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## Newsletter 7 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely autumnal weekend. What a fabulous week we have had in school last week with Music for Life and Fiji Day!

Also, a very warm welcome to Bella and Joey who have joined our school in Year 2 and Reception.

### 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 patterns in Early Years. We have made a range of patterns using colours, shapes and actions. The children have also enjoyed making themselves in the creative area and designing their own clothes using a range of materials and fabrics.

**Year 1 and 2:** We have had an exciting week in Year 1/2 this week - we have designed our clay pots and can't wait to make them next week. We listened to the fantastic singers on Tuesday from music for life. We became poets this week and have written our poetry verse! Then on Thursday we celebrated Fiji day and started our new book - Potion Commotion and Mrs Kestell had a bubbling cauldron to launch the new book!

**Year 3 and 4:** We have had a super week! We really enjoyed our visitors from Music for Life where we started off as the audience of a wonderful concert and then took part in a workshop where we wrote and performed our own verse of a song to the rest of the school. We also took part in a super Stone Age workshop day on Wednesday where we all enjoyed exploring Stone Age tools, making fires, making and cooking Stone Age bread and making shelters with our friends. It has been lots of fun!



**Year 5 and 6:** This week we have been learning about perspective in art. We have identified the horizon line, the vanishing point and the lines of perspective. This helped us to add them in to our own picture which we are sketching to make sure things are in proportion. We will be creating a final piece in the style of Henri Matisse.

## Harvest

This year, our Harvest Festival is going to take place on the afternoon of **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** so please make a note of this in your diary!



The Harvest Celebration will begin in the school hall for parents of children in Reception to Year 6 at 1.45pm. Following this, the format is going to involve an open afternoon where you can spend time in your children's class / classes. This will be followed by a cake sale and refreshments at 2.45pm where the proceeds will go towards a charity chosen by the School Council.

Nursery parents are welcome to join us in the open classroom part of the afternoon in EYFS at 2.15pm

At 2.45pm all parents will be able to collect their children from class to have refreshments in the hall before home time.

**We would like to have a cake bake sale with the refreshments on the 24<sup>th</sup> October to raise money for charity – if you are able to donate cakes / biscuits for this it would be very much appreciated. Any home-made cakes would be wonderful as well – please can a list of ingredients be provided or emailed through to Mrs McBride who will print them out – thank you!**

**We are also collecting non-perishable items of food for a local food bank (canned foods, dried goods, tea-bags, coffee, sugar) – please send donations into school where there is a collection box at the school office.**

## Black History Month – October

In the UK, October marks the beginning of Black History Month. This national celebration aims to promote and celebrate the contributions of those with African and Caribbean heritage to society and to foster an understanding of Black history in general. Through Black History Month, we learn so much about ourselves and our abilities to overcome challenges both big and small. We learn to reason and wonder about things morally. We also learn from mistakes people made in the past and learn the importance of treating others with compassion – we learn to be givers and helpers. Through this month we are using a number of assemblies to learn about significant people in history. So far we have learned about Betty Campbell who was the first black headteacher in Wales and Betty also instrumental in starting Black History Month in the UK. We have also learned about Laurie Cunningham who was one of the very first black footballers to play for England.



## Fiji Day

Last Thursday we all enjoyed learning about Fiji, looking at artefacts and taking part in a traditional dance. Members of the Fijian community sang two songs acapella and we were all treated to some delicious Fijian food. A huge thank you to: Mrs Buliruarua, Mrs Tuimereke, Mrs Vakacegu, Miss Tuimereke, Mrs Averia, Mrs Vulikijapani and Mrs Ratuvakacegu for all their hard work in organising such a beautiful morning.



## High 5 netball

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 High 5 Netball team who took part in a festival last Tuesday at Outwood Academy Ripon. The team played a number of matches throughout the morning and came second. Well done! Thank you to the team who represented our school: Felicity, Karren, Pippa, Florence, Khloe and Rowan.

## Music for Life

On Tuesday we were thoroughly entertained by singing duo Eleonore and Sarah. The children appreciated the beauty of their singing voices as they gave a whole school concert of songs by A-Ha, Lewis Capaldi, Adele and also songs which they had written and composed themselves. Following the concert, Year 3 and 4 children took part in a workshop where they sang 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough' in harmony and they also wrote a new version of the chorus. A huge thank you to Music for Life for providing professional musicians in school.



## Stone Age Workshop – Year 3 and 4

On Wednesday, the children in Year 3/4 took part in a Stone Age Survival workshop. We had so much fun living the life of a Stone Age person for the day. We explored Stone Age tools and discussed the natural materials they were made from. We were amazed by some of the things in nature that were used to aid survival. We then headed outside and had the opportunity to create a fire and then cook Stone Age bread over this - most of us thought it was very tasty! We ended our session with a teamwork challenge where we built (and decorated!) our own Stone Age shelter. It was a super day and really brought our History learning to life!



## 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: **Food**

Here is a link to the Makaton site:

[https://makaton.org/TMC/TMC/The\\_Makaton\\_community/Sign\\_of\\_the\\_Week.aspx](https://makaton.org/TMC/TMC/The_Makaton_community/Sign_of_the_Week.aspx)



## Parent / Carer Consultations – next week

Parents Evening is Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. A confirmation slip with your date and time will be sent home today.

**Appointments are strictly for 10 minutes only.** If there are further areas you would like to discuss with the teacher, please make another appointment so that we can ensure the evenings run to time – thank you.

There will be no football or clubs run by teachers during the week of parents evening.





## School Photograph morning

On **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** it is school photograph morning. As in previous years, the family photographs are to be taken first from 8.30am, these are for children in school who have siblings who are **not** at school. If this applies to you, please come to school for 8.30am to have your children photographed together. Individual photographs and siblings who come to this school will be taken during the school morning.



## Bonfire School Dinner – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November we are having a promotional school dinner for Bonfire Night – this can be ordered on the day.

Hot Dogs (Pork or Vegetarian)  
Cheese and Bean Jacket Potato  
Witch's Finger Wedges  
Carrot and Cucumber Sticks  
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Sparkler Sponge Cake

## Outdoor Learning – half term family activity days

With October half term just a few weeks away, North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service have an exciting and inspiring range of experiences planned to get young people and their families active and in touch with nature this autumn.

Adventure Club will keep your young people busy with activities that could include climbing, caving, high ropes, river scrambling and water sports such as canoeing and sailing. They'll make new friends, challenge themselves and learn a whole range of different skills. All while having lots of fun! Dates are 28-30 October at Bewerley Park Outdoor Education Centre in Pateley Bridge and 29-31 October at East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre near Whitby.

On Family Activity Days, everyone gets a go!  
Make lasting memories by getting stuck into some exciting outdoor activities together on a Family Activity Day. For October half term there's a caving/underground day at Bewerley Park on 31 October and a canoeing day at East Barnby on 1 November.

Get ready for an unforgettable outdoor experience like no other! Find out more and book now at [www.outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays](http://www.outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays)



## 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: Wednesday (swimming) and Friday**

## Forest Schools – starting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November for Year 5 and 6

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 5 and 6 will have Forest Schools first on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of November in the afternoon.**

## 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 October for children in Year 3-6 will be £67.45. (19 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](mailto: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 gives everything 100%! We love your positive attitude towards your learning and we are seeing your resilience build every day.

It has been wonderful to see their confidence flourish since the start of the year and we look forward to seeing what they achieve.

We love your cheerful personality and that you are a kind and loyal friend.

Congratulations and well done to ....

Devin!



## Ribbons



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is challenging themselves during lessons and their independent learning time. This person is making excellent progress with their writing. Well done Miteli!

**Year 1 / 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is a fantastic member of our class. This person has excellent manners and is working exceptionally hard with their learning. This person is kind and caring and we are so pleased to have you in our class. Keep up the hard work. Well done Jude!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has such a wonderful attitude towards their learning and they are a great role model. It was lovely to see this person's enthusiasm, excitement and engagement in both our Music for Life workshop and our Stone Age workshop this week. Well done to Mairi!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had an excellent start to year 5. They are coming into school with a big smile on their face. They are putting their hand up in class, helping others and working hard in every lesson. We are so impressed. Well done to Brooke!

## Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they are committed to everything they strive for and they know what they want to achieve. They also make me laugh both in and out of school and they are a great friend.

The values award goes to Devin who was nominated by Anthony and Oscar.

Well done, Devin!





## 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 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2024			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
93%	98%	94%	99%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>October 2024</b>	
<b>October</b>	Black History Month
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> October and 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Parent / teacher/ child consultations
<b>Thursday 24/10/24</b>	Individual photographs  <b>Harvest Festival afternoon – 1.45pm Reception – Year 6 in the school hall</b> <b>2.15pm open classrooms for all parents to see and work with the children</b> <b>2.45pm refreshments in the hall – fundraising</b>
<b>25/10/24</b>	Break-up for October half-term 3.15pm
<b>November 2024</b>	
<b>4/11/24</b>	School open



	Year 5 and 6 Forest School afternoon – bring outdoor clothes and wellies to change into.
<b>5/11/24</b>	Promotional School Dinner – Bonfire Night
<b>6/11/24</b>	Year 5 and 6 children Ripon Cathedral Service - afternoon
<b>11/11/24</b>	Year 5 and 6 Forest School afternoon – bring outdoor clothes and wellies to change into.
<b>11-15/11/24</b>	Anti-bullying week
<b>15/11/24</b>	Promotional School Dinner – Children in Need
	Year 6 – Crucial Crew - afternoon
<b>18/11/24</b>	Year 5 and 6 Forest School afternoon – bring outdoor clothes and wellies to change into.
	Last week of Clubs run by school staff
<b>December 2024</b>	
<b>4/12/24</b>	EYFS Nativity – morning - time to be confirmed
<b>12/12/24</b>	Year 1 and 2 Nativity – afternoon – time to be confirmed
<b>13/12/24</b>	Year 5 and 6 children Carol singing at Boroughbridge Manor Care Home
<b>18/12/24</b>	Year 5 and 6 – last swim
	Christmas School Dinner
	School Christingle Service in the hall
<b>19/12/24</b>	Christmas Party afternoon
<b>20/12/24</b>	Break-up for Christmas at 2.30pm
<b>January 2025</b>	
<b>6/1/25</b>	Training Day
<b>7/1/25</b>	School open for the spring term
<b>8/1/25</b>	Year 3 and 4 swimming at Thirsk pool every Wednesday
<b>February 2025</b>	
<b>14/2/25</b>	Break up for February half term at 3.15pm

