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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend. We have another busy week in school with it being anti-bullying week and Children in Need Day on Friday. Please read carefully for further details of these events as well as up and coming Christmas fundraising activities which are going to be taking place over the next few weeks.

Today our thoughts are very much about Remembrance and taking time to reflect on the sacrifices the Armed Forces personnel have made for us over time. On Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 children went to Ripon Cathedral for the Festival of Remembrance for Service Children. It was a wonderful afternoon which brought children from the Armed Forces together to celebrate and remember. We took part in singing, listened to letters from soldiers and their children from the Christmas of 1914.

Many of you will have seen the school installation of poppies in the main entrance from all the classes. In addition to this, a number of paintings from the children will be going to Co-op in Ripon to be displayed this week.

Class News:

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

EYFS: This week the children have been learning about Diwali the Hindu festival of light. The children have all made Diva lamps using clay, made Rangoli patterns using coloured rice and have designed Mendi patterns on handprints. The children have also explored creating firework pictures using chalk and making fireworks in the creative area with pipe cleaners and tissue paper.

Year 1 and 2: This week Year 1 / 2 have been super busy - we have been reading the story about Stubby a dog who goes to war with the soldier who adopted him and smuggled him on the ship. In Maths we have been learning to add and subtract. We had a fabulous time creating poppies based on the work of Georgia O'Keeffe and we have started to learn our nativity songs and dances!



Year 3 and 4: This week we have enjoyed reading more of The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe and we have been making lots of inferences and predictions about what characters may do next and their motives for this. In Science we have started our new unit on electricity and began by exploring different ways electricity can be produced and exploring everyday appliances, identifying their type of electrical source.

Year 5 and 6: We have had a busy week in year 5/6. We started the week with a Forest Schools session with Miss Hunt. The children used many different tools, built dens and worked as a team. We look forward to next week! On Thursday, we began to explore acrylic paints in art. We then used the acrylics to create a painting of a soldier to mark Remembrance Day.

Anti-bullying week – Odd Sock Day - tomorrow

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November, with the theme: Choose Respect. Odd Socks Day is taking place on Tuesday 12th November, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Further information can be found through the following link:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect>

Parent Governor Election

We are delighted to have had nominations from two parents for the Parent Governor vacancy and, as a result, we will be holding an election. Tomorrow, every parent in school will receive an A4 white envelope via their child/ children and in this is all the information about the election including a green ballot paper. The instructions regarding the election and the returning of the ballot paper are very specific as we have to follow the Local Authority procedure. Please return your ballot paper in the envelopes as instructed to the School Office by **Tuesday 26th November**.

School Photographs

Just a reminder that the ordering of school photographs is to be done online through the QR code parents were given with a proof of the photo before half term.

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: **Teddy**

Here is a link to the Makaton site:



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



Crucial Crew – Year 6 – this Friday

On Friday, Year 6 are spending the afternoon at Carlton Lodge undertaking activities in Crucial Crew which is an event organised by North Yorkshire Police. The children will see various scenarios which they may encounter in everyday life, each one posing problems or dangers to them. The children, working in small groups and under close supervision will tackle each scenario with feedback given as they complete each one.

All children need to bring a coat.

Children in Need Day – this Friday – non-uniform

As a school we are supporting Children in Need Day on Friday where the children can come to school in non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1. This can either be brought in cash on the day or you can click on the link below and donate through ParentPay.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=15144>



Promotional School Dinner – Friday – Children in Need

We are having a promotional school dinner on Friday for Children in Need which can be ordered on the day.

The menu is as follows:

Hot Dogs
Veggie Dogs (V)
Baked Beans
Potato Wedges

Mango Sorbet

Cross Country – Tuesday 19th November

On the 19th November, Key Stage 2 children who have chosen to take part in the cross-country festival will be going to Outwood Academy Ripon for the morning to participate in the event.





Christmas Fundraising

A huge thank you to the parents who attended last Thursday's meeting with Mrs Armstrong regarding Christmas fundraising for the school. There were many wonderful ideas which we are going to be planning in for this year and next year! Please see below for further details:

Christmas Hampers – donations

Christmas time is almost upon us and we are excited to introduce this year's Christmas hamper raffle! We are asking for your support by donating items that can be made into Christmas hampers. We would be very grateful if you could send contributions into class with your child/ren by **Thursday 5th December** so that the hampers can be made up ready for our Christmas raffle draw in the final week of the term. We have chosen themes for each class. Please could we ask that you try to check the best before dates on any perishable items is after **31st December 2024**. Thank you for your support!

Nursery/ Reception: Confectionary

Year 1/2: Something useful (e.g., notebook, games, pens etc.)

Year 3/4: Smellies (bath bombs, bubble bath, shower wash/gel, hair and body wash, candles)

Year 5/6: Bottles (a bottle of something to drink)

Tickets for the raffle will be on sale in December – more information will follow on how and where to buy these shortly. Thank you so much for your continued support in raising money for our school.

Local business donations

We love celebrating local businesses and wish to include items from local businesses in our raffle this year. If you have a business and are able to provide an item/voucher/donation to our school raffle, we would be incredibly grateful. We would be happy to mention and promote any businesses who donate to our raffle on our school Facebook page.

Winter Coat and Christmas Jumper rail sale

After school on **Wednesday 4th December**, we will be holding a sale of second-hand winter coats and Christmas jumpers for a small donation of a few pounds. If you have any old winter coats or Christmas jumpers which no longer fit your children, are in good condition and you are willing to donate to help raise money for our school, please bring these in to the school office by **Monday 2nd December**.

Jingle Jars - donations

As we are getting into the Christmas spirit, we are asking for donations of 'Jingle jars'. These are empty jam jars that have been filled with treats e.g. mini sweets, mini chocolates, bath salts, wax melts, mini colouring pencils and activity books etc – anything you can fit into a jar that you think others would enjoy! All jingle jar donations will be collected and sold at school on our Christmas stall in December and all money raised will be for our school. We have been busy collecting jars already



so if you would like to collect one to fill, please visit the school office. Please could all jingle jar donations be handed in to the school office by **Thursday 5th December**. Thank you!

Bauble competition

We are holding a 'design your own Christmas bauble' competition. All children are invited to design their own Christmas bauble with the chance of winning a prize for the best Christmas bauble! Competition entry sheets will be available to purchase from the school office for £1 from Tuesday 2nd December. Final entries are due back into school by **Monday 16th December** and the winner will be announced and awarded their prize in the final week of term.

Christmas Stall

Throughout December we will be selling raffle tickets, hot chocolate cones and reindeer food after school. More information will follow on the dates for this.

Reception Starters for September 2025

The deadline to submit an application for parents and carers who have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2025 is the 15th January.

Parents of children in our school nursery still need to apply for a Reception place through North Yorkshire Council.

PE Days

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 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.

Please either telephone the school office, email admin@dishforthairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk or use the online booking form, <https://forms.office.com/e/A50V4pv57w>

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 others. They enjoy challenging themselves within their learning and they show such enthusiasm in all lessons.



Not only does this person shine within the classroom, they are also a kind and caring member of our school. They always help others with a smile on their face.

Keep up the super work we love having you in our school.

Congratulations and well done to

Georgina!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has made an excellent start to our school. This person is keen to learn and puts lots of effort into their writing and creative work. You are a pleasure to teach. Well done Joey!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been working incredibly hard on his learning. This person has been using his Fred skills to sound out and write words. We are so impressed with your attitude to learning and your 'have a go attitude' - there is nothing you won't try. Well done David!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked really carefully on their printing technique when using a 2-colour overlap. I was impressed with this person's precision and attention to detail. Keep up the great work, Emily-Rose!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their dedication to their maths. This person is showing impressive levels of determination and they are making excellent progress. They are using the equipment successfully to help them answer their questions and we are so proud of them! Well done to Manav

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because when we were doing Forest Schools, we had to work together to build a den and the first time we did it, it went wrong!

The values award goes to Lucas who was nominated by Samuel.

Well done, Lucas!



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 4 th November 2024 | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| Reception | Year 1 / 2 | Year 3 / 4 | Year 5 / 6 |
| 99% | 97% | 95% | 97% |

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

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| November 2024 | |
| 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 – Choose Respect 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 | |
| 2/12/24 | Winter coats and Christmas Jumper donations into school |
| 4/12/24 | EYFS Nativity – morning - time to be confirmed Winter coats and Christmas Jumper sale |
| 5/12/24 | Jingle Jars into school please! Hamper donations in by this date! |
| 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 |
| 16/12/24 | Christmas Bauble entries in |
| 18/12/24 | Year 5 and 6 – last swim Christmas School Dinner School Christingle Service in the hall |
| 19/12/24 | Christmas Party afternoon (children to bring party clothes into school to change into) |
| 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 Reception children – balance bike course for 5 weeks |
| February 2025 | |
| 14/2/25 | Break up for February half term at 3.15pm |

