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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a super weekend.

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 investigating a crime scene in our small world farm area. The children looked for clues and came to the conclusion the 'fine prized cow' had been taken. The children have been very busy making missing posters and creating ladybirds out of salt dough to link with our story 'What the ladybird heard'.

Year 1 and 2: This week Year 1 / 2 have had great fun exploring equal and unequal groups and fractions. They are able to recognise equal groups of numbers and of a shape. In English we have created a story map of the workshop and explored the conjunction 'and', and subordination 'because'. The children loved evaluating existing products in DT - fruit salads as they were able to taste them. We also had our class treat this week of den building!

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been exploring direct speech and using inverted commas in our writing. In DT we have been evaluating existing night lights in preparation for designing and making our own this term. In History we have been making timelines using key dates to sequence significant events from the Victorian era. Most excitingly, we enjoyed a wonderful trip to the theatre to see The Wizard of Oz!

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been learning about the human body and the different systems. We have begun to look at the circulatory system and how this keeps us alive and the important organs involved. We have also begun our new history topic of the Vikings where we have ordered some key events in this time period.



Year 3 and 4 Theatre Trip

On Thursday, Year 3 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed our theatre trip to Newcastle to see 'The Wizard of Oz'. The staging was superb along with the singing, acting, lighting and special effects – it was a wonderful experience!

Year 5 /6 lino cutting workshop

On Wednesday afternoon we had the pleasure of inviting in Michelle Hughes who is a local lino cut artist. She delivered a lino cutting workshop to the children. As it was World Curlew Day this week, we based our designs on the curlew bird. The children really enjoyed learning a new skill, using new tools and learning from a professional!



Forest Schools – 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 today and next Monday in the afternoon. Please bring the outdoor clothing and footwear above in a named bag.

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

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 this week.

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 **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 been a role model. This person has demonstrated resilience and determination in all that they do.

Their smile is infectious and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm in learning.

This person is a kind, caring and funny member of our class and we are very lucky to have them in our school.



Congratulations and well done to, Emily-Rose!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is showing an amazing 'can do' attitude when completing their work. This person is a joy to teach as they put in 100% effort. Well done Scarlett!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been trying really hard with their learning - this person has been answering questions in sentences using taught vocabulary. This person has been focused on their learning and making good choices in everything they have done. Well done Tristan!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working really hard on following the many rules of punctuating direct speech when writing. Their writing is always presented to a wonderful standard and they should be very proud of their work. Well done to Samuel!

Year 5 / 6 - The ribbon this week goes to a caring, kind member of our class. They are a wonderful friend and always look out for their peers. We are seeing this person grow in confidence and they are making good progress with their learning. Well done to Aaron!



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 he always asks if I need any help if I am hurt.

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 15th April 2024

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
99%	100%	96%	99%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

April 2024	
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 ONE DAY
7/5/24	KS1 sport festival
w/c 13th May	Year 6 SAT week
16/5/24	Promotional school dinner
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

