced argument about whether wolves should be released back into the wild. This person has explained, in detail, both sides of the argument and they have taken their time to make their sentences as good as possible. Well done to Sophie!

### Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they are cooperating in lessons and have a happy smile on their face.

The values award goes to Eva who was nominated by Libbie.

Well done, Eva!



### 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 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
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Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Executive Head Teacher

### Diary Dates

<b>March 2024</b>	
<b>5/3/24</b>	Reception and Year 6 children height and weight measurements
<b>7/3/24</b>	WORLD BOOK DAY – children can come to school dressed as a character from a book
<b>15/3/24</b>	Comic Relief Day  Professor Bubbleworks – KS2 science workshops
<b>19/3/24</b>	High 5 Netball final
<b>20/3/24</b>	Year 3 and 4 – last swim  Easter School Dinner
<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
<b>15/4/24</b>	Skippping / Boxercise Day
<b>15/4/24</b> <b>22/4/24</b> <b>29/4/24</b>	Early Years – Reception – Forest Schools afternoons
<b>17/4/24</b>	Year 5 and 6 – lino cutting workshop
<b>18/4/24</b>	Class photograph morning
<b>18/4/24</b>	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
<b>May 2024</b>	
<b>6/5/24</b>	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for the day
<b>w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SAT week
<b>24/5/24</b>	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

