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## Newsletter 9 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all managed to have a lovely week last week. A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our Harvest Festival and open afternoon. The donations from the cake bake sale raised £188.35 for Self-help Africa and I dropped off all the donations for the Salvation Army in Ripon over half term – they were absolutely delighted!

We have a very busy half term ahead of us with much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season – please keep checking diary dates.

### Be safe, be seen

Now that the clocks have turned back and the daylight hours are shorter, I have spoken with the children just before we broke up about how to stay safe at this time of year. I am also hoping to get all the children something reflective over the next couple of weeks.



### Bonfire School Dinner – tomorrow

Tomorrow 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

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Sparkler Sponge Cake



## Year 5 and 6 Ripon Cathedral Service – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

This week our thoughts are very much about Remembrance and taking time to reflect. On Wednesday, 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

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.

### 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 made a beautiful harvest piece of art which has involved using a range of drawing and painting techniques. The children have learnt about harvest on a real farm and learnt about different parts of a pumpkin plant. The children had a fabulous time at our harvest festival completing a range of fun activities with their parents or carers.

**Year 1 and 2:** We have had a brilliant end of half term writing potion instructions and making potion sensory bottles. We have been learning to add and subtract in Maths. In History we have explored toys from the past and made comparisons with the toys we play with today. We have enjoyed sharing our learning with our parents as part of the Harvest Festival.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have been busy writing our own Autumn themed poems using rhyming couplets. In History we have had lots of fun exploring stone age cave art and enjoyed having a go at creating our own stone age inspired cave art (under the tables!) In DT we have designed our pencil cases ready to be made next half term using our sewing skills.

**Year 5 and 6:** This week we have been doing some research about a soldier from World War 2. We have carried out some research about Midshipman, Herbert Riley who was 15 years old and 7 months when he joined the navy in WW2. We are taking our findings to the Ripon Service after half term.



## Quickline

On Friday Year 5 and 6 had some visitors in from Quickline to talk to us about internet safety, cyber bullying, keeping ourselves safe online, future careers in STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) and climate change. The children found out some information and took part in a quiz.



## 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. For free delivery to school the last day to order is the 10<sup>th</sup> November.

## 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: **Fireworks**

Here is a link to the Makaton site:

[https://makaton.org/TMC/TMC/The\\_Makaton\\_community/Sign\\_of\\_the\\_Week.aspx](https://makaton.org/TMC/TMC/The_Makaton_community/Sign_of_the_Week.aspx)



## Online safety newsletter

Please find attached to this newsletter the November edition of the online safety information we share with families on a monthly basis.

## Sporting Influence

There is a new Sporting Influence club this week for Key Stage 2 children starting tomorrow. Confirmation slips were sent home before half term.

## Clubs

Clubs run by school staff also resume this week and finish week ending 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

## Anti-bullying week – Odd Sock Day Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

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>



## Crucial Crew – Year 6

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 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 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

As a school we will be supporting Children in Need Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 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 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

We are having a promotional school dinner on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 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  
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Mango Sorbet

## Cross Country – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

On the 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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**

## Forest Schools – starting today 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 also have Forest Schools on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of November in the afternoon.**

## 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@dishforhairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dishforhairfield.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 puts 100% effort into everything they do. Not only does this person try their very best during lesson time but they want to challenge themselves in their independent learning time.



This person is a kind, caring and compassionate individual who is a lovely friend to others.

We are very proud of the progress you are making.

Congratulations and well done to ....

Gabriel!



## Ribbons



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has made lovely contributions to our class discussions this week. This person has been really focussing during our maths lessons. Great effort and well done to Tommy!

**Year 1 / 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is an amazing friend - we have noticed you have a calm and kind manor when helping others. We have seen this person grow in confidence and is challenging themselves to give everything a go! Well done Penny!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had a super week. Their attitude towards learning has been fantastic and we have enjoyed hearing their ideas in our class discussions. This person also wrote a super Autumn poem and enjoyed sharing their rhymes with others. Keep up the great work, Alina!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown determination in their learning! We have witnessed their hard work in lessons and we can see that they are challenging themselves every day. They take on advice with maturity and we are so proud of the progress they have made so far this year. Well done to Archie!

## Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because in class and out of school they always make me laugh and they cheer me up if I need it.

The values award goes to Manav who was nominated by Jesse.

Well done, Manav!



## 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 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2024			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
99%	99%	98%	97%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

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 – Choose Respect  Odd sock day – Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> 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





<b>December 2024</b>	
<b>4/12/24</b>	EYFS Nativity – morning - time to be confirmed
<b>12/12/24</b>	Year 1 and 2 Nativity – afternoon – time to be confirmed
<b>13/12/24</b>	Year 5 and 6 children Carol singing at Boroughbridge Manor Care Home
<b>18/12/24</b>	Year 5 and 6 – last swim  Christmas School Dinner  School Christingle Service in the hall
<b>19/12/24</b>	Christmas Party afternoon
<b>20/12/24</b>	Break-up for Christmas at 2.30pm
<b>January 2025</b>	
<b>6/1/25</b>	Training Day
<b>7/1/25</b>	School open for the spring term
<b>8/1/25</b>	Year 3 and 4 swimming at Thirsk pool every Wednesday
<b>February 2025</b>	
<b>14/2/25</b>	Break up for February half term at 3.15pm

