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Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have had a super first week back at school. They have settled back into routines very well and there has been a lovely, purposeful atmosphere in school.

As you know, we don't have a full-time School Administrator until Wednesday 18th September when Mrs McBride starts. Until then please can I politely request that parents are mindful that we don't have anyone in the School Office during school hours so any changes to pick-ups for your child / children, please let the class teachers know on a morning. ParentPay will be updated this week with school dinners.

Welcome

A warm welcome to Laceigh who has joined us this week in Nursery.

Judo Session – Thursday

This week on Thursday all the children from Reception to Year 6 will be having a taster Judo session in school – please can you ensure your child / children has their PE kit in school for this – thank you.

Class News:

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

EYFS: What a fantastic first week in Early Years! The children have been getting used to the environment and getting involved in activities all about themselves. They have created some lovely self-portraits choosing the correct colours to match their features. We are very proud of how well the children settled showing great independence at a very early stage.



Year 1 and 2: Year 1/2 have had a lovely week settling back into the school. We have been busy in Maths learning to sort in Year 1 and recognising numeral and words for numbers to 20 in Year 2. In English we have been learning about Daisy's dragons and how they link to her emotions. The children have been making predictions and sorting words into different groups. We have explored who lives in our homes and have drawn pictures to show this in PSHE and in Art we have started to look at the work of Marc Quinn and our topic on sculptures.

Year 3 and 4: We have had a lovely week settling into our new class. We have had some super class discussions about what we feel makes a classroom a happy and safe space for learning and all of the children shared their ideas wonderfully. We have made a start on our new class book, 'The Velveteen Rabbit' and we are looking forward to beginning our writing based on this over the next few weeks. We have also enjoyed starting our Science learning about the human digestive system and our Art learning about William Morris.

Year 5 and 6: We have had a wonderful week back at school. We are settling back into routine and getting to know everyone! We have started our class reading book, 'Running Wild' and we're looking forward to finding out what happens! We have also started some playground leaders training with Sporting Influence - the children will be running activities for other children at breaktimes and lunch times.

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.**

Virtual Reality – Key Stage 2 classes

On Monday 16th September KS2 children will be experiencing Virtual Reality! They will have an exciting session covering the following topics.

Year 3 and 4 – The Human Body

Year 5 and 6 – Eco-systems

Early Reading and Phonics Session for Reception Parents

Mrs Hutchinson will be holding a meeting about our phonics scheme, Read Write Inc. on **Wednesday 18th September at 2.30pm. All parents of children in Reception need to attend this session please.**

Reception Baseline

Children who are in Reception will be participating in the national reception baseline assessment (RBA) this half term. There is a document about this attached to the newsletter for further information.



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>

Information for Parents of Year 6 children

Information regarding applying for secondary school is attached to this newsletter from North Yorkshire County Council. Applications need to be submitted from 12th September and by 31st October.

SEND Hub – Parent / Carer support for speech and language

A reminder that the SEND Hub C&I SLCN team are offering appointments across the academic year, for parents/carers to discuss any concerns they may have around their child's speech, language and communication. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

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)

Swimming – Year 5 and 6 – this Wednesday



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 5 and Year 6 children start on Wednesday.** 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.

Sporting Influence Club

This academic year we have joined Sporting Influence who will provide PE and staff development in school as well as organising sporting competitions throughout the year that the school can participate in.

Some of the competitions allow mass participation and some competitions are for one team of seven children or five children from each school, depending on the nature of the sport.

The competitions Dishforth Airfield will take part in are all held at Outwood Academy Ripon.

This term we will be taking part in the following competitions:

- Football (7 a side one team) - 17th September
- High 5 Netball (one team) - 8th October

Sporting Influence football club begins tomorrow after school. Confirmation slips were sent out on Friday – children are to wear their school PE kit.



Forest Schools – starting today for Year 3 and 4

Forest Schools will take place on a Monday afternoon for the full afternoon for three weeks for each class at some point in the year.

Here is a message from Miss Hunt:

Hello! I am delighted to be able to deliver Forest School sessions to all year groups over the course of the 2024 - 25 academic year. Forest School is child led, outdoor learning where children can learn a variety of skills from wood craft to fire lighting and challenge themselves to take risks whilst learning to respect and care for the natural world around them.

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 3 and 4 will have Forest Schools first on Monday 9th, 16th and 23rd of September in the afternoon.

Absence and Punctuality

If your child is absent from school through illness or appointments, please can you phone the school as early as possible each day they are absent. It is important that we keep our records accurate. 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.**

Please can you also ensure that your child arrives to school promptly. Please ensure your child / children are at school for 8.40am ready for the bell to ring at 8.45am as lateness will be recorded.

Leave of Absence in Term Time

The Government implemented amendments to the regulations regarding holidays in term time a number of years ago. The amendments remove references to family holiday and extended leave as well as the threshold of ten school days. Therefore, Head Teachers will only be able to grant leave of absence in **exceptional circumstances. There is no 'Holiday' code for absences at any school. Please refer to the leave of absence forms which are located next to the school office for full details. If a form is required then it must be filled out at least six weeks in advance or the absence is unauthorised. If a child misses a minimum of 10 sessions (one session is half a day) through unauthorised absence, then this can result in a 'notice to improve' (previously known as a penalty notice) being issued by the Local Authority.**

New guidance from the government has come into force over the summer holidays.



The full guidance for schools can be found on the link below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66bf300da44f1c4c23e5bd1b/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance_-_August_2024.pdf

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)

School dinners are paid through ParentPay – new families will receive information regarding a login to ParentPay later this week.

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 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.

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 is an excellent role model to the other children in class.

This person is demonstrating all of our school values and can be trusted to take on additional responsibilities.

We have been so impressed with your nurturing of the younger children in class but still enabling them to try for themselves.



Congratulations and well done to

Alice!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is very independent, confident and is a great pleasure to have in our Reception class. This person has shown a great attitude to learning making some lovely contributions to our class discussions. Well done Isla!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has made excellent choices and is rising to the challenges of Year 1. We are so impressed with your attitude to learning and how you are prepared to give everything a go. A fantastic start to year 1. Well done Ava!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has started off the school year with a superb learning attitude. This person has been compassionate, friendly and has worked hard on their learning. We are so glad that they have joined our school. Keep up the great work and well done to Riasha!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has returned from the holidays with a fantastic attitude towards their learning. They are enthusiastic, showing resilience with their learning and have been offering to help at every opportunity. Keep up the hard work! Well done to Maxi!



Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because on the playground they helped young children cross zone 3 and in all lesson as well as outside they are there for me and they care.

The values award goes to Archie who was nominated by Jesse and Noah.

Well done, Archie!

Attendance

Weekly Attendance

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Week commencing 2nd September 2024

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
98.4%	97.3%	95.6%	94%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

September 2024	
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
17/9/24	KS2 Football 7 a-side at Ripon Outwood
18/9/24	Reception Parents information session at 2.30pm on our Phonics Scheme – Read, Write Inc
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
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

