

# Dishforth Airfield Community Primary School

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## Newsletter 29 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend. As it is Bank Holiday Monday next Monday, school is closed for the day – fingers crossed for some more dry, warm weather! It is looking like we are in for a warm few days this week – please ensure children have sun cream on before coming to school and send sun cream in for them to use through the day if they are not wearing a long-lasting one. – thank you

### Class News:

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

**EYFS:** What a lovely first week back we have had in Early Years. The children have been so excited learning about the seaside through our new book "What the ladybird heard at the seaside". We explored sounds we hear at the beach and have created some lovely poems. We have also loved finding facts about sea creatures.

**Year 1 and 2:** This week in Year 1 and 2 we have started our new book in English called 'The Tear Thief' by Carol Ann Duffy which we are all thoroughly enjoying. In Maths we have begun our new topics on multiplication and division (year 1) and statistics (year 2). In PSHE we have looked at the importance of handwashing and how we can make meals healthier.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have started planning our own short stories to write in English over the next few weeks. We have used our new class story 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes to inspire our short stories. We have also enjoyed a wonderful performance of The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe at York Opera House. What a great first week back!

**Year 5 and 6:** In year 5/6 this week we have started our new science topic of 'Forces'. We began to look at the different forces acting upon every day object and how that force allows something to move or change shape. We will be investigating gravity next week! We also started to look at OS maps of our local area and we were able to identify the different OS symbols of landmarks around school, Boroughbridge and Ripon.



## Key Stage 2 Theatre Trip

On Thursday Key Stage 2 children went to York Opera House to watch a performance of 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'. The children had a fantastic time watching the live performance and thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of the production.

## 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: **ballet**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

[https://makaton.org/TMC/TMC/The\\_Makaton\\_community/Sign\\_of\\_the\\_Week.aspx](https://makaton.org/TMC/TMC/The_Makaton_community/Sign_of_the_Week.aspx)

## National Curriculum Assessments

### **Key Stage 2 Assessments – Year 6**

Week commencing the 12<sup>th</sup> May, children in Year 6 are taking national curriculum tests in English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and mathematics. The tests help measure the progress pupils have made and identify if they need additional support in a certain area. The tests are also used to assess schools' performance and to produce national performance data.

At the end of the summer term the test results will be reported in: • English grammar, punctuation and spelling • English reading and Mathematics.

**Teacher assessment:** As there is no test for English writing, this will be reported as a teacher assessment judgement. This is a judgement the teacher will make, based on the child's work at the end of key stage 2. Parents will also receive a teacher assessment judgement for science.

Please refer to the parent / carer information document which is attached to this newsletter.

### **Year 1 Phonic Screen Check**

Children in Year 1 will take the phonic screen check during the period week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> June. The outcome of this check is reported to parents by the end of the summer term. If a child in Year 2 did not achieve the pass mark in Year 1, or if a child in Year 2 did not take the phonic screen check, then they will also take the check this year. Please refer to the parent / carer information document which is attached to this newsletter.

### **Year 4 Multiplication Check**

Children in Year 4 will take the national multiplication check in June during a two-week window commencing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The outcome of this check is reported to parents by the end of the summer term. Please refer to the parent / carer information document which is attached to this newsletter.

If you have any questions or queries about any of the above national assessments, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher,

### **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!

### **Fundraising Events – Easter Competition**

We have received lots of entries for the Easter competition. The draw will take place on Thursday.

### **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/>

### **Promotional School Dinner – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Street Food**

Chicken Nuggets  
Veggie Nuggets  
Skinny Fries  
BBQ Beans

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Doughnut Muffin



### **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 May for children in Year 3-6 will be £56.80. (16 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](mailto: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 come back to school after the Easter break with a super learning attitude.

This person has been working hard at their letter formation and they have been really focused in lessons.

This person enjoys construction and has a real talent in this area. It is a joy to have him in our class and in our school.

Congratulations and well done to ....

David!



## Ribbons



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has a superb attitude to learning. They strive to achieve their very best and extend their learning out of school by doing extra reading and learning activities. Well done Daisy!

**Year 1 / 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has come back to school after Easter with a real focus on their learning. They have worked particularly hard in phonics sessions and have tried hard in all areas of learning. Well done, Tristan!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had a super attitude towards their learning. We are very impressed with the resilience and determination they have shown this week. Keep up the great work, Logan!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is showing great enthusiasm towards their learning. This person is working extremely hard in lessons and has a positive mindset towards the upcoming SATS. We are so proud of this person and the hard work we see from them daily. Keep it up and well done to Charlie!

## Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because he respects everyone and he is funny.

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

Well done, Sonny!



## 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 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
94%	98%	99%	98%





## Diary Dates

<b>May 2025</b>	
<b>5/5/25</b>	Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed for one day
<b>12/5/25</b>	Year 6 SAT week
<b>21/5/25</b>	Year 1 and 2 trip to Harlow Carr
<b>23/5/25</b>	Break-up May half term
<b>June 2025</b>	
<b>2/6/25</b>	School open  Year 1 and 2 Forest Schools
<b>w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Year 4 multiplication check – two-week window  Bikeability starts for Year 6
<b>6/6/25</b>	Year 5 and 6 field trip to Ripon
<b>w/c 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 1 Phonic Screen Check and Year 2 re-take
<b>9/6/25</b>	Year 1 and 2 Forest Schools
<b>13/6/25</b>	Year 5 and 6 mini medic training
<b>16/6/25</b>	Year 1 and 2 Forest Schools
<b>20/6/25</b>	<b>TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ONE DAY</b>
<b>24/6/25</b>	Year 3 and 4 trip to Tropical World
<b>26/6/25</b>	Year 5 and 6 Performance of Alice in Wonderland at 5.30pm (TBC)
<b>27/6/25</b>	Year 5 and 6 – Game of Actual Life Day
<b>July 2025</b>	
<b>1/7/25</b>	Rotter's Workshop for EYFS and Year 1 and 2
<b>18/7/25</b>	School breaks up for the summer at 2.30pm
<b>September 2025</b>	
<b>1/9/25</b>	Training day for school staff
<b>2/9/25</b>	School open for academic year 2025-26

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Head Teacher