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## Newsletter 26 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a great Easter break and enjoyed the time off – it certainly seemed like we had all four seasons of weather over the two weeks. It's lovely to see the children today who are full of chatter as to what they have been up to!

We have much to look forward to in a very busy summer term – please do keep checking the diary dates weekly as further events have been and will continue to be added as the term progresses.

### Welcome

A very warm welcome to the following children who are joining us this week in Nursery:  
Ateca, Connor, Watisoni and Rafa.

### 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 describing jungle animals using a range of adjectives in English. We have also learnt a talk for writing story called 'Mr Wiggle and Mr Waggle' which the children absolutely love. We have built up our strength and control when using apparatus in PE and have pushed ourselves a little further by climbing one step higher. Very proud of you Early Years.

**Year 1 and 2:** This week Year 1/ 2 have had a fantastic week of writing - retelling the story of the lonely beast. They have added adjectives to add description and conjunctions to join two sentences together. We have also learnt about the symbols and artefacts linked to Easter. On Thursday we had a fantastic workshop linked to our history topic on The Great Fire of London and then created our Eggs for the egg-travaganza



**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have been busy finishing our Art final piece and our DT final product. We enjoyed sharing our descriptive writing with Y1/2 and Y5/6 where we read aloud our writing. We had a fantastic time on our trip to Murton Park too where we lived the day in the life of a Roman soldier!

**Year 5 and 6:** We have had an exciting week in year 5/6. We finished our final art pieces on Monday where we used ink pens to draw our school building. We have been looking at architecture and following the work of Zaha Hadid. We also had a super day at Murton Park where we experienced life as a Viking! Everyone had worked very hard this term and we're looking forward to the Easter break.

### **High 5 Netball Final – tournament report**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of March, some of the Year 6 girls (Mia, Bobby, Evie, Eva, Libbie, Rova, Jessica and Eliora) went to Ashville College to play our netball finals! Luckily, we came 2<sup>nd</sup> just being 2 points away from coming in 1<sup>st</sup> place. Spofforth Primary School came 1<sup>st</sup> place.

On our 1<sup>st</sup> game we played against Roecliffe Primary School and it was a fun and friendly game. We won by 3 points with the score being 8 points to Dishforth Airfield and 5 points to Roecliffe. We enjoyed it very much!

On our 2<sup>nd</sup> game, we played against Great Ouseburn which was very good. It was quite a tough game but we stayed determined and won. The score was 3 to Dishforth and 1 to Ouseburn.

On our 3<sup>rd</sup> game we played, was against Follifoot Primary School. It was a very tight match but thankfully we won. It was 2 points to Dishforth and 1 point to Follifoot.

For our 4<sup>th</sup> game, we played against Spofforth Primary School. Unfortunately, we lost that game by 1 point. The score was 3 to Spofforth and 2 to Dishforth.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> game we played against Dishforth C of E (Dishforth Village.) Fortunately, we won by 1 point! The score was 3 points to Dishforth and to points to Dishforth C of E (Dishforth Village).

Game 6 was our last game and we drew with the points being 2 all. We were against Kirk Hammerton.

Well done to Eva Lloyd for winning a wrist band for showing determination during the matches of netball! Also thank you to Mrs Parker for giving up your time to take us to Ashville college.

Spofforth came 1<sup>st</sup>, Dishforth Airfield came 2<sup>nd</sup> and last but not least, Dishforth Village came 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Well done to all the schools!

The High 5 Netball team: **Rova, Eliora, Evie, Eva, Bobby, Jess, Mia and Libbie**

*Written by Bobby Lake and Eliora Buliruarua*



## Key Stage 2 trip to Murton Park

Year 3 / 4 had a wonderful day living life as Roman Soldiers. To start our arrival at the Roman Fort we had a tour and saw how different life was then compared to today. We then had some time to practise our Roman cursive script and we made oil lamps using clay. After this, we had our weapons training where we learnt how to hold and march with shields and spears. We then practised using our swords, shields and javelins to fight which came in handy when our land was under threat from the Celts! Luckily, we used our marching formations to scare them away. It was a super day which rounded off our history learning wonderfully.



Year 5 / 6 had a great day been Vikings at Murton Park! We have spent the day in costume, making clay pots that would have been used for candles, learning how to be on guard duty with shields and spears and also grinding flour in the long house. We even had a surprise attack from an Anglo Saxon who was scared off by our impressive guards. It has been an excellent way to launch our next history topic!



## Great Fire of London Workshop – Year 1 and 2

The children in Year 12 had an amazing workshop on Thursday all around the Great Fire of London. The children learnt how to make a wattle wall (woven wall) and cover the wall with daub (mud and straw mix) as this is how houses had been constructed in 1666. The children had great fun mixing up the mud mix and attaching it to wattle. We also used a selection of different materials including clay, stones, tin foil and sticks to make a bakery!



## Friday – egg decorating

Congratulations to the following children who won the decorate an egg competition:

EYFS: Eddie  
Year 1 and 2: Joey  
Year 3 and 4: Emily-Rose  
Year 5 and 6: Jessica

## PE Workshop

Next Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, all the children will be taking part in a PE workshop at some point during the school day focusing on both skipping skills and boxercise – please ensure that your child / children have their PE kit in school on this day!

## Year 3 and 4 Theatre Trip

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 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 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 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 Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April in the afternoon. Please bring the outdoor clothing and footwear above in a named bag.**

## **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!

## **Online Safety Newsletter**

This month's April edition of the online safety newsletter for families is attached to this newsletter.

## **Curriculum Letters**

A letter will go out later this week outlining what your child / children will be learning about this term in the different subjects at school.

## **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:

<b>EYFS:</b>	<b>Please have PE kit in school every day</b>
<b>Year 1 and 2:</b>	<b>Tuesday and Friday</b>
<b>Year 3 and 4:</b>	<b>Tuesday and Thursday</b>
<b>Year 5 and 6:</b>	<b>Thursday and Friday</b>

### 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](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 is showing fantastic listening skills during lessons. We have noticed this person is being a very kind friend by helping and working happily with others.



This person brightens up each day with their beaming smile!

We are very proud of you!

Congratulations and well done to ...

Deborah!

### **Ribbons**



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is showing a love of learning whilst having the biggest smile on their face. This person proud of their achievements and so are we. Well done Ellie!

**Year 1 / 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has an amazing imagination and is able to bring their writing to life with descriptions. This person is a fantastic friend and a super role model. We love having your can-do attitude in our class. Well done Georgina!



**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has written a super description of their own firework display, making sure to include all of our writing toolkit elements. Keep up the great work, Florence!

**Year 5 / 6** - The ribbon this week goes to someone who is hard working, kind and polite. This person has settling in so well here at Dishforth Airfield and we love seeing their cheery, smiling face each morning. Keep up the hard work - it is not going unnoticed! Well done to Maxi!

**Values in Action**

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



This person has been nominated because they are becoming more resilient and independent.

The values award goes to Jake who was nominated by Emily-Rose.

Well done, Jake!

**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 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
91%	98%	99%	96%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Head Teacher





## Diary Dates

<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>	Skipping / 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

