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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a super half term break. We have much to look forward to over the coming weeks as we head towards Easter. Please note the various dates and events in the newsletter – World Book Day is next week and the voucher for a book will be coming home this week.

I am delighted to let you know that our wonderful school cook, Mrs Crabtree, has made it through to North Yorkshire County Caterers School Cook of the Year!! We are thrilled that Mrs Crabtree has got this far and we wish her all the very best for the final which is held later this month.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Rory who has joined us this week in Year 1.

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 getting into role as the Three Little pigs and the Big Bad Wolf. The children have learnt all about feelings and facial expressions. They have used drama techniques and voice projection when sat in the hot seat where they have got into role as a character from the story. The children have also enjoyed working with a partner to direct them how to make a model. The children were facing back-to-back so they had to use very clear instructions.

Year 1 and 2: In science we have been using everything we have learnt about materials to create the perfect dog bed. We know that raised beds can suit some dogs and metal legs are strong and durable. Fluffy fabric will provide comfort and keep our favourite pets warm. Wooden bases are strong (although some puppies may try and gnaw on them) so we think that it best avoided unless you have an older dog.



In geography we played Kahoot to test out our knowledge about Fiji. It was great fun! In history we have been putting our computing skills to the test and typing up an account of the Endurance expedition. We have learnt all about the difficulties that Shackleton and his crew had to overcome. He was a truly inspirational leader.

Year 3 and 4: This week we absolutely loved sharing our class performance with our friends in school and our parents. Mrs Armstrong is so proud of us all and the dedication everyone gave to make the performance a great success! We have also started exploring Paris in our Geography lessons by exploring human and physical geographical features there and we are looking forward to finding out more about the city next half term!

Year 5 and 6: We have had a busy week in year 5/6! We have been learning about life expectancy in different animals and comparing these numbers to the length of the gestation period for each animal. We then plotted both sets of data onto a graph to see the direct comparison. We have also written our speeches as Winston Churchill during WW2 where he is trying to persuade the people of Britain to do their bit towards the war effort. In RE we have been looking at the significance of religious symbols and what they represent.

Liz – Evacuee visit in Year 5 and 6

On Wednesday morning, Year 5/6 welcomed Liz into our school to talk about her experiences with evacuation during WW2. Liz was evacuated from outer London to Worcestershire when she was 8 years old. She lived on a farm with a family for nearly two years before she was allowed home. She explained that she enjoyed being evacuated and that her experience was a positive one. She still keeps in touch with some of the people from the village she lived in. The children asked Liz many questions and it was fascinating to hear a first-hand account of her experiences throughout WW2. Thank you to Mrs O'Connell for organising it and we hope to see Liz again soon.



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: **electric toothbrush**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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



Athlete Assembly and Event – Friday 7th March

On Thursday, we found out that Jenny Wallwork will be our GB athlete who is coming to visit us on **Friday 7th March**. She is a member of the GB badminton team and has travelled the world representing our country. The children will be taking part in a workout session with Jenny and we are asking for the children to collect sponsorship towards the event to raise money towards sporting equipment for our school. Please join us and support this event and our athlete's visit.

Forest Schools – Nursery and Reception – starting today

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.

Children in EYFS will have further Forest Schools sessions on Monday 3rd and 10th March in the afternoon.



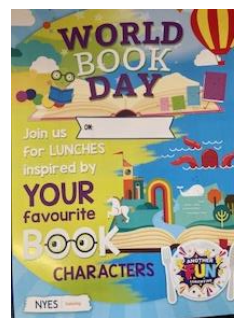
World Book Day – Thursday 6th March – dress up day

This year, to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 6th March, we would like everyone to come in dressed up as a character from a book. We'd like the children to bring in their favourite book, wrapped in plain paper (or popped in an envelope) and for them to write words to describe their book on the paper/envelope. The children will share these during the day. We will be spending some time during the day with children from other classes and we will all be doing some learning tasks linked to a popular picture book! There may even be an extra surprise for the children!

Promotional School Dinner – Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Magic Meatballs
Hufflepuff
Slytherin topped spuds
Ollivander's Wands
Ravenclaw Slaw

Goodwin's Chocolate Extravaganza



New school dinner menu

Attached to this newsletter is the new school dinner menu which begins this week and will run right through until the end of the academic year in July. The menu is on our school website and hard copies are available next to the school office.

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: Monday and Wednesday (swimming)

Year 5 and 6: Tuesday and Friday

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!

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 March for children in Year 3-6 will be £74.55. (21 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 is a superstar in the classroom. They demonstrate our school values on a daily basis and they are a lovely friend to others.

This person has an excellent learning attitude and they are always trying their best in all lessons. They are keen to challenge themselves.

It has been wonderful to see this person's confidence grow throughout the school year and they are now joining in whole class discussions.

Keep up the great work.

Congratulations and well done to

Anisha!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is putting lots of effort into their reading at school and at home and is making lots of progress. We are very proud of you. Well done Tommy!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working very hard in all lessons. They are listening carefully to teaching inputs and applying themselves when carrying out tasks. This person has a lovely attitude towards learning and is a pleasure to teach. Well done, Bella!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working incredibly hard on their independence in writing. I have been so impressed with this person's determination to use all of our writing toolkit features in their own writing this week. Keep up the great work and well done to Lexa!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has written a powerful speech as Winston Churchill during WW2. This person has used their toolkit effectively, thought carefully about their vocabulary choices and has made some valuable edits to their writing. Well done to Jesse!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they work very hard and never give up. They are a very good friend to everyone.

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

Well done, Karren!



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 10th February 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
97%	99%	98%	94%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

February 2025	
24/2/25	School open Nursery and Reception children – Forest Schools afternoon
March 2025	
3/3/25	Nursery and Reception children – Forest Schools afternoon
6/3/25	World Book Day – come dressed as a character from a book and bring a favourite book into school wrapped up. World Book Day promotional school dinner
7/3/25	Athlete Event - Jenny Wallwork
10/3/25	Nursery and 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 Easter School Dinner
3/4/25	Year 5 and 6 trip to Eden Camp School Disco
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

