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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a super weekend and enjoyed the glorious weather. I am sure you will have seen the forecast for this week and the predicted high temperatures so please can the children all bring sunhats and have a **long lasting, high SPF sun cream** applied to them before they come to school as well. Thank you.

We have an incredibly busy few weeks left in school – please read the details of events carefully as some timings may have changed – information regarding Sports Day is also included in this newsletter.

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 exploring how to clean water in science using a range of materials as a filter. We made a prediction and soon found out that cotton wool was an excellent material for catching mud and making the water appear clean. The children have enjoyed researching sea creatures, finding out facts and information. We have also been adding to our aquarium in the creative area using a range of attaching and folding techniques.

Year 1 and 2: We've had a busy week in Year 1/2 this week. The children have begun writing their own poems in the style of Grandad's Tomatoes. We have learnt the scientific names for body parts. We had great fun finding the human and physical features of Boroughbridge and visited the fruit shop for a quick snack - thank you to Aarish's family. We have been practicing our athletics skills in PE and had a fantastic - if not a little wet Forest Schools session using the hand drills to make beads, building dens and making gargoyles.



Year 3 and 4: This week we have been writing an information page all about Ripon using our fieldwork experience and research to help us. In maths we have been learning about different types of angles, lines and shapes. In Science we have explored the different types of seed dispersal. We are continuing to make our night lights and are very pleased with how they are looking so far!

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been in full swing with our rehearsals. The children have been amazing - saying lines without their scripts, getting into character, perfecting the dances and working on their acting. I am so proud of all of them and we can't wait to share the performance with you!

Targeted Mainstream Provision consultation

Attached to this newsletter is a consultation document which explains a proposal by North Yorkshire Council to establish an additional Targeted Mainstream Provision (TMP) for Children and Young People with SEND delivered by Dishforth Airfield Primary School.

Following discussions with the Governors and Senior Leaders, Dishforth Airfield Primary School has been selected to deliver an additional Targeted Mainstream Provision. North Yorkshire Council is now asking for your views on this proposal as part of the statutory process which is required before alterations of these kind are made to maintained schools. This is an exciting opportunity for the school where we can utilise our experience and expertise in supporting others - please refer to the document attached.

Year 1 and 2 visit to Boroughbridge

Year One and Two went on a geographical field trip this week. We had fun spotting human and physical features in Boroughbridge and found some interesting things on the way. Did you know that Boroughbridge was the site of a famous battle? Or that there is a collection of historical objects including a mangle, a dolly and a dolly tub? We made a record of the different things we had seen and were lucky to stop off at the fruit and vegetable store, where Aarish's parents made us very welcome and sent us off with goodies. Enormous thanks to them for their kindness and generosity. A member of the public pointed out the swifts flying around and we are going to research them in our next science lesson. We carried on with our walk and tested our science knowledge, looking out for wild and garden plants. We then stopped off at Langthorpe for a short pause and used our knowledge of Ordnance Survey symbols to identify what we had found in the town- there is a lot there! Finally, after a long, hot walk we headed back to the car park and were driven back to school in style by the Boroughbridge Community Charity minibus.



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

On Wednesday at 9am we are holding a parent / carer information session for children who will be in Reception in September. This will take place in the school hall – even if you have a child in our school nursery, it is important to attend this meeting – thank you.

Menu Swap Day – Seaside Theme – Tuesday 25th June

On Tuesday 25th June we are having a seaside them 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, 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.



Sports Day – Reception – Year 6 Monday 15th July at 9.30am

Our traditional Sports Day is on the morning of Monday the 15th July for children in Reception – Year 6 starting at 9.30am. Please ensure your child has their PE kit with them on this day.

Families are welcome to join us and please feel free to bring your own chairs!

Promotional School Dinner – Monday 15th July – Sports Day

Hot Dog in a Bun with
Ketchup & Chips
(V) Cheese and Tomato Pasta with
Home baked Garlic Flatbread

Scone with Jam & Cream

Sports Festival for Nursery children – Tuesday 16th July

A Sports Festival for Nursery children only is on Tuesday 16th July at 2pm in the EYFS learning garden.



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@dishforthairfield.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 for their continued hard work in all areas of school. This person gives everything 100% and they support their peers along the way.



This person has impressed us with their attitude towards new challenges such as rock climbing and abseiling to singing a solo on stage!

This person is also a kind and caring friend and has wonderful manners.

Congratulations and well done to,

Karren!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is making great choices during their independent work and is really trying to challenge themselves when writing. Well done Sahir!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who always gives their best to all their learning and loves a challenge. We have noticed how hard you are trying so keep it up. This person has a smile on their face and is a super friend. Well done Skyla!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has demonstrated excellent science knowledge and has worked hard to use key science vocabulary in their discussions during learning. Keep up the super work. Well done to Lucas!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who constantly demonstrates the highest level of respect, behaviour and attitude toward their learning. This person is supportive of their peers and we have seen this recently at the residential and during our rehearsals. We love this person's attitude towards everything and they challenge themselves daily. Well done to Jessica.

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they are a respectful, kind caring and hard-working friend.

The values award goes to Junior who was nominated by Zoyann.

Well done, Junior!



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 17 th June 2024			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
92%	100%	96%	95%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Headteacher

Diary Dates

June 2024	
24/6/24	Reception balance bikes
1/7/24	
8/7/24	Year 6 Bikeability
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



3rd - 5th July	Induction Days for new Year 7 students at Boroughbridge High School
15/7/24	Sports Day – Reception – Year 6 at 9.30am Sports Day - Promotional School Dinner
16/7/24	Nursery sports festival at 2pm in the EYFS Learning Garden
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

