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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a great Easter break and enjoyed the time off. It's lovely to see the children today who are full of chatter as to what they have been up to!

We have much to look forward to in a very busy summer term – please do keep checking the diary dates weekly as further events have been and will continue to be added as the term progresses.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to the following children who are joining us this week in Nursery:
Louie, Ocean, Ronnie and Damien.

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 making bread for the Little Red Hen as she didn't get any help in the story. We followed instructions carefully and had a go at mixing, measuring, pouring and kneading. The children all created a bread bun to take home and enjoy! The children have also enjoyed this wonderful weather and have been observing our flowers and vegetables grow in our garden.

Year 1 and 2: This week we have finished our non-chronological reports on bats and we have evaluated our art work which was making a print in the style of Charles Rennie Mackintosh. In RE we retold the events of the Easter story and enjoyed making an Easter garden.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have made our final sandwiches in DT. We made our own bread rolls and wraps before carefully cutting, grating and slicing our fillings. We enjoyed eating our final sandwiches and look forward to be able to help at home with making lunches now!

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been discussing the topic of climate change in our geography lesson. As a class, we voted on a question that we wanted to discuss and then everyone contributed their ideas. We have also finished our class text 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. We have thoroughly enjoyed the book which also brought up many different topics of discussion.



Friday – egg decorating

Congratulations to the following children who won the decorate an egg competition on the last day of term:

EYFS: Mitieli
Year 1 and 2: Mes
Year 3 and 4: Lillian
Year 5 and 6: Maxi

Key Stage 2 Theatre Trip

On Thursday Key Stage 2 children are going to York Opera House to watch a performance of 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'. The children will eat lunch early and we anticipate that they will arrive back at school around 5.30pm.

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 run**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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

School Uniform – school shoes

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.



Eden Camp – Year 5 and 6

Year 5/6 has a wonderful visit to Eden Camp on Thursday 3rd April. The children got to experience what life would have been like during the war. We learnt about the rise of Hitler, life in Britain, women in the war and the Blitz. The children got to see, hear and experience many aspects of war; there were artefacts to look at from during WW2.



Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this newsletter, April's edition of the online safety newsletter for your information. In this edition there is a lot of useful information about social media and group chats.

Fundraising Events - Disco and Easter Trail

A huge thank to the PTA for organising the school disco and the Easter trail. All the children had a great time. Thank you also to those parents that stayed with their younger children at the disco. As a school we raised **£467.96**, which is brilliant, thank you. We have yet to draw the winners for the Easter trail, which will be this week.

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.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/dishforthairfieldprimary/>

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 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.

Please either telephone the school office 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 loves learning and wants to find out more. This person asks and answers questions during our lessons making a fantastic contribution.



This person is a brilliant talk partner making sure they listen and take note of their partner's views.

This person is kind, funny, caring and a good friend.

Congratulations and well done to

Ethan!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has made amazing progress in reading and writing. Every phonics session you have a 'can do' attitude. Well done Theo!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week in Year 1 and 2 goes to someone who has settled into school life here at Dishforth Airfield really well. They are very focused in all learning tasks and enjoy challenging themselves. Well done, Rory!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown resilience and determination in their writing. We have been so impressed with this person's hard work on their handwriting and spellings. Keep up the great work, Jaxson!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is going into their last term at primary school with positivity, enthusiasm and determination. This person works hard in all areas of school and, as a result, they have made phenomenal progress since they started. We are so proud of what they have achieved so far and look forward to seeing what's next! Well done to Jesse!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because in the playground they have shown respect, resilience and responsibility as they always include everybody.

The values award goes to Daisy who was nominated by Georgina.

Well done, Daisy!

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 31st March 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
99%	97%	98%	100%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

April 2025	
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 – School Closed for one day
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 Bikeability starts for Year 6
6/6/25	Year 5 and 6 field trip to Ripon
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
24/6/25	Year 3 and 4 trip to Tropical World
26/6/25	Year 5 and 6 Performance of Alice in Wonderland at 5.30pm
27/6/25	Year 5 and 6 – Game of Actual Life Day
July 2025	
1/7/25	Rotter's Workshop for EYFS and Year 1 and 2
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