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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and happy start to the New Year. It is lovely to see the children back in school and hearing about their festivities.

It looks like we are going to have a bitterly cold week in terms of the weather. Please can families avoid the school car park where possible and allow extra time for walking to school if children live on the Airfield – thank you.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to the following children who have joined us at Dishforth Airfield Primary School:

Charlie (Y6), Sonny (Year 5), Oliver (Y3), George (Reception), Anaya (Nursery)

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 been busy crafting in Early Years. Making spiral snowmen using our cutting skills, painting Christmas pictures and using our fine motor skills to make Christmas pom pom trees. The children have enjoyed preparing for our class Christmas party making sure we had the correct number of cups, plates and napkins using our counting skills. We wish everybody a Merry Christmas!

Year 1 and 2: This week Year 12 have had a fantastic week being crafty - we have been practicing our cutting and colouring skills making Christmas Crafts. We have made our Christmas cards and



finished our tree decorations. We had a fantastic party and enjoyed playing lots of games. Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been busy completing our final printing pieces in Art, inspired by William Morris. In DT we have also finished making our pencil cases using our new sewing skills. In Science we enjoyed carrying out an investigation to see which materials are conductors of electricity and which materials are insulators of electricity.

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been finishing our DT projects and evaluating them. We have shared them with EYFS and they enjoyed the nursery rhymes! We have also been using the iPads to create some stop motion clips. The children planned a short video, then spent time using the stop motion app to take photos and moved their characters using small movements to create the desired effort. The results were very good!

Year 5 and 6 Evacuee Day – Wednesday 8th January – message from Miss Newton

After Christmas, the Year 5 / 6 history topic will be World War 2. The children will be learning all about this important part of history and how it has changed the world we live in today. We will be starting this new topic by learning about evacuees.

I would like everyone in Year 5 and 6 to come in dressed up as an evacuee on Wednesday 8th January 2025. We will be launching our new topic and it would be wonderful to get dressed up and think about what life would have been like for an evacuee during this time. A letter will be coming home about costumes.

Year 6 Information session for parents / carers regarding SAT assessments

On **Thursday 23rd January** at 3.30pm in the school hall, Miss Newton will be holding a parent / carer information session about the Year 6 SAT assessments. Please can all Year 6 parents and children attend this – thank you.

KS2 Cross Country

The postponed cross-country event at Outwood Ripon has been re-scheduled for Tuesday 14th January.

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: **milk**

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)



Targeted Mainstream Provision (TMP)

I am delighted to let you know that the consultation process for school to open a Targeted Mainstream Provision (TMP) from January has been successful. Mrs Kestell will be leading the TMP and I will take over her current teaching commitment in Year 1 and 2.

Swimming Year 3 and 4 – January



School swimming will take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 3 and Year 4 children start on Wednesday 8th January.** Please ensure your child has swimwear, goggles and a towel (named). It is helpful if girls wear socks and not tights on swimming days. Due to the layout and number of cubicles at Thirsk swimming baths, some children need to share a cubicle in order to change before and after the lesson. If any parents have questions or queries about this then

please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Lyon.

The cost of swimming will be **£6.00 each week.** Payments are through Parent Pay. School has subsidised the cost of swimming due to rising prices from the bus company and constraints imposed by Thirsk Pool.

Curriculum Newsletter

Spring term curriculum newsletters outlining what the children will be learning about this term will be sent home later this week.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this newsletter the January edition of the online safety newsletter. There are useful features included in this, particularly if any children have recently received a new device.

Promotional School Dinner – Thursday 16th January - Best of British

Chicken Pie
Cheese and Bean Pasty (V)
Mashed Potato
Medley of Vegetables

Syrup Sponge and Custard



PE Days this half term

Please see below when your child / children are having PE this half term.

EYFS: Please have PE kit in every day

Year 1 and 2: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 and 4: Wednesday (swimming) and Thursday

Year 5 and 6: Tuesday and Friday

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.

Emergency Procedure for School Closure – weather related / loss of utilities

It is rare, however there are occasions where it has been necessary to close schools because of inclement weather, no electricity or because of lack of heating, so I would like to bring to your attention the procedures I will follow if this event occurs now that we are heading towards winter:

- An email will be sent to all families via Scholar Pack
- A direct message will be sent to the Scholar Pack App
- County Hall will be informed.

Hopefully, this will not happen this winter but I feel it is better to be prepared.

Please always assume school is open unless you hear via any of the above methods. Please do not phone the school to ask if we are open as we may need to keep the line clear in order to contact staff. Please check on the school Facebook page and check emails.

Learning would be sent home via the class email system direct from the class teacher.

Keep in touch – School Facebook Page

Please ensure you are signed up to the school Facebook page so that we can get in touch with families quickly.

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 January 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.

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, complete the form via

<https://forms.office.com/e/A50V4pv57w> 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 amazed us all with their progress – especially in reading.

This person has a super attitude to learning and is prepared to give everything a try.

We love your competitive nature in sports and your ability to use tactics.

You are a superstar – keep up all your hard work.



Congratulations and well done to

Mesake!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is always trying their very best. They put so much effort into their work. They are so kind and helpful to others in the class. Well done Gabriel!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has a positive attitude to their learning and are always prepared to give everything a try. This person is a super friend who is always showing their kind and caring nature. Well done Aurora!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been excellent at sewing in our DT lessons. This person confidently used a range of stitches when making their pencil case and they offered help to others too. Well done to Lillian!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is a valued member of our class. We love this person's attitude to their learning and they always take on challenges in a calm and considerate manner. They take their time and think carefully about what they are doing. Well done Junior for an excellent first term!

Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because in school they are a really good friend and they are always smiling.

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

Well done, Emily!



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 16th December 2024

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
91%	94%	99%	96%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

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 Year 5 and 6 – Evacuee Day
16/1/25	Promotional school dinner – Best of British
23/1/25	Y6 parent session regarding SAT assessments 3.30pm
February 2025	
14/2/25	Promotional school dinner Break up for February half term at 3.15pm
24/2/25	School open Reception children – Forest Schools afternoon
March 2025	
3/3/25	Reception children – Forest Schools afternoon
10/3/25	Reception children – Forest Schools afternoon
31/3/25	Whole school – Skip 2Be Fit / Boxercise workshops – all children need their PE kits
April 2025	
2/4/25	Year 3 and 4 last swim at Thirsk
4/4/25	School breaks up at 2.30pm for Easter holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April	School open for the summer term
24/4/25	Key Stage 2 theatre trip to York
May 2025	
5/5/25	Bank Holiday Monday
12/5/25	Year 6 SAT week
23/5/25	Break-up May half term
June 2025	
2/6/25	School open
w/c 2 nd June	Year 4 multiplication check – two week window
w/c 9 th June	Year 1 Phonic Screen Check and Year 2 re-take
20/6/25	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ONE DAY
July 2025	
18/7/25	School breaks up for the summer at 2.30pm
September 2025	
2/9/25	School open for academic year 2025-26

