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Newsletter 35 17th June 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have a promotional school dinner on Wednesday – A Royal Celebration – please see the menu information in the newsletter below. Also, a reminder that school is closed this Friday for the children due to a staff training day.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to the following children who have joined us at Dishforth Airfield Primary School: Logan in Year 3 and Jude in Year 1.

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 busy week in Early Years this week we have been learning all about sea pollution and how to recycle and take care of our environment. In science we have explored floating and sinking and sorting materials. We found that corks float so we decided to make a boat to float in our water area. We have tested a range of cleaning materials to see which one would be the best for cleaning feathers that have been covered in oil from pollution from the sea.

Year 1 and 2: This week in Year 1/2 we have been learning about pictograms and data in Year 2 and place value to 100 in Year 1. The children have been using their senses in English this week to build word banks in preparation to write their own vegetable or fruit related poem in English. Some of the children took part in the dodgeball festival and had a fantastic time. We have also designed our fruit kebab and dipping sauce and are super excited to start making and then tasting!



Year 3 and 4: This week we have started to make our night lights in DT. We have carefully made our light shades using Papier Mache and most recently we have added our working circuits to the base of our lights. We are looking forward to completing the making of our products over the next few weeks. In Science we have been learning about the functions of different parts of flowering plants and we have enjoyed learning about pollination.

Year 5 and 6: This week we started our new science topic 'Materials and their Properties'. We discussed the different properties that materials have and then carried out a number of different investigations to test the flexibility, permeability, whether the material was a conductor, if it was magnetic and how transparent the material was. The children worked well in pairs to identify the different properties that each material had.

Balance Bikes and Bikeability

Today the children in Reception are continuing with their balance bike training after a fantastic start last week! Due to the weather, half of the group got to complete their training and the other half will continue next week. Year 6 children who are participating in bikeability were also progressing to level 2 training from today – you may see the children around the Airfield working through different procedures at junctions.

Forest Schools – Year 1 and 2 – today and next Monday

Miss Rachel Hunt is back at Dishforth Airfield Primary School as our Forest School teacher for this term! Forest Schools continues to take place on a Monday afternoon for Year 1 and 2 today and next week. Message from Miss Hunt:

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.

Year 1 and 2 children will have Forest Schools. Please bring the outdoor clothing and footwear above in a named bag.

Clubs

Clubs finish this week except for Sporting Influence on a Tuesday. A huge thank you to the staff for giving up their time to put the clubs on

PCSO Liam Bradbury-Monk

PCSO Liam has visited each class in school this morning to talk to the children about stranger danger.



Promotional School Dinner – Wednesday 19th June – Royal Celebration

Selection of Sandwiches
Cheese Straw
Small Sausage Roll
Summer Vegetable Sticks

Celebration Cupcake



School Training Day

Just a reminder that school is closed on Friday 21st June due to a training day and will be open again on Monday 24th June.

Term Dates for the next two academic years

Attached to this newsletter are the term dates for both 2024-25 academic year and also 2025-26 for your information.

Parent / Carer Information Session 26th June – Reception children in September

On Wednesday 26th June at 9am we are holding a parent / carer information session for children who will be in Reception in September.

Menu Swap Day – Seaside Theme – Tuesday 25th June

On Tuesday 25th June we are having a seaside themed school dinner followed by an ice-cream van in the afternoon – read on!

In order to facilitate the seaside theme, the menus will be swapped on Tuesday 25th June and Friday 28th June.



Tuesday 25th June

(Harry Ramsdens) Battered Fish
V Veggie Bite Sub
Chips
Ketchup
Sweetcorn & Peas
Sliced Wholemeal Bread
Baked Bean Jacket Potato



Ice Lolly

Friday 28th June

V Creamy Mac & Cheese
V Vegetable Chilli & Rice
Peas & Sweetcorn
Home baked Garlic Bread
Baked Bean Jacket Potato

Iced Lemon Finger Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt

Ice cream Van

Operation Ice Cream!

On June 25th we have a visit booked from BFBS Operation Ice Cream. The BFBS ice cream van will be joining us, and all of our children from Nursery to Year 6 will be able to enjoy a free ice cream from the van. If your child has any allergies or you would prefer them not to have an ice cream, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Year One and Two are also going to have a seaside themed "topic" day that day. Further details will be sent closer to the time.

Year 5 and 6 production of Oliver!

On Thursday 27th June, Year 5 and 6 are performing the musical Oliver! twice.

Timings – afternoon performance at **1.30pm**
evening performance at **5.30pm**



We are very much looking forward to seeing the Year 5 and 6 performances of Oliver! which will take place on **Thursday 27th June at 1.30pm and 5.30pm**. A separate letter will be sent to Y5/6 families about the performances as, due to the size of the hall, this will be ticketed with each family receiving **three tickets for each performance** only.

School will be filming the dress rehearsal which the whole school will watch and then this will be put securely on the school website with a password.

There is to be no filming or taking photographs on mobile phones or any other device at the performances – thank you.

Sun Cream

Please can I ask parents to ensure the children have a **long lasting, high SPF 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.



Summer 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.

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 has increased to £3.55 from today for children in Years 3-6.

The cost for the month of June for children in Year 3-6 will be £67.45



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@dishforhairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk

FEAST – for information

Get ready for FEAST: Free holiday activities and meals this Summer for eligible families

[FEAST](#) offers holiday activities and healthy meals to children and young people this summer holiday. All families are welcome to join in, with free places for eligible children and young people.

This summer, demand for FEAST places may be high. Please look out for your voucher, which you should receive via email or text from Holiday Activities on **Monday 17th June**. Bookings will go live on the same day - Monday 17th June.

We encourage families to log in and discover all the fantastic activities available, and to request their bookings as soon as possible.

If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher by Tuesday 18th June, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the FEAST website](#). For a step-by-step guide on how to redeem your vouchers and book a place using HolidayActivities, [watch this video](#).



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 thoughtful, caring and helpful. They are a great friend to others.

This person demonstrates our school values of compassion, respect and resilience daily and we are so lucky to have them in our school.

Keep up the amazing work!

Congratulations and well done to,

Rowan!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is making great progress in their reading and writing. They are showing they have pride in their work using beautiful handwriting. Keep up the hard work! Well done Penny!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been trying really hard with their mathematics, we have noticed that when you take your time and use the resources you can be really independent. Keep up the hard work and believe in yourself. Well done Freya!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown super resilience and great subject knowledge in DT. We have been impressed with this person's collaborative work and their encouragement towards their peers. Keep up the great work, Isaac!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to some who we have noticed is putting their hand up all the time to contribute during our learning time. They are pushing themselves outside of their comfort zone, trying new things and their confidence is growing every day. You can do it! Keep it up - well done to Kelsey!



Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they make me happy and they are a good friend.

The values award goes to Amelia-May who was nominated by Khloe and Isla.

Well done, Amelia-May!



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 10th June 2024

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Headteacher

Diary Dates

June 2024	
17/6/24 24/6/24	Reception balance bikes
1/7/24 8/7/24	Year 6 Bikeability
17/6/24 24/6/24	Year 1 and 2 – Forest Schools afternoons



17/6/24	PCSO Liam Bradbury-Monk visiting school to talk to the children
19/6/24	Promotional school dinner – Royal Celebration Year 1 and 2 trip to Boroughbridgbe
Friday 21 st June	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ONE DAY
25/6/24	Seaside Theme school lunch Ice-cream van
26/6/24	Parent / carer information session for children who are starting Reception in September – 9am Dogs Trust presentation / workshops
27/6/24	Year 5 and 6 performances of Oliver! Timings – afternoon performance at 1.30pm evening performance at 5.30pm
28/6/24	Menu change – Tuesday / Friday swap
July 2024	
1/7/24	Parent / Carer information evening at Boroughbridge High School for new Year 7 students at 6pm
3 rd – 5 th July	Induction Days for new Year 7 students at Boroughbridge High School
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
9/9/24	Year 3 and 4 – Forest Schools
11/9/24	Year 5 and 6 – first swim to Thirsk Swimming Baths
16/9/24	Year 3 and 4 – Forest Schools
23/9/24	Year 3 and 4 – Forest Schools
October 2024	
7/10/24	Flu immunisation
24/10/24	Individual photographs
25/10/24	Break-up for October half-term

