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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a super weekend.

We welcome Miss Lily Baxter into school this week. Miss Baxter is a 6th form student at Ripon Grammar School and she is completing a week's work experience with us.

We continue to have a busy couple of weeks ahead before the summer break, so please keep checking the newsletter for events and timings.

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 sea creatures and collecting a range of amazing facts about them. We have shared these with each other in class and learnt how to listen and respond to our talk partners. We have created some lovely sea paintings using a range of techniques including pointillism and using a range of thin and thick brush strokes. In PE we have been learning how to aim when throwing by playing a range of games with our partners.

Year 1 and 2: Year 1/2 have had a fantastic week - we have followed out design Technology plans and made fruit kebabs with a dipping sauce - which were fantastic and we have evaluated our final products. We have started new Maths topics on money for Year 1 and position and direction for Year 2. In English we have been learning about imperative verbs (bossy verbs) which are use when giving instructions - so we have been detectives in spotting them in our reading and when we use them in school. On Friday the children had their marble jar treat of craft making with jelly and biscuits!

Year 3 and 4: This week we have enjoyed writing our own free verse poems using the format of the poem 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. We have also enjoyed exploring different types of poetry and performing them, adding actions and working in groups to perform. We have also planned out our



final piece in Art where we will be using colouring pencils and pens to create our own industrial scenes in the style of LS Lowry.

Year 5 and 6: This week, in year 5/6, we have been learning about the different products that the UK exports and how many billions of pounds we receive for the different products and services. We created a graph showing the data and discussed the services the UK exports. We have also been looking at 4 and 6 figure grid references and using maps to locate different objects.



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!

(If we are rained off on Monday 15th July, I will then move Sports Day to Tuesday 16th July at 9.30am)

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. Families are welcome to come and watch and please feel free to bring your own chairs!

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – Thursday 18th July

The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly is taking place on Thursday 18th July at 2.00pm in the school hall. Please can we ask that **no more than two family members** join us for this assembly due to the limited space in the hall – thank you.



Friday 19th July – last day of the school year

School closes at 2.30pm on Friday 19th July for the summer break.

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 11th 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.

School Dinners – Autumn Term Menu

Please find attached to this newsletter the autumn term school dinner menu. This menu runs up to February half term.

In addition to the menu, Mrs Crabtree (our wonderful school cook) has also added a jacket potato option each day – this is on a separate document underneath the main menu for your information.

Information from North Yorkshire

Attached to this newsletter is a letter from North Yorkshire regarding a scam which is ongoing and targeting students – please read for further information.

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:

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 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@dishforthairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk



Reading Challenge Summer 2024



Get active with the Summer Reading Challenge 2024!

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Marvellous Makers!

The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited-edition Ready Set Read! medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Saturday 13th July until Saturday 7th Sept.

There will also be a fantastic programme of activities in libraries all summer, many of them free, to go with the challenge.

FEAST information

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 brings joy and happiness to our classroom. Their smile is infectious!



Since starting here, this person has given everything 100% and we are so impressed with their positive attitude towards their learning. We can't wait to see what you achieve in Year 6!

You are kind, caring and considerate and we are so lucky to have you in our class and school!

Congratulations and well done to,

Maxi!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is really challenging themselves in their independent learning time. This person created an instruction manual with labels when designing a model in the creative area. Well done Eddie!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is an excellent role model in class. This person can be relied upon to always make the right choices. This person has been trying really hard to improve their handwriting, taking time to form the letters accurately. Well done Jack!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has made a fantastic start since joining our school. We have been so proud of the resilience this person has demonstrated in their learning and with how well they have settled in and made new friends. Keep up the fantastic work, Logan!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their continued commitment to school. Their hard work does not go unnoticed and their dedication to their learning is impressive. We are so proud of all that you have achieved this year, and we wish you luck with your new adventure at high school! Well done to Evie!



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 being independent in their work and they make me laugh.

The values award goes to Joey who was nominated by Lily.

Well done, Joey!

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 1 st July 2024			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
98%	98%	99%	94%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Headteacher

Diary Dates

July 2024	
8/7/24	Reception balance bikes Year 6 Bikeability
15/7/24	Sports Day – Reception – Year 6 at 9.30am – families can come and watch Sports Day - Promotional School Dinner
16/7/24	Nursery sports festival at 2pm in the EYFS Learning Garden – families can come and watch



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
12/9/24	Judo taster session for children in Reception to Year 6 – children need PE kit in school
16/9/24	KS2 Virtual Reality
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
w/c 21 st October	Parent / teacher/ child consultations
24/10/24	Individual photographs
25/10/24	Break-up for October half-term
November 2024	
4/11/24	School open
6/11/24	Year 5 and 6 children Ripon Cathedral Service
December 2024	
18/12/24	Year 5 and 6 – last swim Christmas School Dinner School Christingle Service in the hall
19/12/24	Christmas Party afternoon
20/12/24	Break-up for Christmas at 2.30pm
January 2025	
6/1/25	Training Day
7/1/25	School open for the spring term

