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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend. We have a busy week in school this week - tomorrow we have a Music for Life concert and our High 5 netball team are going to Outwood Ripon to take part in a festival - good luck! On Wednesday Year 3 and 4 have their Stone Age workshop.

Fiji Day – Thursday

On Thursday we will be celebrating Fiji Day. A huge thank you to members of the Fijian community who are coming to school to share the history of Fiji with the children and the staff.

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 made some lovely invitations in the same style as 'Sharon Pierce'. The children drew continuous lines for balloon strings and painted ovals using fine paint brushes. The children have also been busy making sandwiches for baby bears birthday party following step by step instructions.

Year 1 and 2: Year 1 and 2 have had a fantastic week - we have been learning to write noun phrases using adjectives and nouns in preparation to write our poems. We have been learning to count in 2, 5, and 10s in maths and find the missing numbers on a number line. In DT this week we used templates to trace around and then cut out the fabric pieces - its sounds a lot easier that it was! In Art we have completed some observational drawing of flowers. We have had fun in PE using our football skills to aim and strike the ball into a goal.



Year 3 and 4: This week we have started out new whole class reading book, 'The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe' and we have been busy exploring some of the characters within the story so far. In Geography, we have been using our map skills to locate different urban areas in the UK and found it really interesting to identify the origins of some of these settlements. We have been developing our pencils skills in art by exploring how we can use pencils in different ways to create different textures and tones and we look forward to putting this learning to work next week when we start some observational drawings.

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been learning about the different types of desert biomes. The children have researched, using secondary sources, two of the types of deserts that are found in the world. The children are going to present their findings to their group next lesson. The children have been doing really well with the clarinet. The year 5s are making an excellent start with learning the notes and year 6s are playing some songs reading the music as they go!

School Council

Our school council members have been elected for the academic year and they are as follows:

EYFS: Ethan and Daisy
Year 1 and 2: Ava and Alice
Year 3 and 4: Riasha and Anthony
Year 5 and 6: Rowan and Noah

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.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this newsletter this month's edition of the online safety newsletter for your information.

Music for Life – tomorrow

I am delighted to welcome Music for Life into school tomorrow.

Music for Life originated through Sowerby Music over 14 years ago with the aim of helping small rural schools to access professional musicians. We have been fortunate to be involved with Music for



Life throughout the whole of this time and have had a wide range of fantastic musicians into school who have truly inspired our children.

Next week we are welcoming Yorkshire born singer and teacher Eleonore Cockerham, who began performing internationally as a soloist from the age of 12. Eleonore went on to study at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, where she studied under the tutelage of Mezzo Soprano, Louise Winter.

Eleonore has toured across the globe singing as a soloist and with the ensemble VOCES8 at the Sydney Opera House, Tokyo Opera City, Palacio de Belle's Artes, Mexico, and BBC Proms at Cadogan Hall, London.

Stone Age Workshop – Year 3 and 4 – Wednesday

On Wednesday, Year 3/4 will be taking part in a Stone Age workshop. The children will be participating in a range of activities and experiences which will allow them to develop some hands-on skills whilst learning what life was like for their ancestors 10,000 years ago. The workshop includes; Primitive fire lighting, building Hunter Gatherer shelters, ancient bread making, tool making and exploring artefacts. We are really looking forward to it!

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: **Post box**

Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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



Parent / Carer Consultations

Parents Evening is Tuesday 22nd October and Wednesday 23rd October. A letter was sent home last week for families to state their preferred day – please return this by Monday 7th October. A confirmation slip will be sent out to you in due course.

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 24th 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.

Harvest

This year, our Harvest Festival is going to take place on the afternoon of **Thursday 24th October** so please make a note of this in your diary and full details will be shared over the next few weeks.



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 where the proceeds will go towards a charity chosen by the School Council.

Bonfire School Dinner – Tuesday 5th November

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

Sparkler Sponge Cake



Product safety alert – water beads - message from North Yorkshire Council

OPSS has issued a safety alert for a product commonly known as 'water beads' (<https://www.gov.uk/product-safety-alerts-reports-recalls/product-safety-alert-water-beads-psa7>), alongside a news story (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/opss-issues-safety-alert-to-warn-of-the-risks-of-water-beads>).

Water beads are marketed to fulfil a variety of different purposes, which can include being used as a toy, or in crafting, home decor and floristry.

The alert highlights the harms caused by the dehydrated bead/s when swallowed that can expand post-ingestion, causing a blockage along the gastrointestinal (GI) digestive tract requiring surgical removal. Additionally, a hydrated or dehydrated bead can cause asphyxiation from aspiration if swallowed. Ingested water beads can be very difficult to detect and do not show up on x-ray, making clinical diagnosis challenging.



They are also looking into the issue of 'baby personal protective equipment (PPE)' type products. For example, there are products for sale that are being marketed for use by babies and toddlers and claim to offer head protection in the event of a fall, such as:

[Baby Head Protection Pillow – Thebossbaby](#)

[BabySafe - Head Protector – TinyWonders](#)

[JINYJIA Baby Head Protector, Baby Head Protector Backpack, Adjustable Toddler Head Protection Safety Pads, for 4-24 Months Baby Learning Walking,Honeybee : Amazon.co.uk: Home & Kitchen](#)

Concerns have been raised that potentially the design and construction of this type of product presents an intolerable risk of harm to babies and young toddlers and they are gathering evidence around the risks. If you or colleagues are aware of any incidents/incident data relating to this product type, anything you share will be hugely appreciated and can only increase the robustness of the evidence base. OPSSIncidentManagement@businessandtrade.gov.uk

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

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



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 is a fantastic member of our class. We love your positive attitude to learning and your love of a challenge.

You are a fantastic role model and can always be relied upon to make excellent choices.

We love seeing your smile every day.

Keep up the hard work!
Congratulations and well done to

Ellie!



Ribbons



EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has made excellent progress in phonics knowing every letter sound that has been taught. Keep up the brilliant work, George!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is always prepared to have a go at a challenge. They can be relied upon to offer in class discussions and will always justify their answers. This person is a wonderful member of our class. Well Enoch!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has a super attitude towards their learning. We have enjoyed seeing this person come out of their shell this week and make excellent contributions during our lessons and group discussions. Keep up the super work, Lillian!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who works quietly and methodically in lessons, particularly maths. This person's resilience is building and they love to challenge themselves in each lesson. We are so impressed with what they have achieved so far and we look forward to seeing what else they can achieve in Year 5. Well done to Samuel!



Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they demonstrate the values in all areas of the classroom and outside on the playground.

The values award goes to Maxi who was nominated by Noah.

Well done, Maxi!

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 30th September 2024

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
97%	97%	96%	98%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

October 2024	
October	Black History Month
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
10/10/24	Fiji Day
22nd October and 23rd October	Parent / teacher/ child consultations
Thursday 24/10/24	Individual photographs Harvest Festival afternoon – further details to follow
25/10/24	Break-up for October half-term 3.15pm
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 Year 6 – Crucial Crew
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
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

