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## Newsletter 19 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend and that you haven't suffered any damage as a result of the strong winds on Friday – fingers crossed for a calmer week weather-wise this week!

A very warm welcome to Sriya who has joined us in Year 6.

### 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 created captions for the characters of the three little pigs. We have got into role and used our voice and facial expressions to act out the story. The children have really enjoyed our maths work this week working on finding the missing number with amounts up to five. They have also enjoyed making pizzas for our bug in the jug treat.

**Year 1 and 2:** We have had a very busy week in Year 1 and 2. The children have worked incredibly hard on writing a story in the style of 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' and they have also thought about the events of the Lost Son in R.E. and have drawn these on a cube and placed the meaning of the parable inside it. In P.E. we focused on different balances and how to balance.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have enjoyed writing our retell of events through the perspective of Father Paw (from Varjak Paw) in English. We have been working really hard to use inverted commas when using speech in our writing. We have also really enjoyed making a start on putting together our mini class performance - we have some budding actors and actresses in Year 3/4!

**Year 5 and 6:** In year 5/6 this week, we have been learning about rationing and what food was available to people during WW2. We thought about our diets today and what we typically eat in a



week and then we tried to create a WW2 meal planner using a limited supply, and selection of food as they would have experienced during WW2. We have also begun our DT topic where we have been researching nightlights. We aim to make our own and use Crumble to programme the nightlight to light up when it gets dark.

### **Parent / child / teacher consultations**

Parents Evening is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. A letter was sent home last week for families to state their preferred day – these needed returning by today. 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 professional 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.

### **Start Small, Dream Big**

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters in the autumn term, I am taking part in a project called ‘Start small, dream big’ this year which is about bringing careers related learning into primary school.

Research shows that children can fix their aspirations and create future-limiting stereotypes by as young as six years of age. Research has also shown that Career-Related Learning (CRL) can widen aspirations and challenge stereotypes so that children keep an open mind about the world of work as they move through education.

In order to support this project in school, I would like to invite parents / grandparents/ members of our school and local community to come in and talk to the children about their career journey to broaden their knowledge and understanding of different career pathways and opportunities. If you would like to do this or know of anyone who could come in, please can you contact me – thank you!

### **Year 5 and 6 – Nature Nexus afternoon**

On Monday afternoon, the year 5/6 children had some visitors in from Beverley Park. Adam and Piers came in to deliver a Scavenger Hunt for the children. We spent the afternoon outside, learning about different types of trees, how to measure them, their names and other interesting facts. We also did some worm charming where the children did a dance to encourage the worms to come to the



surface, just like blackbirds do! We learnt about the importance of looking after nature and spending time outdoors. The children really enjoyed the afternoon!



### 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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: Moon



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)

### Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Safer Internet Day 2025 will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2025, with celebrations and learning based around the theme '**Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online**'

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year we cover an online issue or theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day will be





focusing on the issue of scams online and for young people, how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available to them.

This Safer Internet Day we will assess the real scale of this issue and allow young people to share their experiences and ideas on how to tackle the problem. We'll build on the important work being done to raise awareness of issues such as online financial sextortion and we'll also consider the future of scams, answering questions such as:

- How is changing technology like generative AI going to impact the approach of scammers?
- What role can the government and internet industry take to tackle this threat?
- And what changes would young people like to see to help protect themselves moving forward?

As a school, we will hold an assembly about safer internet day and the children will have some lessons focusing on the identified theme in their Computing curriculum time.

### **Promotional School Dinner – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Pizza Sub  
Chips  
Peas and Sweetcorn  
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Love Heart Biscuit



### **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.



## 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 a positive attitude to their learning in school. They enjoy challenging themselves and they show such enthusiasm in all lessons.



This person demonstrates all of our school values and is a wonderful friend.

Keep up the hard work!

Congratulations and well done to ....

Mylah!

### **Ribbons**



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is so kind, caring, helpful and thoughtful of others. This person is a such lovely friend to have in our school. Well done Sala!

**Year 1 / 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has a fantastic attitude to school and is always prepared to try all new learning. This person has worked very hard in their writing this week – both in English and History. Well done to Lottie!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been very committed to their role in our class play and they have put in a lot of effort to learn their lines and perform them charismatically. Well done to Bobby!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has impressed us with their hard work and commitment to their work. This person has made an excellent start to year 5 and we are so pleased to welcome them back to Dishforth Airfield. Well done to Sonny.



## Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because every day this person is nice and they are a really good friend to me and to others.

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

Well done, Khloe!

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
100%	97%	99%	98%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Head Teacher



## Diary Dates

<b>January 2025</b>	
<b>30/1/25</b>	'Art Is My Career' Day
<b>February 2025</b>	
<b>11/2/25</b>	Safer Internet Day
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Parent / teacher / child consultations
<b>13/2/25</b>	Year 3 and 4 mini-Class Production 'The Stone Age' at 2.30pm
<b>14/2/25</b>	Promotional school dinner  Break up for February half term at 3.15pm
<b>24/2/25</b>	School open  Reception children – Forest Schools afternoon
<b>March 2025</b>	
<b>3/3/25</b>	Reception children – Forest Schools afternoon
<b>10/3/25</b>	Reception children – Forest Schools afternoon
<b>19/3/25</b>	Height and weight measurements for children in Reception and Year 6
<b>27/3/25</b>	Class photographs
<b>31/3/25</b>	Whole school – Skip 2Be Fit / Boxercise workshops – all children need their PE kits
<b>April 2025</b>	
<b>2/4/25</b>	Year 3 and 4 last swim at Thirsk
<b>4/4/25</b>	School breaks up at 2.30pm for Easter holidays
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	School open for the summer term
<b>24/4/25</b>	Key Stage 2 theatre trip to York
<b>May 2025</b>	
<b>5/5/25</b>	Bank Holiday Monday
<b>12/5/25</b>	Year 6 SAT week
<b>23/5/25</b>	Break-up May half term
<b>June 2025</b>	
<b>2/6/25</b>	School open
<b>w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Year 4 multiplication check – two week window
<b>w/c 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 1 Phonic Screen Check and Year 2 re-take
<b>20/6/25</b>	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ONE DAY
<b>July 2025</b>	
<b>18/7/25</b>	School breaks up for the summer at 2.30pm
<b>September 2025</b>	
<b>2/9/25</b>	School open for academic year 2025-26

