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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend. We have had a very productive first week back in school after the Easter break and we have much to look forward to this week with the skipping / boxercise workshop today, Year 5 and 6 have a lino cutting workshop on Wednesday followed by class photographs on Thursday morning and Year 3 and 4 going to the theatre on Thursday afternoon!

I have added some further information to the diary dates at the end of the newsletter – please keep checking these as they will be added to on a regular basis.

Class News:

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

EYFS: In Early years we have been exploring the story 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. This is a brilliant story for exploring life on a farm and animal sounds even though there is a bit of a commotion. The children have enjoyed watching videos about ducklings hatching and have written fantastic sentences about them. To help develop our 'Understanding of the World' we have been thinking about our pasts and what is happening now. The children good give great examples of when they were babies and toddlers and what they used to do. The children have also enjoyed looking after our outdoor area it has been lovely to see our plants and vegetables have started to grow over the holidays.

Year 1 and 2: This week the children in Year ½ have come back to school with a fantastic attitude to learning. we have been learning to write a recount and have focused this around the workshop about the Great Fire of London. We have started new topics in Maths - Year 1 Multiplication and Division 0 counting in 2's and 10's and Year 2 have begun a topic on Fractions - looking at parts and whole. In RE we are looking at the features of Christianity and what and how they celebrate. We are looking forward to starting are Art and DT topics!



Year 3 and 4: This week we have been starting lots of new focuses of learning across the curriculum. We were really excited to find out that our new artist study is about LS Lowry and we enjoyed exploring his artwork and the specific colours and techniques he used in his work. In geography we have been learning about the differences between countries, counties and cities and we are looking forward to finding out more about these over the term.

Year 5 and 6: We have had a great first week back in year 5/6! We have started our new class text and we are GRIPPED! It is linked to our class history topic 'The Vikings' and it has us hooked from the first chapter. We have also begun to investigate global trade and how our goods are transported and imported from all over the world.

PE Workshop

Today the children took part in a PE workshop at some point during the school day focusing on both skipping skills and boxercise skills. All the children really enjoyed the workshop.



Year 3 and 4 Theatre Trip – this Thursday

On Thursday, Year 3 and 4 will be going to Newcastle Theatre Royal to watch a performance of The Wizard of Oz. The children will eat lunch early and we anticipate arriving back to school around 6.30pm.

Forest Schools – starting Wednesday this week for Reception Children

Miss Rachel Hunt is back at Dishforth Airfield Primary School as our Forest School teacher for this year! Forest Schools will take place on a Monday afternoon for the full afternoon for three weeks for each class at some point in the year.

Here is a message from Miss Hunt:

Hello! I am delighted to be able to deliver Forest School sessions to all year groups over the course of the 2023 - 24 academic year. Forest School is child led, outdoor learning where children can learn a variety of skills from wood craft to fire lighting and challenge themselves to take risks whilst learning to respect and care for the natural world around them.

You can expect your child to get messy as we will be outdoors in all weathers so, please make sure that they bring clothes for every weather for every session. Ideally: wellies or walking boots;



waterproof jacket and trousers or all in ones and a sun hat or woolly hat dependent on the temperature. I will provide safety gloves, but warm preferably waterproof gloves should be sent in the colder months.

Reception children will have Forest Schools on Wednesday this week (due to the wind which is forecast today), Monday 22nd and 29th April in the afternoon. Please bring the outdoor clothing and footwear above in a named bag.

Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey

Since 2006, every two years, schools in North Yorkshire are invited to take part in a Health and Wellbeing survey. There are surveys for different age groups and, in our school, Year 2/3 and Year 5/6 children participate. The information is used by school and also at County level. There is a separate letter attached to this newsletter which explains about the survey and how it is carried out. If you have any further questions, please get in touch via the admin email.

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!

Clubs

A letter regarding summer term lunchtime and after school clubs will be sent out in due course.

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:
Year 1 and 2:**

**Please have PE kit in school every day
Tuesday and Friday**



Year 3 and 4:
Year 5 and 6:

Tuesday and Thursday
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 **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 has a fantastic attitude to learning. This person loves to be challenged and will challenge themselves to improve.

They have a super personality and fantastic manners!

We love your zest for learning and your determination.



Congratulations and well done to ...

Enoch!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is putting lots of effort into their phonics and learning how to read. This person is confident asking and answering questions in class which shows amazing listening skills. We are very proud of you. Well done Ethan!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been offering their ideas in class discussions. We love their positive attitude to learning and can't wait to see more of this, this term. Well done Brooke!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been making excellent contributions to our class discussions and who has demonstrated super independence and resilience with their learning this week. Keep up the great work! Well done to Mairi!

Year 5 / 6 - The ribbon this week goes to someone who always comes into school with the biggest smile on their face! This person is caring and considerate and always looks out for other people. We love how you offer to help in class and always offer support to others. Well done to Bobby!

Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they are loyal, compassionate and committed. They stick to their word and look out for everyone. They are a lovely friend and I couldn't imagine primary school without them.



The values award goes to Mia who was nominated by Jessica.

Well done, Mia!

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 8th April 2024

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
93%	99%	100%	98%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

April 2024	
15/4/24	Skipping / Boxercise Day
17/4/24	Early Years – Reception – Forest Schools afternoons
22/4/24	
29/4/24	
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 ONE DAY
w/c 13 th May	Year 6 SAT week
20/5/24	Year 5/6 parents' information session on the residential to high Adventure – school hall 3.30pm



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 21st June	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ONE DAY
July 2024	
18/7/24	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2pm
19/7/24	School closes for the summer holidays at 2.30pm

