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## Newsletter 31 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend with the 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 been learning all about number facts and sharing what we know about number. Nursery have been learning how to form numbers as well as finding the amount. Reception have been learning about taking away by counting back. The children are becoming very confident sharing what they know and challenging themselves to complete number problems. We have learnt about symmetry and how need to make sure it is exactly the same on both sides. We have made some beautiful butterflies to link with 'The very hungry caterpillar' story. Also, the children have enjoyed transporting water in different ways in our outdoor hairdressers. The children have used pipes, pipettes, scoops and sprays to tame our model's hair.

**Year 1 and 2:** This week Year 1 / 2 have had a fantastic week with half the class going over to Ripon to a Multi-skill festival and the other half designing and making a bird box. We have been using the Merlin app to record the different birds in our outside area and collecting the data. The children have been working really hard with their fraction learning in Maths. In PE the children have been learning to play tennis and rounders using their hand eye coordination skills to hit a ball with accuracy!

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have enjoyed using compass points and grid references to follow directions in our Geography lesson. In Music we have been developing our confidence in playing the glockenspiels. In PE we have had lots of fun developing our cricket skills and learning a new dance.

**Year 5 and 6:** This week, in year 5/6 we have been composing our own songs in our music lessons. The children have been working in small groups to create their own song, write the music and then play it to the class. The children are making great progress with learning the clarinet and



remembering the notes. We have also begun our next unit in English where we will be writing a letter as our main character in our story 'Viking Boy'.

## Year 5 and 6 Residential to High Adventure – Parent Information Session

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, we are holding a parent information session for the residential to High Adventure which is taking place on the 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Please can all parents and children who are involved in this residential meet in the school hall at 3.30pm – thank you.



### Sun Cream

Please can I ask parents to ensure the children have sun cream applied to them before they come to school in the morning when the forecast is due to be sunny and also, please do send into school a bottle of sun cream labelled with your child's name on it so that they can apply it, when necessary, over the summer months – thank you.

### Clubs

Clubs have started and finish week ending Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

Please note, there will be no Ro-icket on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June due to the residential trip.

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

### **Key Stage 2 Assessments – Year 6**

Week commencing the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – this Thursday!

We are having a promotional school dinner on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May:

Chicken Burger  
Veggie Burger (v)  
Wedges  
Vegetable Sticks



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Ice Cream and Fruit

### Mental Health Awareness Week – 13<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> May

Mental Health Awareness Week takes place this week. The official theme for this year, as set by the Mental Health Foundation, is 'Movement: Moving more for our mental health'.

Movement is important for our mental health. But so many of us struggle to move enough. We know there are many different reasons for this, so this Mental Health Awareness Week we want to help people to find moments for movement in their daily routines. Going for a walk in your neighbourhood, putting on your favourite music and dancing around the living room, chair exercises when you're watching television – it all counts!

Further information can be found through the following link:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/mental-health-awareness-week>

### Storycraft Theatre – EYFS and Key Stage 1

We are delighted to announce that '**Storycraft theatre**' are visiting our school on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> May**.



## Year 3 and 4 Fieldwork Trip

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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:

<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>

## 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

**Please note that the cost of a school dinner will be increasing to £3.55 from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June for children in Years 3-6.**





## 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 given everything their all from the moment they started here at Dishforth Airfield.



The drive, determination, resilience and dedication this person shows every day is impressive.

As well as working hard every day, this person is also a wonderful role model to other children. They demonstrate our school values with a big smile on their face.

You are amazing!

Congratulations and well done to,

Rova!

### **Ribbons**



**EYFS** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really developed their listening skills and making some lovely contributions to our lessons. We are so proud of the effort you are putting in your focussed work. Well done David!

**Year 1 / 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is working really hard on their writing. This person loves to write but sometimes forgets to take their time and think about spelling and punctuation, however we have all seen a change and this person is working really hard to include all of the features needed to make their writing successful. Well done Lillian!



**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working incredibly hard on their independence and resilience. We have noticed the super effort you are putting into your learning. Keep up the great work, Jaxson!

**Year 5 / 6** - The ribbon this week goes to someone who has impressed us with their progress in writing. This person is thinking about their sentence structure, their choice of vocabulary and how careful editing can improve their first draft. Remember to take your time and well done to Ava!

**Values in Action**

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



This person has been nominated because they always help me in class and they are a great friend - they try their best in everything.

The values award goes to Rova who was nominated by Kelsey.

Well done, Rova!

**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 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
95%	99%	99%	93%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Headteacher



## Diary Dates

<b>May 2024</b>	
<b>w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SAT week  Mental Health Awareness week
<b>16/5/24</b>	Food Fest – promotional school dinner
<b>20/5/24</b>	EYFS and Key Stage 1 Storycraft Theatre visit  Year 5/6 parents' information session on the residential to High Adventure – school hall 3.30pm
<b>21/5/24</b>	Year 3 and 4 fieldwork trip to Ripon
<b>24/5/24</b>	Break-up May half-term at 3.15pm
<b>June 2024</b>	
<b>3/6/24</b>	School open
<b>3/6/24</b>	Two-week window for Year 4 multiplication check
<b>5/6/24-7/6/24</b>	Year 5 and 6 residential to High Adventure with Dishforth CE Primary
<b>10/6/24</b>	Year 1 Phonic Screen Check week  Reception balance bikes for 5 weeks  Year 6 Bikeability
<b>10/6/24</b> <b>17/6/24</b> <b>24/6/24</b>	Year 1 and 2 – Forest Schools afternoons
<b>19/6/24</b>	Promotional school dinner – Royal Celebration
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ONE DAY
<b>25/6/24</b>	Ice-cream van
<b>26/6/24</b>	Dogs Trust presentation / workshops
<b>27/6/24</b>	Year 5 and 6 performance of Oliver!  Timings – afternoon performance at 1.45pm (TBC) Evening performance at 5.30pm
<b>July 2024</b>	
<b>15/7/24</b>	Sports Day – Year 1-6 10am Sports Day - Promotional School Dinner
<b>18/7/24</b>	Music for Life morning – with band Mishra – whole school concert  Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2pm
<b>19/7/24</b>	School closes for the summer holidays at 2.30pm
<b>September 2024</b>	



2/9/24	Training Day
3/9/24	School open for the new academic year 2024-25
<b>October 2024</b>	
24/10/24	Individual photographs
25/10/24	Break-up for October half-term

