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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend – it would seem that the weather is turning a corner with hopefully some warm, dry days ahead!



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.

Class News:

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

EYFS: We have had a lovely time getting outdoors in the sunshine this week. We have been watching our vegetables grow even though we think there may be a sneaky caterpillar munching on the leaves. We have learnt all about the life cycle of a butterfly and created a life cycle in our 'understanding the world' focus time. We have used digital microscopes to look at creatures we have found in our digging area looking at their features up close.

Year 1 and 2: This week Year 1 / 2 have been learning all about Fractions - we've been learning to share into half, quarters and thirds both shapes and numbers. In Design Technology we have completed technical drawings of fruit and labelled the different parts. We have also started a bird watch in our learning garden using an app to identify the different bird songs. In art we have explored the water colour paints and blended two primary colours together to make a secondary colour.



Year 3 and 4: This week we have been really enjoying continuing to read our class text, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. We have been practicing reading with intonation and have made inferences about characters thoughts and feelings throughout the story so far. We were excited to find golden tickets left for us earlier this week along with an advert for a very new chocolate factory! We have since been busy designing and generating language to describe our own chocolate factories which we will be writing adverts for in the coming weeks.

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been learning about each function of the circulatory system. We investigate the purpose of the heart, lung and blood vessel and the important roll each of these plays in keeping blood and oxygen moving around our bodies. We also began some research on the different aspect of Viking life. We use primary and secondary sources to find out information about categories such as houses, weapons, food and clothing.

Clubs

Clubs begin this week 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 5 and 6 Residential to High Adventure – Parent Information Session

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

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

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

Mental Health Awareness Week – 13th to the 19th May

Mental Health Awareness Week takes place from Monday 13th – Sunday 19th May 2024. 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 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.

Start small, dream big - careers project for Year 4 and 5 children

We are delighted that our school has been selected to take part in an exciting pilot programme to improve careers education in primary schools across England.

This pilot programme is being run by your local Careers Hub, funded by The Careers & Enterprise Company and evaluated in partnership with ImpactEd Evaluation. ImpactEd Evaluation is an independent evaluator that supports high-quality monitoring and evaluation in schools.

To fully evaluate the impact of the programme on pupils and parents, we will be inviting **Year 4 and 5 children** to complete a short survey in school which will ask questions about behaviours, attitudes and beliefs related to careers and the world of work. They will complete this in April/May 2024, and next academic year in April/May 2025.

We will also be inviting parents of all children in school to complete a survey about your behaviours, attitudes and beliefs related to careers towards the end of the year (April/May 2025).

These surveys will help understand the impact of the project so that it can be improved in the future.

Any data shared in the surveys will be treated confidentially and no identifiable information will be included within the reporting. Only aggregate findings and trends will be published. For more information about how we will collect and process you and your child(ren)'s data, please see the privacy notice which can be found online [here](#) or by clicking the link below

[Primary Pilot - W3 Privacy Notice ImpactEd.pdf](#).

Taking part in this evaluation is entirely voluntary and no pupil or parent is obliged to participate. If you are happy for you or your child to take part in the research, you do not need to inform anyone. However, if you have any questions or would like to opt out, please contact your child's teacher.

If our school participates in additional data collection as a "Research School" then we will be in touch with you about this, at a later date.

Thank you for your support.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this week's newsletter the online safety newsletter for May.



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

Please note that the cost of a school dinner will be increasing to £3.55 from Monday 3rd 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

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 puts in so much effort into their focused work and provision tasks.

This person is so kind and caring and they are an excellent friend. We are very impressed with your kind nature.

We are very proud of you and you are a joy to teach.

Congratulations and well done to,

Anisha!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has made an excellent start to our school. They always make a great effort with their focussed work and have started to make some lovely friendships. Well done Sofia!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is a super friend, they have excellent manners and can always be relied upon to make the right choices. This person is working super hard on their writing and is using all the skills taught in lessons in their writing. We are super proud of everything you are achieving. Well done Zachary

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been growing in confidence and sharing more of their thoughts in our class discussions. This person has also been working hard on their writing and wrote a super information page about life in Victorian Schools. Keep up the great work, Scarlett!

Year 5 / 6 - The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been trying hard to project their voice when reading aloud in our class reading sessions. This person's fluency is improving every day and their confidence to attempt unfamiliar words is increasing. Well done to Archie!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they are committed to their learning and they are contributing more and more in class. They never give up and they always have a smile on their face.

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

Well done, Aaron!



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 29 th April 2024			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
97%	99%	99%	96%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Headteacher

Diary Dates

May 2024	
7/5/24	KS1 sport festival at Outwood Academy Ripon
w/c 13th May	Year 6 SAT week Mental Health Awareness 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
19/6/24	Promotional school dinner – Royal Celebration
Friday 21st June	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ONE DAY
26/6/24	Dogs Trust presentation / workshops
27/6/24	Year 5 and 6 performance of Oliver! At 5.30pm
July 2024	
15/7/24	Sports Day – Year 1-6 10am Sports Day - Promotional School Dinner
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

