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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend. It is looking like this week is going to be wet and turning cooler so please can you ensure the children have their coats and possibly their wellies too!

Welcome

We warmly welcome Logan who has joined Dishforth Airfield Primary School in Year 4.

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 continued our talk for writing story 'Goldilocks and the Three bears'. We have been learning more about the characters and we have made a list of what things they like. The children have enjoyed our Art focus task which has been based around the Artist Sharon Pierce. The children have learnt how to turn a continuous line into a colour pattern.

Year 1 and 2: Year 1/2 have had a fantastic week - we have been retelling the story of Daisy and her dragons. We have continued our learning on place value in maths - working out 1 more and 1 less for year 1s and partitioning numbers to 100 in year 2. We have made simple pinch pots in Art using the clay. In DT we have explored puppets and decorations and expressed our opinions. In Geography we have drawn birds eye views of the school. In computing we were finding the different keys on a keyboard.

Year 3 and 4: This week we enjoyed another forest school session where we worked collaboratively to build dens and used Elderberries to create ink for printing with natural objects. We have been busy writing our description of our favourite teddy bears in English and we are proud of our final



pieces of work. In Science we have enjoyed learning about the functions of different parts of the human digestive system and used iPads well to conduct research.

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been learning about biomes. We started the week with a VR workshop where we discovered different ecosystems and the animals that live there. We also did some research in geography about certain biomes and the different features that they have. We also thought about Muslim art in our RE lessons and what these images mean.

Start Small, Dream Big – careers learning in school

I am delighted to let you know that I am taking part in a project called 'Start small, dream big' this year which is about bringing careers related learning into primary school.

The Careers and Enterprise Company, set up by the Government, has a mission which is 'to help every young person to find their best next step.'

Research shows that children can fix their aspirations and create future-limiting stereotypes by as young as six years of age. Research has also shown that Career-Related Learning (CRL) can widen aspirations and challenge stereotypes so that children keep an open mind about the world of work as they move through education.

Participation in this project will help to:

- Increase awareness and aspirations amongst primary aged children of the range of jobs and career pathways available to them in the future.
- Removal of barriers and stereotypes which limit children's thinking about their future careers.
- Provide children with a forward looking, realistic view of the jobs and the way that we work.
- Develop understanding amongst children of the link between what they learn in school, skills and the world of work.

In order to support this project in school, I would like to invite parents / grandparents/ members of our school and local community to come in and talk to the children about their career journey to broaden their knowledge and understanding of different career pathways and opportunities. If you would like to do this or know of anyone who could come in, please can you contact me – thank you!

KS2 Football

A huge thank you to the children who represented our school at the KS2 football festival at Ripon last Tuesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed playing in the matches and were a credit to the school. The Year 3/4 team came fourth and the Year 5/6 team came joint second. Well done!



Makaton sign of the week

We have a number of children in school who are using Makaton to support their communication. During assemblies, we are continuing on developing some basic signs.

This week's sign is: **glasses / spectacles**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

https://makaton.org/TMC/TMC/The_Makaton_community/Sign_of_the_Week.aspx

Promotional School Dinner – Thursday 3rd October – Build a Burger

Burger in a Bun
(Chicken, Beef or Vegetarian Burger)
Ketchup, Mixed Salad, Skinny Fries

Muffin



Flu Immunisation – 7th October – information from Vaccination UK **action required by parents of children in Reception up to Year 6.**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Vaccination UK is attending your child's school for flu vaccinations.

For your child to receive their Nasal flu vaccination in school, please complete a **YES** consent form using the link below.

If your child **cannot** have the Nasal spray, the injectable flu vaccine is available, and you will be able to choose that method on the consent form.

If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to have a flu vaccination, please complete a **NO** consent via the same link.

The Flu information leaflet attached above contains the consent link and other useful information regarding flu vaccinations.

<https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/northyorkshire>



Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 22nd October and Wednesday 23rd October. Appointment slips will be sent home in due course.

PE Days this half term

EYFS: Please have PE kit in every day

Year 1 and 2: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 and 4: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5 and 6: Tuesday (for the first three weeks then Friday) and Wednesday (swimming)

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.**

ParentPay

Breakfast and After school club, 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. New families to the school will receive login information for ParentPay once their child / children have started.

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 is £3.55 for children in Years 3-6.
The cost for the month of September for children in Year 3-6 will be £71.00. (20 meals)**

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.

Please find attached to this week's newsletter some helpful tips and advice from the Local Authority regarding packed lunches.

Bookings for Dandelions Childcare

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. Accounts are put on ParentPay. Parents are charged based on the bookings they make and any additional sessions.

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 has been demonstrating our school values in the classroom and also out of school.



This person has shown new levels of responsibility, resilience and compassion. This person works incredibly hard in lessons, always striving for more and is enthusiastic about their learning.

We have loved seeing their care and compassion for their peers since we have been back at school. They are a role model in our school and we look forward to seeing them achieve great things this year.

Congratulations and well done to

Noah!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has had such a wonderful start to every morning. They have had a huge smile on their face every day and have made fantastic contributions to our lessons. Well done Leo!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has a positive attitude to learning and is keen to have a go at all our learning. Well done Scarlett!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed me with their resilience and the super attitude they have towards their learning. We are so proud of all of your hard work already this term. Keep up the great work, Amelia-May!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown great enthusiasm towards everything we have done in the classroom. We love their positive attitude towards learning and their resilience is shining through! Well done to Rowan!



Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because in class she tries her hardest and when I dropped my lunch box, she helped to pick it up – she is a great friend.

The values award goes to Khloe who was nominated by Florence.

Well done, Khloe!

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 96% 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 16 th September 2024			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
93.1%	93.5%	97.5%	84.7%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon

Head Teacher



Diary Dates

September 2024	
23/9/24	Year 3 and 4 – Forest Schools
October 2024	
3/10/24	Promotional School Dinner – Build a Burger
7/10/24	Flu immunisation
8/10/24	Y5/6 High 5 Netball at Ripon Outwood Music for Life whole school concert and workshop for Year 3 and 4
9/10/24	Year 3 and 4 Stone Age workshop
22 nd October and 23 rd October	Parent / teacher/ child consultations
24/10/24	Individual photographs
25/10/24	Harvest Festival – further details to follow Break-up for October half-term
November 2024	
4/11/24	School open
5/11/24	Promotional School Dinner – Bonfire Night
6/11/24	Year 5 and 6 children Ripon Cathedral Service
11-15/11/24	Anti-bullying week
15/11/24	Promotional School Dinner – Children in Need
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

