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Dear Parents / Carers,

The term has absolutely flown by and I am sure we are all looking forward to a rest over Easter - fingers crossed for some lovely warm spring weather! On Friday we break up for Easter and I wish you all a very peaceful two weeks off school. School closes at the slightly earlier time of **2.30pm** and we will look forward to seeing the children for the summer term on **Tuesday 22nd April**.

On Friday, 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!



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 learning about the Easter story. The children created some palm leaves using their colouring and cutting skills. We then recreated Jesus arriving in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday as part of our RE learning. The children have also been busy creating an Easter garden planting seeds to symbolise new life.

Year 1 and 2: This week we have finished our wheeled vehicles in DT and completed our printing in Art. In English we have started to write our non-chronological reports on bats and in Maths we have been learning about volume, capacity and temperature.



Year 3 and 4: This week we have been developing our confidence in working with both fractions and decimals in maths. In science we have been exploring the water cycle and in DT we have been planning our healthy sandwiches ready to make next week!

Year 5 and 6: This week in year 5/6 we have finished our final piece in art. We have been inspired by the work of Larry Lerew and we created an observational drawing using wax crayons and water colour paints. We have also learnt about the colour of light using Newton's theory. We used prisms and torches to see the colour spectrum.

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: **To laugh**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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

School Uniform

A polite reminder that children need to wear school shoes as part of their uniform. In summer, girls can wear either blue or red checked dresses. Again, school shoes are part of the summer uniform as opposed to open-toe sandals. Children still need practical footwear for school that protects their feet, allows them to move about and climb on trim trails!



Sun Cream

Please can I ask parents to ensure the children have sun cream applied to them before they come to school in the morning when the forecast is due to be sunny and also, please do send into school a bottle of sun cream labelled with your child's name on it so that they can apply it, when necessary, over the summer months – thank you.

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 bringing 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/>

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 after Easter

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 Thursday for the first 2 weeks then Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5 and 6: Tuesday and Thursday for the first two weeks then Thursday 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 April for children in Year 3-6 will be £39.05. (11 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 we have noticed is really trying to put themselves out of their comfort zone. Daily, we see this person challenge their ability, show determination and build on their self-confidence.



We are loving seeing this person's personality come through! They are a kind and caring member of our class and a wonderful friend.

Congratulations and well done to

Lucas!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has made a fantastic contribution to our RE lessons and has retold the Easter Story using small world resources. They have also made an extra effort drawing the Easter Story highlighting the key parts. Well done, Finley

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been trying hard in all areas of learning. They have been using classroom resources carefully to support them in lessons and they have shown a great learning attitude. Well done, Sahir!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has a super attitude towards their learning. This person has written some super sentences using a range of features in English this week. Keep up the great work, Georgina!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who shows determination in each and every lesson. They always give everything a go and they do it with a smile on their face! We are so proud of the progress you are making and the positive attitude you have towards your learning. Well done to Manav!



Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they are always kind to others.

The values award goes to Alissia who was nominated by Aavah.

Well done, Alissia!



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 24th March 2025

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

**On behalf of all the staff, may we wish you all a very Happy Easter!
We will look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 22nd April.**

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

March 2025	
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
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 Year 1 and 2 Forest Schools
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
9/6/25	Year 1 and 2 Forest Schools
13/6/25	Year 5 and 6 mini medic training
16/6/25	Year 1 and 2 Forest Schools
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

