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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a fantastic week off school and enjoyed some sunshine over the weekend! We have a busy half term ahead as we move towards the end of the academic year with many things to look forward to – please keep checking diary dates at the end of the newsletter.

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 thinking of our own sentences about the seaside. The children have thought very carefully about how to excite the reader and add adjectives. In Nursery the children have been exploring 2D shapes and have created pictures out of circles, triangles and rectangles. We have created some shape robots and animals.

Year 1 and 2: This week we have been learning about the five pillars of Islam in RE and in PSHE we have been recognising the different emotions we have and how they make us feel on the inside of our bodies as well as our facial expressions. In Art we have continued to work on our final piece, The Starry Night by Van Gogh using the stippling techniques we have learned.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have enjoyed writing our newspaper articles in English. In Science we have carried out an investigation to explore what happens to sound when distance from the source changes. In DT we have been exploring different pneumatic systems!

Year 5 and 6: In year 5/6 this week we have used 2Draw to create some tessellation on the computer. We have then designed what we would like our final tessellation to look like and we will create these after half term. We have also been writing a narrative to go alongside the clip 'Catch it!' about a group of meerkats who are protecting a precious fruit. The children have come up with some dialogue between the meerkats and the vulture who steals their fruit.

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

The Year 5/6 children went along to Ripon Outwood on Tuesday morning to take part in a ro-icket competition. Ro-icket is a combination of rounders and cricket with a few exceptions! The children played a series of games across the morning and showed respect, resilience and a competitive spirit! Well done to Maxi and Sriya who were presented with a certificate for their positive attitude and support shown towards their teams!

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

On Wednesday, Year 1 and 2 had a wonderful day at Harlow Carr in Harrogate. During the day we went on a walk through the gardens and visited a bird hide and used an app to discover which birds we could hear singing. During the afternoon we undertook a Woodland Explorer's workshop where we identified trees by their leaves and carried out different bark rubbings. The children were impeccably behaved and were a real credit to the school – well done everyone!



NYES Catering visit

On Friday, Tracey from NYES catering came to visit us in school. First, she delivered a whole school assembly on the food miles involved in making two dishes – Spaghetti Bolognese and Macaroni Cheese. The children had to select the ingredients for each recipe and then calculate how far the ingredients had travelled. Afterwards, Tracey worked with Year 1 and 2 where she explained her career path as a food scientist and recipe developer. Tracey has worked for many large companies such as Marks and Spencer and Morrisons where she developed meals before using her expertise with North Yorkshire. Year 1 and 2 then went on to learn how fish fingers are made from source to plate and how a meal is created.



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: **rainbow**



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 today!

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

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 £3.77 for children in Years 3-6.

The cost for the month of June for children in Year 3-6 will be £75.40. (20 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.

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, use 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 a superb attitude towards learning. This person is always keen to join in with discussions and they have a particular flair for Maths.



We love your cheerful personality and you are a great friend to many.

Keep up the hard work.

Congratulations and well done to ...

Aavah!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been striving to achieve their very best. During independent learning time this person created an amazing model and labelled it using their phonic knowledge. Well done Theo!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Harlow Carr. They were very observant throughout the whole day and joined in with all the activities. At the end of the workshop this person asked a very interesting question about holly leaves. Well done, Noah!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been consistently reading and practising their times tables both at home and in school. We have been really impressed with this person's commitment and determination! Keep up the great work, Scarlett!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has thrown themselves into everything this term giving everything 100%! It's wonderful to see this person's confidence grow across many areas of school and we're really getting to see their personality shine through! Well done to Lucas!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they are a kind and energetic person. Their sense of humour is wild! They listen to you and have great ideas in every lesson!

The values award goes to Georgina who was nominated by Emily-Rose.

Well done, Georgina!

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 19th May 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
83%	95%	91%	89%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

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