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Dear Parents / Carers,

The first half term seems to have come around very quickly with us breaking up on Friday for a week at 3.15pm. We hope you all have a lovely week off school and we look forward to seeing the children on Monday 4th November.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival is this **Thursday** 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 Thursday to raise money for the charity Self Help Africa. 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, The Salvation army, Ripon – please send donations into school where there is a collection box at the school office. Donations could include:



- Long life milk
- Rice pouches (plain microwave rice preferred)
- Tinned meat (eg stewed beef in gravy, mince in gravy, tinned ham, corned beef, hot dogs, meatballs)
- Tinned carrots
- Pasta sauce
- Rice pudding
- Custard
- Biscuits
- Washing powder / gel pods
- Toiletries – such as sanitary products, toilet rolls, shampoo, soap, body sprays, toothbrushes
- Nappies (sizes 5 and 6) and baby wipes
- Cleaning products – such as antibacterial spray, toilet cleaner (NOT bleach), multi-purpose cleaner

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 had a spooky week in Early Years. We have made witches potions listing our recipes. We have made our own 'magnificent brooms' in the creative area and added lots of exciting features. In maths we have been learning how to subitise where the children need to say the number of objects without counting 1 to 5.

Year 1 and 2: We have had another busy week this week - the children have made their final pinch pots following their designs and have designed our Christmas decoration. In PSCH we have been learning about the PANTS by the NSPCC and that our pants are private. [Let's talk PANTS with Pantosaurus! | NSPCC](#). In History we have been sorting toys into old and new and looking at the differences between the two. We have had great fun learning about non-fiction writing and using imperative verb (bossy verbs) to give commands! The children are excited about writing and then making their own potion next week.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been exploring poetry in English and we are developing some of our writing skills in preparation for writing our own Autumnal poem next week. In Science we carried out a very interesting investigation to explore the effects that some liquids (fizzy drinks, energy drinks, sports drinks, milk, water and vinegar) have on our teeth. We were so shocked to see the impact that high sugar content drinks and also vinegar had on the shell of eggs (acting as our teeth) and lots of the children have decided that they will definitely avoid/ reduce their intake of these types of drinks in the future!

Year 5 and 6: In year 5/6 this week we have been learning about Muslims in R.E. We have been finding out about Muslims and their generosity towards charity and their beliefs linked to Allah. We are looking at two Muslim charities in the UK and what they do to help people all over the world.



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: **Patient / to be calm**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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

Parent / Carer Consultations – this week

Parents Evening is tomorrow and Wednesday.

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 this week. Clubs will resume straight after half term.

Year 5 and 6 – Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) afternoon

Year 5 and 6 children have had a very exciting and informative afternoon with Dr James Birbeck from Croda who is a STEM ambassador. Croda is the name behind the high-performance ingredients and technologies in some of the biggest, most successful brands in the world. Today the class have worked on a Safe in the sun activity where they have gained an understanding of sunscreens and tested them with UV beads.....

A huge thank you to Dr Birbeck who has given up his time to come and promote STEM to the children.



School Photograph morning



On **Thursday** 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 5th November

On Tuesday 5th 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

Sparkler Sponge Cake

Sporting Influence

There is a new Sporting Influence club after half term for Key Stage 2 children. Letters have been sent out to the children and confirmation slips will be sent home this week.

Year 5 and 6 Ripon Cathedral Service – Wednesday 6th November

On Wednesday 6th November, Year 5 and 6 children have been invited to go to Ripon Cathedral to be part of a service celebrating military children. The class will have an early lunch and they will return in time for the end of the school day.



Poppy Appeal



We are selling items for the Poppy Appeal again this year. Last year the school was very successful and gave one of the highest donations in the local area.

Alongside the traditional poppy there are snap band rulers, reflectors, zip pulls and wristbands. Suggested donations are 50p for a zip pull, 50p for a reflector, £1 for a wristband and £1.50 for a snap band.

Please come to the school office before or after school if you would like to donate to the Poppy Appeal.

Reception Starters for September 2025

Attached to this newsletter is information for parents and carers who have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2025. The deadline to submit an application is the 15th January. Parents of children in our school nursery still need to apply for a Reception place through North Yorkshire Council. Parents of children in our school Nursery still need to apply for a Reception place through this process.

Year 6 Pupils transferring to Secondary School in September 2025

If you haven't already made an application for a secondary school for September 2025, please don't forget to apply by the 31 October 2024. Applications can be made online at: www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions

PE Days after 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 4th 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 on Monday 4th, 11th and 18th of November in the afternoon.

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

Family Fun with Crafts – free half term activities

This half-term, Adult Learning North Yorkshire is offering free Halloween-themed family activities at multiple locations across the county. The Family Fun with Crafts sessions are designed for parents, carers, and their children to come together and create eco-friendly Halloween decorations using basic, sustainable materials.

Session highlights:

Craft spooktacular Halloween decorations: Using basic, sustainable materials, participants will create unique Halloween crafts.

Inclusive for all skill levels: Everyone is welcome to join in the fun, whether a beginner or an experienced crafter.

Family bonding: Spend quality time together while making eco-friendly decorations.

All materials will be supplied, and the friendly teachers will be on hand to assist throughout the session.

Ripon Library & Information Centre: Monday, 28th October, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Thirsk Library & Information Centre: Thursday, 31st October, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM



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 November 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.

To book a place please either complete the online form

<https://forms.office.com/e/A50V4pv57w>, telephone the school office or email admin@dishforhairfield.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 an infectious giggle and a can-do attitude. We love your positive approach towards your learning. Even when you find things challenging you always give it one hundred percent.



You are a wonderful friend who has a kind and caring personality. We love your determination and effort.

Keep up the hard work and let your personality shine.

Congratulations and well done to

Freya!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is putting lots of effort into their phonics work. They are thinking about which sound comes next in a word and using a sound mat independently. Well done Archie!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has a fantastic attitude to learning and is always prepared to give everything a try. We love your bubbly personality and the smile on your face. Keep up the hard work. Well done Deborah!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has made some fantastic scientific observations and conclusions as a result of our Science investigation. I was impressed with how this person used the information from the investigation and their prior learning to give reasoning to their explanations in Science too. Keep up the great work, Isaac!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their continued dedication to their learning. This person gives every lesson their all and we are so proud of their attitude towards new challenges. This person demonstrates all of our school values every day and she is someone that everyone can look up to - well done to Pippa!



Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because in school this person is always setting an example to the younger children.

The values award goes to Alina who was nominated by Penny.

Well done, Alina!



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 14th October 2024

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

We hope you all have a lovely half term break and we shall look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4th November.

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

October 2024	
October	Black History Month
22nd October and 23rd October	Parent / teacher/ child consultations
Thursday 24/10/24	Individual photographs Harvest Festival afternoon – 1.45pm Reception – Year 6 in the school hall 2.15pm open classrooms for all parents to see and work with the children 2.45pm refreshments in the hall – fundraising
25/10/24	Break-up for October half-term 3.15pm
November 2024	
4/11/24	School open Year 5 and 6 Forest School afternoon – bring outdoor clothes and wellies to change into.
5/11/24	Promotional School Dinner – Bonfire Night
6/11/24	Year 5 and 6 children Ripon Cathedral Service - afternoon
11/11/24	Year 5 and 6 Forest School afternoon – bring outdoor clothes and wellies to change into.
11-15/11/24	Anti-bullying week Odd sock day – Tuesday 12 th November
15/11/24	Promotional School Dinner – Children in Need Year 6 – Crucial Crew - afternoon
18/11/24	Year 5 and 6 Forest School afternoon – bring outdoor clothes and wellies to change into. Last week of Clubs run by school staff
19/11/24	Cross Country Festival – Ripon Outwood
December 2024	
4/12/24	EYFS Nativity – morning - time to be confirmed
12/12/24	Year 1 and 2 Nativity – afternoon – time to be confirmed
13/12/24	Year 5 and 6 children Carol singing at Boroughbridge Manor Care Home



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
8/1/25	Year 3 and 4 swimming at Thirsk pool every Wednesday
February 2025	
14/2/25	Break up for February half term at 3.15pm

