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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am sure we will all be glad to get back to milder temperatures this week after the cold snap which started the year! The children have had a very productive first week back in school and have settled back well after the Christmas break.

This week we have a promotional school dinner on Thursday and I am also delighted to let you know that our school cook, Mrs Crabtree has reached the semi-finals of North Yorkshire's School Cook of the Year!

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Aabu (Year 1) who has joined us at Dishforth Airfield Primary School

Class News:

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

EYFS: This week in Early Years we have been learning all about occupations. We have explored the stories 'My mummy is a plumber' and 'Mog and the Vet'. The children have loved getting into role and working together to achieve an outcome. We have loved exploring snow and ice and seeing what happens when it is brought indoors. The children have made some lovely Winter pictures using potato printing that will be on display in our Nursery classroom.

Year 1 and 2: This week in Year 1 and 2 we have thoroughly enjoyed reading our new book in English called 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' who is creative in making additions to her bicycle! We have been history detective looking at artefacts to find out about our new topic. We used our powers of



deduction to find out we are studying the explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton. In Geography we have been learning about the seven continents and singing along to a new song!
In Maths, Year 1 have started a new topic on place value and Year 2 on money and in art we have begun to look at the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have enjoyed starting lots of new units in our learning. In Science we have started our work on light and enjoyed using the data loggers to measure where in school had the most and the least amount of light. In English we have started our new class book, 'Varjak Paw' and in History we have started learning about life in the Bronze Age.

Year 5 and 6: In year 5/6 this week, we have begun our new history topic about World War 2. The children came dressed as evacuees and we spent the day learning about what life would have been like. We also looked at key events that happened throughout WW2 and then we started our new class noel which is 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. We look forward to finding out what happens to Willie and Mr Tom.

Year 5 and 6 Evacuee Day

On Wednesday, the children in year 5/6 came to school dressed as evacuees. We are learning about World War 2 in history this term and we wanted to try and imagine what life would have been like at this time. The children learnt about evacuation, what life might have been like and some of the key events that happened during WW2. It's hard to fully imagine what it would have been like but our new class text will help us gain a better understanding. Thank you to the children for taking part in this!

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 which was re-scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed again – when another date is arranged I will let everyone know.

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: **shop**



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 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

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, 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 always has a super attitude towards learning. They are a role model to others and demonstrate all of our school values daily. This person rises to challenges in their learning and, as a result, they have made super progress during their time in Year 4 so far.



Keep up the super work!

Congratulations and well done to

Anthony!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has made amazing progress with their reading and writing. This person wrote not just 1 sentence, not 2 sentences, not 3 sentences but 4 sentences independently! It blew our socks off! Well done Joey!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has started the term with a spring in their step! They have demonstrated a really positive attitude towards learning and they are working very hard on their reading and letter formation. Well done to Alissia!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has a super attitude towards their learning. I have been so impressed with the enthusiasm and focus this person has shown towards their work - keep it up! Well done to Scarlett!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is always showing respects to his peers. He is kind, caring and welcoming and always uses his manners. We love this person's attitude towards their work; they are making great progress. Well done to Devin!



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 they are a really good friend.

The values award goes to Amelia-May who was nominated by Scarlett.

Well done, Amelia-May!



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 6th January 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
100%	95%	95%	99%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

January 2025	
16/1/25	Promotional school dinner – Best of British
23/1/25	Y6 parent session regarding SAT assessments 3.30pm
February 2025	
Tuesday 11 th and Wednesday 12 th February	Parent / teacher / child consultations
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

