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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend. As it is Bank Holiday Monday next Monday, school is closed for the day – fingers crossed for some dry, warm 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 created maps of the farm relating to our story 'What the ladybird heard' the children were keen to draw and label the animals. We have been learning positional language and directions by directing bee bots to a farm animal. In maths Reception have been learning how to make a teen number using tens and ones using a variety of equipment. The children have also enjoyed this week's PE lessons where the children have learnt how to control and tackle using a hockey stick.

Year 1 and 2: This week Year 1/2 have had a fantastic week - we have found a small bird's nest in our outside area and have been watching the parent birds fly in and out of the nest - hopefully we will be able to watch the eggs hatch! We have also been exploring Edgar Degas as an artist in Art and have begun to explore our painting topic using the watercolour paints. In DT the children are super excited to have started our new topic on food - which has led to lots of tasting. In History we have begun to explore seaside's past and present. So it's been a very busy week.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been writing a dialogue for an animation in English. We have been focusing on correctly punctuating and presenting dialogue in our writing. In Geography we have been learning about settlements and we have been ordering different settlements based on their size. We have also explored maps to describe what you may find in different types of settlements. In PE we have been enjoying developing our cricket and our dance skills.



Year 5 and 6: This week in year 5/6 we have been learning about where our food comes from. In Geography, we are learning about global trade and how food and other items are imported and exported from the UK. We learnt that some of our food has travelled thousands of miles to end up in our supermarkets! We have also been exploring the circulatory system in humans and other animals!

Clubs

A letter regarding summer term lunchtime and after school clubs was sent home last week. A confirmation slip will be sent home this week if your child has a place at one of the clubs. Clubs begin week commencing Monday 6th May and finish week ending Friday 21st June. Please note, there will be no Ro-icket on Wednesday 5th June due to the residential trip.

Year 1 and 2 Sport Festival

On Tuesday 7th May a group of children from Key Stage 1 will be participating in a multi-skills festival at Outwood Academy, Ripon. Good luck!

National Curriculum Assessments at the end of Key Stage 1 and 2

Key Stage 2 Assessments – Year 6

Week commencing the 13th May, children in Year 6 are taking national curriculum tests in English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and mathematics. The tests help measure the progress pupils have made and identify if they need additional support in a certain area. The tests are also used to assess schools' performance and to produce national performance data.

At the end of the summer term the test results will be reported in: • English grammar, punctuation and spelling • English reading and Mathematics.

Teacher assessment: As there is no test for English writing, this will be reported as a teacher assessment judgement. This is a judgement the teacher will make, based on the child's work at the end of key stage 2. Parents will also receive a teacher assessment judgement for science.

Year 1 Phonic Screen Check

Children in Year 1 will take the phonic screen check during the period week commencing 10th June. The outcome of this check is reported to parents by the end of the summer term.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Children in Year 4 will take the national multiplication check in June during a two-week window commencing on the 3rd June. The outcome of this check is reported to parents by the end of the summer term. Please refer to the parent / carer information document which is attached to this newsletter.



Promotional school dinner – Thursday 16th May

We are having a promotional school dinner on Thursday 16th May:

Chicken Burger
Veggie Burger (v)
Wedges
Vegetable Sticks



Ice Cream and Fruit

Storycraft Theatre – EYFS and Key Stage 1

We are delighted to announce that 'Storycraft theatre' are visiting our school on **Monday 20th May**. This is an exciting opportunity for our younger pupils to take part in a theatre performance and crafting session based on 'Once Upon a Fairy-tale'. This will capture the children's imagination through the art of storytelling and craft. We are asking for a donation of **£5** which can be **paid via parent pay by Monday 13th May**.

Year 3 and 4 Fieldwork Trip

On Tuesday 21st May the children in Year 3 and 4 will be visiting Ripon in the morning to undertake some geography fieldwork activities.

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!

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 this 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:	Please have PE kit in school every day
Year 1 and 2:	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3 and 4:	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5 and 6:	Thursday and Friday

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 **May** is **£56.44**.

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 for their continued hard work and dedication to their learning. They enjoy a challenge and always give 100% with everything they do.



This person demonstrates our school values on a daily basis. They are kind and considerate of their peers and always look out for others.

We are so grateful for the warmth that you bring to our classroom.

Keep up the hard work – it is not going unnoticed.

Congratulations and well done to,

Felicity!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has shown a great enthusiasm in maths. They have shown willingness to complete challenges and thought of different ways how to solve a problem. Fantastic work with your teen numbers. Well done Poppy!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has a fantastic attitude to learning. This person is trying really hard to challenge themselves with their learning. They are always prepared to have a go even when they find it challenging. Well done Audrey!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working really hard in maths. We have been really impressed with this person's enthusiasm whilst working with money, Keep up the great work, Penny!

Year 5 / 6 - The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been showing great determination with their learning. We are seeing this person put themselves out of their comfort zone and have a go at more challenging questions. We are so impressed! Well done to Eliana!



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Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated our school value of co-operation.



This person has been nominated because they helped me see if another child was ok and they always have a big smile on their face.

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

Well done, Archie!

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 22nd April 2024

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
99%	98%	95%	94%

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

April 2024	
29/4/24	Early Years – Reception – Forest Schools afternoons
May 2024	



6/5/24	May Bank Holiday Monday – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ONE DAY
7/5/24	KS1 sport festival at Outwood Academy Ripon
w/c 13 th May	Year 6 SAT week
16/5/24	Food Fest – promotional school dinner
20/5/24	EYFS and Key Stage 1 Storycraft Theatre visit
	Year 5/6 parents' information session on the residential to High Adventure – school hall 3.30pm
21/5/24	Year 3 and 4 fieldwork trip to Ripon
24/5/24	Break-up May half-term at 3.15pm
June 2024	
3/6/24	School open
3/6/24	Two-week window for Year 4 multiplication check
5/6/24-7/6/24	Year 5 and 6 residential to High Adventure with Dishforth CE Primary
10/6/24	Year 1 Phonic Screen Check week
	Reception balance bikes for 5 weeks
	Year 6 Bikeability
10/6/24 17/6/24 24/6/24	Year 1 and 2 – Forest Schools afternoons
Friday 21 st June	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ONE DAY
27/6/24	Year 5 and 6 performance of Oliver! At 5.30pm
July 2024	
15/7/24	Sports Day – Year 1-6 10am
18/7/24	Music for Life morning – with band Mishra – whole school concert
	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2pm
19/7/24	School closes for the summer holidays at 2.30pm
September 2024	
2/9/24	Training Day
3/9/24	School open for the new academic year 2024-25
October 2024	
24/10/24	Individual photographs
25/10/24	Break-up for October half-term

