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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely weekend after the very wet weather we had last week! Over the next few weeks in school there are a number of events happening so please read the newsletter carefully for dates and times and keep checking diary dates as new entries are being added.

Flu immunisation sign up – please can all parents ensure they have signed their child / children up for the flu immunisation this week to ensure that they receive it – thank you. The link is in the newsletter.

We have a promotional school dinner this Thursday – Build a Burger – which the children can enjoy. Also, this week Clubs run by school staff begin – thank you to all the staff for giving up their time to put these on for the children.

Class News:

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

EYFS: In Early Years this week we have had a visit from the Jolly Postman who delivered our class an invitation to Baby Bears party on Friday 4th October the children have been told they can bring a teddy bear. In preparation for the party the children have been busy making birthday cards and have many jobs next week to make sure they have everything they need. The children are very excited.

Year 1 and 2: This week Year 1 and 2 have been very busy. We have been learning all about poetry - we have been learning to read the poem aloud as a class and have been exploring the language and images from within it. The children have made pinch pots and added marks using clay tools. In DT we have been practicing our cutting skills - learning to turn the paper and keep the scissor straight up and down. We have also finished our week with a marble jar treat as the children have all been working hard.



Year 3 and 4: This week we finished our first whole class reading book of the year, The Velveteen Rabbit. We were very pleased there was a happy ending in the end! We enjoyed learning about the different types of teeth we have and their functions in science and we are looking forward to carrying out some science investigations about teeth in the upcoming weeks. In French we have been learning how to say, read and write numbers up to 10. We started our PE lessons on football this week and worked really well within our teams to develop our skills.

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been learning about monologues in English. We have been playing the role of the main character from Running Wild. We have been building up our toolkit to help us write a monologue next week. We have also been doing some observational draws of landscapes in our art lessons using the sketching pencils to create shade and tone.

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.

Music for Life – Tuesday 8th October

I am delighted to welcome Music for Life into school on Tuesday 8th October.

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 9th October

On Wednesday 9th October, 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!

Fiji Day – Thursday 10th October



Next 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.

Start Small, Dream Big – careers learning in school

As I wrote in last week's newsletter, 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!

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: **Autumn**

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>



Parent / Carer Consultations

Parents Evening is Tuesday 22nd October and Wednesday 23rd October. A letter is being sent home today 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 – Thursday 24th October

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.

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 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@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 amazing attitude to learning. This person is always keen to participate in all aspects of learning and can be relied upon to share their ideas in class discussions.



We love your cheerful personality and the fact you are a great friend!

Keep up the hard work!

Congratulations and well done to

Sofia!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is always ready to learn. They enjoy all school has to offer and always try their best. Well done, Theo!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has a super attitude to learning and is always prepared to challenge themselves. We have seen you grow in confidence and determination and you always use everything we teach you. You have a positive attitude and you are a great friend and role model. Well done, Skyla!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has made excellent contributions to our class discussions and has really impressed me with their brilliant attitude towards their learning. Keep up the great work, Brooke!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their continued kindness towards everyone in our classroom. This person shows consideration towards her peers and is always there to support her friends when they need her. We have also been impressed with her attitude towards learning. You are making great progress. Well done, Karren!



Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because in class they have been working really hard and they are always funny.

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

Well done, Brooke!

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 23 rd September 2024			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
96%	96%	95%	93%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon

Head Teacher



Diary Dates

October 2024	
October	Black History Month
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
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

