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Newsletter 21 Monday 10th February 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I can't believe we are at the end of another half term as we break-up on Friday at 3.15pm. We will look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 24th February.

We have another busy week in school with Parents Evenings, Y3/4 Production, a special visitor in Year 5/6 on Wednesday and an athlete assembly on Thursday!

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 looked at a range of non-fiction books about animals. The children have used their knowledge to make animal homes and shelters. The children have also enjoyed creating homes out of salt dough.

Year 1 and 2: This week in Year 1 and 2 we have been continuing our Maths on addition and subtraction in Y1 and multiplication and division in Y2. In English we have planned an alternative adventure for Jack and Nancy and in PSHE we have focused on our wants and needs and how families need to prioritise needs over treats.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been busy putting the final touches together for our class performance. We are excited to share it with our parents and the children in school. In DT we enjoyed taste testing some existing bread products in preparation for planning and making our own healthy sandwich. In History we have been learning about life in Iron Age hillforts.



Year 5 and 6: This week, in year 5/6 we have been learning about the gestation period of different animals. We were comparing them on a scale to work out the longest and shortest gestation periods. We found that the longest was a whale (12-16 months) and the shortest was a goldfish (2-3days)! We discussed why some animals had a longer gestation period and others a shorter one. We have also begun to write a speech as Winston Churchill during WW2. We are trying to persuade the people of Britain to step up and do their bit.

Parent / child / teacher consultations

Parents Evening is tomorrow and Wednesday.

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.

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: **Cuddle**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 11th February

Safer Internet Day 2025 will take place on the 11th 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.

Athlete Assembly

On Thursday 13th February, we will be having an assembly about an event that is happening in school on Friday the 7th March. We will be having a visit from a World Class Athlete who will deliver a session with each class. During the assembly, we will be launching the event and we will find out about the athlete who will be coming to visit. The children will receive information and a sponsorship for linked to the event.

Promotional School Dinner – Friday 14th February

Pizza Sub
Chips
Peas and Sweetcorn

Love Heart Biscuit



New school dinner menu

Attached to this newsletter is the new school dinner menu which will begin week commencing the 24th February and will run right through until the end of the academic year. The menu is on our school website and hard copies are available next to the school office.

Forest Schools – Nursery and Reception – starting on Monday 24th February

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 Forest Schools on Monday 24th February, Monday 3rd and 10th March in the afternoon.

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!

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

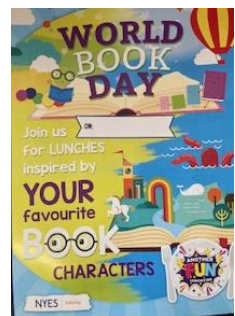
This year, to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 6th March, we would like everyone to come in dressed up as a character from a book. We'd like the children to bring in their favourite book, wrapped in plain paper (or popped in an envelope) and for them to write words to describe their book on the paper/envelope. 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 and Competition

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

Goodwin's Chocolate Extravaganza



World Book Day Competition: North Yorkshire Catering are offering a **£10 book voucher**. The children will be bringing home a competition sheet to design their Harry Potter themed dinner. On the sheet will be a picture of a plate, cup and bowl. The children will need to draw and label / or write their menu – it must have a main meal, drink and pudding – be as creative as you can and let your imagination run wild!
All entries to be returned to **Mrs Crabtree by 3rd March**.

PE Days next half term

Please see below when your child / children are having PE next 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

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 February for children in Year 3-6 will be £53.25. (15 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 always trying their best in lessons. This person demonstrates a positive attitude towards learning and it has been lovely to watch their confidence grow in the classroom.



This person has a great sense of humour. They are a wonderful member of our class.

Keep up the great work.

Congratulations and well done to

Millie!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is making fantastic progress in phonics and writing. We are very proud of you. Well done Isla!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon in Year 1 and 2 this week goes to someone who has settled into school life here very well over the course of this half term. They listen carefully in class and try their best in all tasks. Well done to Aavah!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working hard in maths to recognise fractions and problem solve with these. This person has also been working really hard on their writing and they have written some super sentences including our toolkit features. Keep up the great work, Georgina!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has made an excellent start here at Dishforth Airfield. They are kind, caring and polite and we are so impressed with the work that they have done so far in the classroom. They are hardworking and have shown determination during lessons. We are so glad you've joined our class and our school. Well done to Sriya!

Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated our school value of respect.

This person has been nominated because they are kind and polite to everyone.

The values award goes to Charlie who was nominated by Manav.

Well done, Charlie!



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 3rd February 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
90%	98%	96%	96%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

February 2025	
11/2/25	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February	Parent / teacher / child consultations
12/2/25	Year 5 and 6 visitor
13/2/25	Great athletes whole school assembly – 9am 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 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
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
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 2nd June	Year 4 multiplication check – two week window
w/c 9th 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



