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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend despite the weather – it is looking like summer is returning this week particularly on Wednesday, so please ensure the children have sun cream on!

Class News:

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

EYFS: This week we launched our new topic house and homes which is based on the children's interests. The children have enjoyed exploring homes from around the world looking at different countries and what homes look like in hotter and cooler countries. The children have been very busy drawing and writing a property description for their own home.

Year 1 and 2: This week we have finished writing our biographies of Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon. We were surprised to find out that he had been in the Navy, just like Ernest Shackleton and we can all recite those famous words "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind". In science we were finding out about the functions of each part of a plant and we are looking forward to planting some of the seeds that Harlow Carr gifted to us next week. We are developing our coding skills and practised debugging our programmes in computing and in geography we have been finding out about key landmarks in London. It's been a busy week!

Year 3 and 4: This week we have really enjoyed finding out more about Tudor lifestyles, particularly the types of foods that Tudor people ate - we were very surprised by some of their food choices! In Maths we have been learning about shapes, their properties and how to draw them accurately. In English we have enjoyed starting our new class book, 'Krindlekrax'.

Year 5 and 6: Year 5/6 have had a fantastic first week back after half term. The Year 6's have started their bikeability workshops and have been learning the skills to be out on the road safely. Year 5 have undertaken a project on the environment and have investigated which plants will grow best in different areas of the school and have begun planting up the planters. Alongside all our learning the children have been developing their performance skills preparing for our class production of Alice in Wonderland!



KS2 French Café – this Thursday

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be practising their French on Thursday with our very own French café in school! Please can children in these year groups bring £1 into school so they can enjoy the treats in the café – thank you.

Year 5 and 6 Mini Medic training

This Friday the children in Year 5 and 6 are going to be learning key first aid skills including CPR through mini medics training.

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: ***learning disability***



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

The children in Year 1 and 2 have been thoroughly enjoying their Forest Schools sessions. The last one takes place next Monday.

Information for parents and carers from the Growing up in North Yorkshire survey

Every two years since 2006, North Yorkshire Council has carried out the Growing Up in North Yorkshire survey with children and young people in schools across North Yorkshire to find out what they think about various aspects of health, wellbeing and learning/education. The 2024 County and Area reports can be accessed here <https://healthyschoolsnorthyorks.org/resources-for-schools/growing-up-in-north-yorkshire-survey-2020/>

Please find attached to this newsletter information for parents and carers from the outcomes of the Growing up in North Yorkshire survey 2024.

School Training Day

Just a reminder that school is closed on Friday 20th June due to a training day and will be open again on Monday 23rd June.

Parent / Carer Information Session 25th June – Reception children in September

On Wednesday 25th June at 2.15pm we are holding a parent / carer information session in the school hall for children who will be in Reception in September.



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

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 worked incredibly hard in all aspects of English.

In Read, Write Inc they have been focusing on learning all the sounds and using punctuation accurately.

This person has also amazed us all by joining up their handwriting beautifully.

Keep up the hard work.

Congratulations and well done to ...

Aurora!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has shown great coordination and control during sporting influence, showing great listening skills. Well done Isla!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been listening carefully in Maths and Read Write Inc sessions. They have worked hard at holding a sentence Well done, Mes!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has come back after half term with a super attitude towards their learning. They have shown resilience and great focus on their work. Keep up the great work, Logan!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown a superb attitude towards learning the Show and delivering a great performance in rehearsals. Well done, Khloe!



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 they helped and comforted me when I hurt myself.

The values award goes to Ava who was nominated by Deborah.

Well done, Ava!



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 2 nd June 2025			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
93%	93%	92%	92%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

June 2025	
w/c 9th June	Year 1 Phonic Screen Check and Year 2 re-take
9/6/25	Year 1 and 2 Forest Schools
12/6/25	KS2 French cafe
13/6/25	Year 5 and 6 mini medic training
16/6/25	Year 1 and 2 Forest Schools
17/6/25	Year 3 and 4 team for Dodgeball Festival
20/6/25	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ONE DAY
24/6/25	Year 3 and 4 trip to Tropical World
25/6/25	Meeting for parents of children starting Reception in September – school hall at 2.15pm
26/6/25	Year 5 and 6 Performance of Alice in Wonderland at 5.30pm
27/6/25	Open morning for new September nursery children with their parents Year 5 and 6 – Game of Actual Life Day
30/6/25	Re-scheduled cross-country event
July 2025	
1/7/25	Rotter's Workshop for EYFS and Year 1 and 2
9/7/25	Whole school transition morning
14/7/25	Sports Day – Reception to Year 6 starting promptly at 10am
15/7/25	EYFS sports afternoon at 2.15pm
16/7/25	Year 6 treat - afternoon
17/7/25	Year 6 Leavers' Service 2.30pm
18/7/25	School breaks up for the summer holiday at 2.30pm
September 2025	
1/9/25	Training day for school staff
2/9/25	School open for academic year 2025-26