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Dear Parents / Carers,

What a fantastic week we had in school last week!

World Book Day

The children looked fabulous last Thursday for World Book Day. They had a super day dressed up as a character and sharing stories with each other – they also had a terrific surprise when the staff acted out the story 'The Day the Crayons Quit'!

Well done to all who entered the North Yorkshire Catering Competition for World Book Day – the winners are:

1st Aavah £10 book voucher - for her menu of Harry Potter Letterman Pies, HufflePuffs and RavenClaws Pudding and The Phoenix drink.

2nd Anthony - Harry Potter Stationery for his menu of The Gryffindor Glorious Surprise, The Slytherin Swirl dessert and The Ravenclaw's potion.

3rd Ethan - Harry Potter pen and pencil for his menu of Room of Requirement Meatballs, Get Well Half Moon Biscuits and Unicorn Blood drink.

Jenny Wallwork – athlete event

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported this event! We had a great time with Jenny on Friday going through various exercises and listening to her about her career in badminton – she was truly inspirational. Please send sponsorship money into school this week and we will let you know how much has been raised next 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 been exploring the story 'Pip and Egg' and learning about their friendship and how they are changing over time. In our English work we have got into character and thought about what each character would be saying and have written these in speech bubbles. In maths we have been exploring length and number 9 and 10.

Year 1 and 2: We have been researching and planning our Fiji Tourism videos that we are going to make next week. It has been a tough call to decide what to feature! In history, we have been looking at the equipment and resources that Shackleton and his crew used on the Endurance expedition and we are going to be making comparison with modern equivalents over the next couple of weeks. In computing we are starting to look at grouping and counting and how data information.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been planning our final art pieces ready to create our Barbara Hepworth inspired sculptures. In Science we have learnt about the behaviour of particles in solids, liquids in gasses. In French we have been learning some more verbs. We loved world book day where we shared some of our favourite stories and created our own character inspired by 'The Day the Crayons Quit!'.

Year 5 and 6: This week, in year 5/6, we have been learning about how light travels and reflects. The children made a periscope using a cereal box and two mirrors which enabled them look over objects and around corners. The children also learnt about the incident ray and the reflected ray which meant using their skills from maths to help to find the perpendicular line. The children have also programmed their night lights to come on when it gets dark. We used software called Crumble to program a sparkle to light up in their chosen colours.

Start small, dream big: Careers-related learning parent/carer survey

As you know, our school has been taking part in an exciting pilot related to career-related learning for primary schools called Start Small; Dream Big. As part of this, we would appreciate your support in completing a short survey using [this link](#) or the QR code below which asks about your understanding of the world of work for your child and what support you would like to receive from school in relation to career-related learning.



This survey will take no more than 5 minutes to complete and is part of a national evaluation. Responses are completely anonymous which means we will not see your answers directly, but a summary of findings will be reported. Please complete this survey by **23rd May 2025**. Further information on how your data is stored and processed can be found in the attached Privacy Notice.



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: **Special Olympics**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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

Comic Relief Day – Friday 21st March

On Friday 21st March school will be supporting the Comic Relief Day where children can wear red noses and non-uniform for a £1 donation.



Class Photos

On Thursday 27th March we are having our class photographs taken. These will be sent out to you on the day with information regarding how to purchase them if you would like to.

Skip 2B Fit / Boxercise Workshops

On Monday 31st March, we are holding Skip 2B Fit and Boxercise workshops for the children in school. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn and develop their skills in these two areas and it promises to be a super day! Please ensure that you child / children has their PE kit in school on this day – navy or black tracksuit, white t-shirt, socks and trainers.

Promotional School Dinner – Wednesday 2nd April - Easter Lunch

Roast Chicken
Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy
Veggie Sausage (V)
Potatoes
Carrots and Broccoli

Easter Chocolate Nest





Easter – Friday 4th April

On Friday 4th April children can bring a hard-boiled egg into school for our annual decorate an egg competition. I would advise that you send in a spare hard-boiled egg as well in case of any breakages!

Also, on Friday 4th April we close early for the Easter break at 2.30pm

FEAST Vouchers

Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities and food this Easter

All families whose children receive benefits-related free school meals have been issued vouchers to access free places on FEAST activities this Easter. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in this email/text to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area.

If you cannot find your voucher, please contact the school office.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility, paid-for places and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website](#).

PE Days this half term

Please see below when your child / children are having PE this half term. **Children in Y1-Y6 need a PE kit in school which has a black / navy blue tracksuit, socks and trainers as a PE session may take place outside.**

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 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, use 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 has a super learning attitude in class. They are positive towards all learning challenges and they are always willing to have a go, especially in Maths.



It is a pleasure to have this person in our class where they demonstrate our school expectations and values on a daily basis.

Keep up the great work!

Congratulations and well done to

Ava!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is blowing our socks off in phonics! They are thinking about their special friends first before reading a word which is really helping with decoding a word. We are very proud of you. Well done Archie!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon in Year 1 and 2 this week goes to someone who has been working hard on their phonics and applying them in writing. This person contributes well in class discussions, they read regularly and enjoy sending their homework in to share with the class. Keep up the great work, Eddie!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed me with their focus in writing. They have carefully thought about the features we are using in our writing to create detailed, high-quality sentences. Keep up the great work, Arthur!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their positive attitude towards their learning. We love to see this person challenge themselves and they are jumping, with both feet, outside of their comfort zone. We are enjoying seeing this person's confidence grow and we're excited to see what the rest of the year brings for them. Well done to Florence!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because he has been working hard in lessons and he's a kind friend.

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

Well done, Jesse!



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 3 rd March 2025			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
98%	97%	100%	98%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

March 2025	
10/3/25	Nursery and Reception children – Forest Schools afternoon
19/3/25	Height and weight measurements for children in Reception and Year 6
21/3/25	Comic Relief Day – children can wear non-uniform for a donation of £1
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	Children need to bring in 2 hard-boiled eggs for our decorating competition 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
27/6/25	Year 5 and 6 – Game of Actual Life Day
July 2025	
18/7/25	School breaks up for the summer at 2.30pm
September 2025	
1/9/25	Training day for school staff
2/9/25	School open for academic year 2025-26

