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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am absolutely delighted to announce that Mrs Crabtree has won North Yorkshire School Cook of the Year in an awards ceremony which took place on Friday evening!

Mrs Crabtree is a highly professional School Cook who is very much part of the school team. Mrs Crabtree provides exceptional service to the children in school and goes above and beyond in her role – she is committed to having as many children having school dinners as possible and nothing is too much trouble for her. In addition to this, Mrs Crabtree has on numerous occasions supported local schools by either cooking their meals due to equipment issues or she has had other Cooks in her kitchen using her facilities. Mrs Crabtree also supports colleagues who cook in other schools, particularly those new to the job.

This is thoroughly well-deserved accolade for Mrs Crabtree and we all congratulate her!

Comic Relief Day – this Friday

On Friday school will be supporting the Comic Relief Day where children can wear school uniform for a £1 donation.



Class News:

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

EYFS: This week has been science week the children have enjoyed many growing and changing activities in provision that has supported them in understanding the world. In Reception the children have observed what happens to flowers and vegetables when water is polluted and the importance



of looking after our environment. In Nursery they have been exploring what happens to colour when it is mixed together and how to make a rainbow grow using felt tips, water and kitchen roll. Great exploring everyone!

Year 1 and 2: Year 1 and 2 have had a busy week finishing off their Length and Height unit in Maths – we have enjoyed using rulers to measure a whole range of objects! In English we have been writing letters in the style of ‘The Day the Crayons Quit’ and in DT we have started to make our wheeled vehicles.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been writing our biographies about Barbara Hepworth in English. We have planned and carried out lots of science investigations this week to celebrate British Science Week and we are looking forward to sharing our findings with the other classes in school during celebration assembly!

Year 5 and 6: This week in year 5/6 we carried out an investigation in science to celebrate British Science Week. We were investigating the ideal temperature for dunking a biscuit into a cup of tea. The children designed an experiment to test this using hot water, a thermometer, a stop watch and a great selection of biscuits. Each group used a different type of biscuit. We found that a good temperature for dunking was between 40-50 degrees. This meant the biscuits didn't fall apart and end up in the bottom of the cup!

Sponsorship money – Great Athlete, Jenny Wallwork – A huge well done to every child that took part and raised money for our school. So far, we have raised over £500.00, which is amazing. This will go towards sports equipment. Thank you.

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: **socks**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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

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.



Year 4 multiplication check

Please find attached to this newsletter, information regarding the Year 4 multiplication check which takes place in June.

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



Eden Camp – Year 5 and 6

We are very much looking forward to our trip to Eden Camp on Thursday 3rd April. The day will be full of immersive displays bring history to life, and will allow us to experience the sights, sounds and smells of life on the Home Front and the Front Line which encompasses a whole host of subjects and themes, from art, religious education and citizenship, to geography, design and science.

Disco – Thursday 3rd April

We are excited to share that we are organising a school disco on Thursday 3rd April for children in Reception through to Year 6. The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 disco is at 5:00pm – 5:45pm. We ask that a parent for any child attending in Reception please stays at the disco to help supervise. The Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 disco is at 6:00pm – 6:45pm. There will be music, a temporary tattoo station, lucky dip, tuck shop, a drink and some pizza provided, so lots to keep our children entertained! Tickets cost £5 and can be purchased via parent pay. Please can all children be collected by an adult at the end of both discos – thank you!



Easter Trail – Easter Holidays

We have organised an Easter trail around the patch (Dishforth Airfield) for over the Easter holidays. Entry sheets are now available to buy from the school office for £1.00. Find the hidden letters around the patch. Each letter will have a number next to it and when unscrambled, these will spell out Easter words. Return the entry sheets to school by Thursday 24th April and a winner will be pulled out of a draw at random to win our beautiful Easter Hamper. All children who return the entry forms will also be given a little treat for participating. The trail will begin on **Friday 4th April**.

Easy Fundraising

We have set up an Easy Fundraising page to help us raise extra money for our school. You can raise FREE donations for Dishforth Airfield Primary School EVERY time you shop online. Please support us by following this link, signing up and using easy fundraising when you shop online. Thank you for your support!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dishforthairfieldprimary/>



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, 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 an absolute superstar! This person demonstrates all of our school values on a daily basis and they always try their best in lessons.



We are so lucky to have this person in our school. Their smile brightens everyone's day and they are a pleasure to teach.

Congratulations and well done to

Audrey!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is becoming much confidence in their independent learning time. They are thinking about designing before making and looking for ways they can improve their work. Well done Sala.

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is particularly careful with their handwriting and presentation. They work very hard on their letter formation and they are very skilled at typing on a laptop too! Keep up the great work, Poppy!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has written some wonderful sentences about Barbara Hepworth. They have focused on their handwriting and spelling with lots of attention to detail. Keep up the great work, Amelia-May!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their attention to detail in their most recent piece of writing. This person has thought carefully about their choice of vocabulary and has written a detailed and engaging narrative to go with a silent clip. Well done to Samuel.



Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they have tried their hardest and they respect others.

The values award goes to Brooke who was nominated by Sriya.

Well done, Brooke!

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 March 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
95%	91%	96%	97%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

March 2025	
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 22 nd 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
21/5/25	Year 1 and 2 trip to Harlow Carr
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

