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Dear Parents / Carers,

I can't believe we are at the end of another half-term with only one more to go before the end of the academic year. We break up on Friday at the usual time of 3.15pm and, on behalf of the staff, we wish you a relaxing and enjoyable week off. We shall look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 2nd June.

Please keep checking diary dates at the end of the newsletter as new dates and times are being added each 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 made our own sandcastles in the small world area and started to write a set of instructions. The children have shared these with a partner and had turns at following their own instructions. We have also been looking closely at shapes and position this week. The children made some fantastic Tangrams!

Year 1 and 2: We have had a busy week in Year 1 and 2 starting our new English topic on recount texts and our new Maths topic on fractions. In PSHE we have focused on how to brush our teeth properly and how to look after our oral health. In art we have started to apply the skills we have learned to the Van Gogh picture 'The Starry Night'.

Year 3 and 4: This week we completed our class story of 'The Iron Man' and we are using the final chapter to inspire our writing of a newspaper report. In art we have been exploring colour mixing with acrylic paints and in History we have been exploring Tudor clothing and how this is different to our clothes today.

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been creating our own tessellation patterns in art. We have used different 2D shapes to create simple tessellation which we have then coloured to create a pattern or design. We will be moving on to look at creating tessellations on the computer. We have also been using Digi map to look at physical and human features in our local area.



Leaving car engines running – ‘idling’

A polite request to turn off your car engine when stationary in the school car park as leaving the engine running increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air. Every minute, an idling car produces enough toxic exhaust emissions to fill 150 balloons.

These toxic emissions, which include particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide, are linked to:

- asthma
- lung disease
- cancer
- dementia
- stroke
- mental health problems
- miscarriage
- low birth weight

Please let's keep the air around school and the play park clean for everyone.

Year 5 and 6 Ro-icket Festival

Tomorrow Year 5 and 6 are representing the school at a Ro-icket festival at Outwood in Ripon. Good luck!

Year 1 and 2 Trip to Harlow Carr – Wednesday 21st May

We are all very excited about our upcoming trip to Harlow Carr. We have been preparing by investigating growing cress seeds and finding out about the conditions needed to grow healthy seeds.

We have also been learning about different trees and have had a go at identifying trees by their leaves- hopefully we will be able to spot some at Harlow Carr.

NYES Catering visit

We are looking forward to welcoming Tracey Usher from NYES Catering on Friday 23rd May. Tracey will be delivering a whole school assembly about food miles and afterwards she will be working with Year 1 and 2 on a source to fork workshop.

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: **flower**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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

Year 1 and 2 – Forest Schools – starting Monday 2nd June

Forest Schools will take place on a Monday afternoon for three weeks for Year 1 and 2.

Here is a message from Miss Hunt:

Hello! I am delighted to be able to deliver Forest School sessions to all year groups over the course of the 2024 - 25 academic year. Forest School is child led, outdoor learning where children can learn

a variety of skills from wood craft to fire lighting and challenge themselves to take risks whilst learning to respect and care for the natural world around them.

You can expect your child to get messy as we will be outdoors in all weathers so, please make sure that they bring clothes for every weather for every session. Ideally: wellies or walking boots; waterproof jacket and trousers or all in ones and a sun hat or woolly hat dependent on the temperature. I will provide safety gloves, but warm preferably waterproof gloves should be sent in the colder months.

Children in Year 1 and 2 will have further Forest Schools sessions on Monday 10th and 17th June in the afternoon.

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: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5 and 6: Thursday and Friday

May half term holiday activity – outdoor learning – information from North Yorkshire

The team at North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service are gearing up to welcome young people back to their centres for more holiday activity fun and excitement this May half term. As well as their popular Adventure Club happening at both centres on 27, 28 and 29 May, there's a three-day mountain bike skills course running at Bewerley Park.

Young people will be coached by expert staff who will take their riding to the next level at some of the best MTB venues around, as well as gaining knowledge about planning a ride, bike safety checks, basic trailside bike maintenance, group riding techniques, hydration and nutrition. Suitable for ages 11-15, places are limited so get in touch if you'd like to secure a spot.

Adventure Club will keep your young people busy with activities that could include climbing, caving, high ropes, river scrambling and water sports such as canoeing and sailing. They'll make new friends, challenge themselves and learn a whole range of different skills. All while having lots of fun! For Adventure Club bookings there's a 10% discount for siblings or booking more than one day. Suitable for ages 8-13.

Find out more about what's on and when at www.outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays and get ready for an unforgettable outdoor experience like no other!

School Training Day

Just a reminder that school is closed on Friday 20th June due to a training day.

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)

The cost of a school dinner will rise slightly from Monday 2nd June to £3.77.

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.

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.



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/>

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, via 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 made amazing progress in every area of the curriculum. They have developed a real zest for learning by challenging themselves in independent learning time.



This person is becoming more confident in group times by putting their hand up to ask and answer questions, making fantastic contributions.

Keep up the hard work.

Congratulations and well done to ...

Tommy!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is putting every effort into their writing. They are independently extending their sentences adding lots of detail to excite the reader. Well done Ethan!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week in Year 1 and 2 goes to someone who has been challenging themselves to contribute more to whole class discussions. They have also been trying new things for the first time this week and they are really working hard on their fine motor control. Well done, Deborah!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has a super attitude towards learning. We have been so impressed with the quality of this persons writing and the hard work they are putting in. Keep up the great work, Anthony!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their hard work and dedication in maths. They have been doing some work on money where they have impressed us with their ability to identify different amounts using the coins to support them. Well done to Manav!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because he is a good friend and plays with me every day and also because he is a nice friend and he always makes me laugh.

The values award goes to Anthony who was nominated by Logan and Bobby.

Well done, Anthony!

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 12th May 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
88%	99%	97%	98%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

May 2025	
20/5/25	Year 5 and 6 Ro-icket Festival at Outwood Ripon
21/5/25	Year 1 and 2 trip to Harlow Carr
23/5/25	Whole school assembly delivered by NYES catering on food miles Year 1 and 2 workshop by NYES catering about a food journey – from source to fork 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
14/7/25	Sports Day – Reception to Year 6 10am
17/7/25	Year 6 Leavers' Service 2.30pm
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