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## Newsletter 37 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

After a very hot and sticky week in school last week, it is looking like we are back to normal with the 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 preparing for our sports day. We have learnt how to balance using a range of equipment, run with agility and control and learnt how to work as a team. The children have been busy completing our class aquarium which has involved the children using a range of cutting and attaching techniques. They have made moving fish and standing sea creatures that live at the bottom of the ocean. We have also had lots of fun transferring water and working out how we can work together to not leave any water waste.

**Year 1 and 2:** Year 1/2 have had a really busy week - we started the week with our final Forest Schools session making S'mores - having learned to make a spark to light the fire. Then on Tuesday we had a fabulous seaside day - with the lots of games and activities, fish and chips and ice-creams. On Wednesday we had the Dog's Trust to come and talk to use about being safe around dogs. At the end of the week, we've been working hard to create our final water colour paintings.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have enjoyed learning about jobs children had during the Victorian era. We were very shocked to find out that children from the age of 4 may have been sent to work and we are very relieved that this no longer happens! We have also had lots of fun exploring different types of poetry in English and have enjoyed reading, performing and writing our own Haiku's and nonsense poems!

**Year 5 and 6:** We have had a busy week in year 5/6! The children have shown commitment and determination with our performance. They have all worked so incredibly hard with pulling together an



amazing show - we are so proud of each and every one of them. We have also had a music lesson where the children played a song together with three groups playing something slightly different - it was excellent!

## Oliver!

Well done to all the children in Year 5 and 6 for performing the spectacular musical Oliver! last Thursday. We are all so proud of you – your acting, singing and dancing was superb!

## Seaside Day

Last Tuesday, Year One and Two had a seaside day as part of their history and geography study. We were blessed with amazing weather and the children had a ball! We started the day discussing the changes to seaside holidays that have occurred over the last 150 years and deciding if we would have preferred a seaside holiday in the Victorian era, the 1950s or now. We then went on to make a photo frame which would become the souvenir of the day. Mrs Crabtree made us a special lunch and served our fish and chips in boxes. We had a pool to paddle in, hook a duck, drop the penny games, sand to build castles and we even made puppets and put on puppet shows for our friends. Then, to top it all, the whole school had a visit from BFBS Operation Ice cream. Tony, who served us, was amazing and we cannot thank him enough for having driven nearly 4 hours to serve us! Here are some photos of us having fun.

A huge thank you to Mrs O'Connell for organising the ice-cream van – what a welcome treat on a hot summer's day!



## Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this newsletter the latest edition of online safety information.



## Dogs Trust Presentation

We were excited to welcome our visitor from Dogs Trust on Wednesday. We enjoyed learning about the Dogs Trust charity and also how we can be 'Dog Smart'. We explored ways in which we can understand how different situations can make dogs feel and ways in which they may show these feelings. We then spent time considering how we can make safe and kind decisions around dogs to keep themselves happy and everyone safe by acting out different scenarios.

The children in Reception and KS1 learnt 5 rules:

1. If a dog is sleeping, we leave them alone
2. If a dog is eating, we leave them alone
3. Remember to be quiet around dogs
- 4 Dogs don't like cuddle they like gentle strokes
5. If a dog takes your toy go and tell a grown up

The children were also taught to ask an adult before they can touch a dog and to let the dog smell them before they could stroke the dog. It was a great learning opportunity for everyone!



## Sports Day – Reception – Year 6 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am

Our traditional Sports Day is on the morning of Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

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

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Scone with Jam & Cream

## Sports Festival for Nursery children – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

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

## Swimming – Year 5 and 6 - September



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 5 and Year 6 children start on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September.** Please ensure your child has swimwear, goggles and a towel (named). It is helpful if girls wear socks and not tights on swimming days. Due to the layout and number of cubicles at Thirsk swimming baths, some children need to share a cubicle in order to change before and after the lesson. If any parents have questions or queries about this

then please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Lyon. After Christmas children in Years 3 and 4 will go swimming.

The cost of swimming will be **£6.00 each week**, this still has to be paid even if your child misses a swimming lesson as we still have to pay for the bus, pool hire and swimming instructors. Payments must be made on your Parent Pay account. School has heavily subsidised the cost of swimming due to rising prices from the bus company and constraints imposed by Thirsk Pool.

## Passports of Experiences

A huge thank you to everyone who gave us ideas and suggestions for the passports of experiences. There were many fantastic ideas – some of the ideas we know will be covered in our two-year long-term plan of curriculum subjects so the Staff have gone through the remaining experiences carefully and have made some changes to the passports for September – please see the attached document!



## Ear-rings in PE

Please can I remind parents of the policy regarding the wearing of ear-rings in PE. Guidance was updated by the Association for PE a number of years ago.

*All personal effects should be removed including earrings.*

*Newly pierced earrings can be removed after a 6-week healing duration. During this period students should be given alternative tasks within physical education such as officiating.*

*Students unable to remove earrings were previously permitted to make them safe by taping. The guidance on the aforementioned has now changed based on national advice issued by the Association for Physical Education (afPE) 2019. It is now felt that the taping of earrings 'creates a perception of safety and is not recommended', as there have been several incidences within the local authority where children's ears have been injured from earrings being pulled out from under the tape.*

*Teachers/TAs are not permitted to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves, therefore, it would be helpful if earrings could be taken out at home on PE days.*

*If a child has recently had their ears pierced and is unable to remove their earrings, they will not be permitted to take part in the practical aspect of PE lessons for six weeks, after which time they will be expected to remove their earrings in order to participate in PE lessons. During this six-week period the child will be able to take on the role of umpire, referee or coach where appropriate.*

Please be aware that this policy will be followed by school staff and Sport coaches.

**If your child is going to have their ears pierced, please do so at the start of the summer holidays rather than during term time.**

## Class Structure for the academic year 2024-25

Please see below the staffing structure for the next academic year – this remains the same as it is now.

Head Teacher: Mrs Lyon

Deputy Head Teacher and SENCO: Mrs Kestell

EYFS: Mrs Hutchinson

Year 1 and 2: Mrs Kestell (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) and Mrs O'Connell (Wednesday)

Year 3 and 4: Mrs Armstrong (Monday – Thursday), Mrs Porter (Friday)

Year 5 and 6: Miss Newton

## 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.

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 for children in Years 3-6.**

**The cost for the month of July for children in Year 3-6 will be £53.25.**

## 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](mailto:admin@dishforhairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk)**



## FEAST – this is updated information from North Yorkshire

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

**Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities this summer**

We have issued vouchers to all families whose children are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this summer. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in that email/text to redeem your voucher and request your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer across North Yorkshire.

Please note that an activity showing a waiting list does not always mean that an activity is full. To help ensure as many families as possible get to take part in FEAST, most activity providers will open a waiting list for all booking requests before confirming places. Please request a place and you will receive an email/text notification from Holiday Activities if your place is confirmed.

If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, 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 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 has a super attitude towards learning and who always demonstrates enthusiasm and resilience across all lessons. We are really proud of the progress this person has made this year and of how hard they have worked.



This person is kind, caring and helpful and we are so lucky to have them in our school.

Keep up the super work!  
Congratulations and well done to,

Mairi!



## Ribbons



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has put lots of effort into her reading this week. She can independently read a sentence and answer questions showing great comprehension skills. This is showing you are becoming Year 1 ready. Well done Ava!

**Year 1 / 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been fantastic this week at following all the expectations and working exceptionally hard. We are so proud of you keep up the good work. Well done to Joey!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has given some super insights during our class discussions this week. They were very enthusiastic during our visit from Dogs Trust and spoke very knowledgably about how we can be kind and stay safe around dogs. Well done to Amelia-May!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their continued hard work and commitment with everything they do in school. In recent weeks, during the rehearsals, this person has taken on the role of 'back stage prop helper' where they have shown responsibility and commitment to our show. We are so impressed with this person's growing confidence! Well done to Mia!

## Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they make me happy.

The values award goes to Scarlett who was nominated by Isla.

Well done, Scarlett!





## 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 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
96%	99%	98%	94%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates

July 2024	
1/7/24 8/7/24	Reception balance bikes  Year 6 Bikeability
1/7/24	Parent / Carer information evening at Boroughbridge High School for new Year 7 students at 6pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Induction Days for new Year 7 students at Boroughbridge High School
15/7/24	Sports Day – <b>Reception – Year 6 at 9.30am</b> Sports Day - Promotional School Dinner
16/7/24	<b>Nursery</b> 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



<b>September 2024</b>	
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	KS2 Virtual Reality
16/9/24	Year 3 and 4 – Forest Schools
23/9/24	Year 3 and 4 – Forest Schools
<b>October 2024</b>	
7/10/24	Flu immunisation
w/c 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parent / teacher/ child consultations
24/10/24	Individual photographs
25/10/24	Break-up for October half-term
<b>November 2024</b>	
4/11/24	School open
6/11/24	Year 5 and 6 children Ripon Cathedral Service

