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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend. Please keep checking diary dates at the end of the newsletter as new dates are being added each week.

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 focussed our English work on a story called 'I like myself I love myself'. We have discussed what we like to do and we have created a display in our classroom where the children can add things they enjoy and what they are good at. We have also covered road safety this week. The children have enjoyed making safety signs to put in our small world provision.

Year 1 and 2: This week in Year 1 and 2 we have been learning about how money has changed over time from people paying for items through bartering to using smartphones now. In RE we have begun a unit of work based around the parable of 'The Lost Son' and in English we have been thinking about other problems Mrs Armitage could have whilst out on her bicycle and how she can solve them!

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been exploring reflection and we tested our different materials to see which are reflective and which absorb light. We were excited to find out which roles we have for our mini performance taking place later this term. We have also enjoyed reading more of Varjak Paw - things are starting to get exciting!



Year 5 and 6: This week in year 5/6 we have been learning about the human life cycle. We have found out about each stage of human growth from prenatal to old age. We have discussed how to present data and we are creating line graphs to show the growth of babies in their first year. We have also begun a new computing unit where we are looking at Crumbles and how to connect a Sparkle. We will create a code to make the sparkle light up.

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.

Parent / child / teacher consultations

Parents Evening is Tuesday 11th February and Wednesday 12th February. A letter is being sent home today for families to state their preferred day – please return this by Monday 27th January. A confirmation slip will be sent out to you in due course.

Appointments are strictly for 10 minutes only. If there are further areas you would like to discuss with the teacher, please make another appointment so that we can ensure the evenings run to time – thank you.

'Art Is My Career' Day

We are very lucky to have a company called “Art is My Career” coming into school to show the children how the creative industry affects us on a daily basis. They will be sharing in assembly an introduction to the creative industry and the children will hear real stories from professionals across York who have made a success from Art being their career. Then throughout the day each class will have a workshop run by “Art is My Career” to create their own brand.

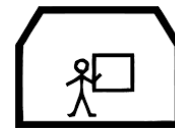
Year 3 and 4 Class Production

Year 3 and 4 are excited to invite their parents into school to share their History learning over the last term through a short performance on Thursday 13th February at 2:30pm. In this mini-performance, the children will walk you through pre-history, touching on the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Scripts have been sent home and the children are excited to begin learning their lines!

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: ***school***



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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



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 brings joy to our classroom each day. This person has an enthusiasm for life and we love seeing their personality shine through!



This person has had an excellent start to Year 5. They are putting their hand up to answer questions, working hard and challenging themselves.

Well done to and keep up the hard work!

Congratulations to Rowan.



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has settled really well into our school. This person has put lots of effort into their phonics and writing. We are very proud of you. Well done George!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked very hard in the classroom and is putting in a huge amount of effort. This person watched and listened very carefully to the different ways people pay for things in our PSHE lesson and was able to complete the matching activity which followed. Well done, Noah!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed me with their focus and resilience in their learning. They have taken on challenges in their learning with confidence - keep up the great work, Noah!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled in really well here at Dishforth Airfield. We are so impressed with their attitude toward their learning, their kind and caring nature and their determination when faced with a challenge. Well done to Charlie!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because in class during spelling, when they got a word wrong they didn't give up.

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

Well done, Sonny!



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 13th January 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
96%	98%	99%	97%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

January 2025	
23/1/25	Y6 parent session regarding SAT assessments 3.30pm
30/1/25	'Art Is My Career' Day
February 2025	
Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February	Parent / teacher / child consultations
13/2/25	Year 3 and 4 mini-Class Production 'The Stone Age' at 2.30pm
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
19/3/25	Height and weight measurements for children in Reception and Year 6
27/3/25	Class photographs
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 22nd 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

