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Newsletter 11 Monday 18th November 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a super weekend and are ready for the cold spell we are going to be having this week! I reminded the children on Friday to find their hats, scarves and gloves as they will be needed. It is a busy time in school as we seem to be whizzing through the term, therefore the newsletter today covers quite a bit of forthcoming events to help with planning for the festive season ahead.

Last week of clubs

Just a reminder that this week is the last week of clubs run by school staff, however the club which is run by Sporting Influence will continue until Tuesday 10th December. A new set of clubs will be on offer to the children after Christmas. Thank you to all the staff who have given up their time this term to run the clubs.

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 been exploring the story Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have enjoyed telling the story through small world play. They have been pretending to plant the magic beans and have used resources to create the beanstalk. The children have used lots of imagination, which has been lovely to see.

Year 1 and 2: This week we have been learning to add and subtract on number lines in Year 1 and using dienes in Year 2 where we have been exchanging when we cross the ten! In English we have been practicing our sentence writing skills - focusing on their handwriting, finger spaces and capital letters and full stops. We have enjoyed our tennis and dance lessons this week. In DT have experiment with finishing techniques before deciding what we would like to add.



Year 3 and 4: This week we have been learning about circuits in science. We enjoyed building series circuits and adding extra components, exploring how we had to adapt our original circuit to do this. We have also learnt how to draw a diagram of a circuit using symbols. In DT we have started to put our sewing skills to practise as we are beginning to make our pencil cases.

Year 5 and 6: In year 5/6 this week we have been learning about how plants reproduce. We have been investigating the ways that different plants can form new plants. We have taken cuttings from a parent plant and placed them in water and will be observing them over the next few weeks to see if roots grow. If they do, we can place them in compost and we will have created a clone of the parent plant!

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: **Kind**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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

Crucial Crew

On Friday afternoon, the year 6 children went to Carlton Lodge to take part in a Crucial Crew. The children took part in 5 different activities. The children learnt about water safety, fire safety, online safety, drugs and smoking. It was a very informative afternoon!



Children in Need Day

Thank you for supporting children in need. We raised **£102.00**. Thank you.

Poppy Appeal

The British Legion let us know that Dishforth Airfield CP School raised **£94.81**. Thank you to everyone that donated.



Cross Country – tomorrow - CANCELLED

Unfortunately, due to the weather forecast tomorrow, Key Stage 2 children will not be taking part in the cross-country festival. We will let you know when it will be held again.



Christmas Events 2024

We have much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season and I would like to share with you what we have planned so far.

Christmas Cards

Children can bring their Christmas cards into school for special Dishforth Airfield delivery! Please can children bring their cards into school and post them in the special post box from Monday 2nd December – a list of first names can be obtained from the School Office - please ensure envelopes are named correctly and have the class written on!

Nativity Plays

There are two Nativity plays this year, one by EYFS called 'Wiggly Nativity!' and Year 1 and 2 are presenting the Nativity through the story of 'Twinkly Nativity'.



EYFS Nativity is on Wednesday 4th December at 10am



Year 1 and 2 Nativity is on Thursday 12th December in the afternoon at 2.30pm.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 6th December, we are taking part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. For a £1 donation to the charity, children can come to school in a Christmas jumper – this can be a decorated jumper or a bought one.

Carol Singing – Year 5

Year 5 children are going to Boroughbridge Manor Care Home on Friday 13th December to sing carols and spread festive joy to the residents.



School Christingle

On Wednesday 18th December, every child in the school will make a Christingle and we will hold our own Christingle Service towards the end of the afternoon.



Christmas School Dinner – Wednesday 18th December



School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch – order in advance

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 18th December. As this meal will need to be ordered in advance, a separate letter will be sent home for you to complete and return - the **deadline is Tuesday 3rd December.**

Turkey, Stuffing, Sausage, Gravy

Vegetarian Roast (V)

Potatoes

Seasonal Vegetables

Christmas Celebration Cake

Christmas Party afternoon – Thursday 19th December

On Thursday 19th December, the children will have their Christmas Party in classes. Please can children come to school wearing their uniform and bring their party clothes in a named bag to change into after lunchtime. Thank you.

Break-up for Christmas – early closing – Friday 20th December

On Friday 20th December, school closes early for Christmas at 2.30pm.

Christmas Fundraising December 2024



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, fill out the form using the link

<https://forms.office.com/e/A50V4pv57w> 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 always ready to learn. This person is enthusiastic, determined and positive about their school work. They are always happy to have a go and share their ideas with the class.



This person is also a kind, thoughtful and compassionate friend to many children in our school and they always offer to help.

We are so proud of you and how you started the year!

Congratulations and well done to

Khloe!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is kind caring and considerate of the other children in class. They are taking their time with their written work and putting in lots of effort. Well done Isla H!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is always prepared to challenge themselves with all of their learning. This pupil models the values of respect and responsibility and can be relied upon to make the right choices all of the time. You are a fantastic member of class. Well done Anisha!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working incredibly hard on their handwriting. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed and we are so impressed with your determination and self-motivation. Keep up the great work, Bobby!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working hard in lessons. We have noticed this person's independence increasing and their determination too. They have had some fantastic ideas in our English lessons and they have written an excellent next chapter of our class text. Well done to Lucas!

Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they are kind, friendly and funny and they help people.

The values award goes to Deborah who was nominated by Karren.

Well done, Deborah!



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 11 th November 2024			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
91%	97%	99%	100%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

November 2024	
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!
6/12/24	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children £1
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

