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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend. We are having a very busy time in school this half term with many wonderful events. Last Thursday our magnificent Year 5 and 6 children were phenomenal in performing 'Alice the Musical' – their singing, dancing and acting was an inspiration and the class truly worked together as a team to entertain the audience – well done to all!

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 continuing our work on 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. The children have decided to set up a Hungry Caterpillar shop which has been great to explore real fruit and vegetables, exploring money and creating shopping lists. The Reception children have written the beginning of the story using the same storytelling language. It is amazing how many words they have remembered using our talk for writing strategy.

Year 1 and 2: This week in Year 1 and 2 we have been continuing our work in Maths on time. In English we have invented our own creatures based on 'The Barnabus Project' and then we saw how we can create an image of them using Artificial Intelligence on Adobe Express which was very exciting!

Year 3 and 4: This week we enjoyed a super trip to Tropical World to support our Geography and Science learning in the classroom. We have started to plan our final pneumatic moving monster products in DT ready to make in the upcoming weeks. In English, we have used our creativity to write short stories.

Year 5 and 6: The children in Year 5/6 have been working super hard this week on their newspaper reports - identifying the key features and writing using the correct features. The children have continued to learn different musical compositions on the clarinet which they are showcasing in assembly on Friday. The children have continued to develop their performance skills and gave an amazing performance of Alice the Musical on Thursday night.



Year 3 and 4 trip to Tropical World

Year 3 and 4 had a wonderful visit to Tropical World on Tuesday. Some of the highlights that the children have shared are getting to experience the climate of a tropical rainforest, seeing the giant tortoises, meerkats and snakes and learning even more about the Amazon rainforest! We enjoyed exploring the range of animal and plant life during the morning and in the afternoon, we had a workshop where we learnt about the different animals you would find in each layer of the Amazon Rainforest. It was a great day which brought our Science and Geography learning to life!



Game of Actual Life

On Friday, Year 5 and 6 children had a one-day course called Game of Actual Life. This is a Life Skills programme for primary school children which helps them understand some of the trickier aspects of maths all through real life situations. The course helps demystify bank accounts, mortgages and pensions through hands-on games and challenges. The programme covers so much more than financial education, it also looks at key life skills and it's a chance for children to learn about the world in a way they don't usually have access to.

KS2 Cross Country

Tomorrow some of our KS2 children are going to Outwood Academy in Ripon to take part in the re-scheduled cross-country event – good luck!

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this newsletter, July's edition of our online safety information.

Rotter's Workshop

Tomorrow the children in EYFS and Year 1 and 2 are taking part in a Rotter's workshop where they will further develop their understanding about food waste, recycling and home composting. There may also be a couple of surprises for the children as well!

Sports Day – Reception – Year 6 Monday 14th July at 10am

Our traditional Sports Day is on the morning of Monday the 14th July for children in Reception – Year 6 starting at 10am prompt! Please ensure your child has their PE kit with them on this day.

Families are welcome to join us and please feel free to bring your own chairs!

Promotional School Dinner – Monday 14th July – Sports Day

Pizza Party
Garlic Wedges
Coleslaw
Cucumber Baton

Iced Sponge

Sports Festival for Nursery children – Tuesday 15th July

A Sports Festival for Nursery children (with Reception children helping out!) is on Tuesday 15th July at 2.15pm.

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: **car**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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

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 July for children in Year 3-6 will be £52.78. (14 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.easypfundraising.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, using 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 amazed us all with their fantastic acting and singing skills.



This person has an amazing personality which is shining through. You are a polite and respectful member of our class and have so much to offer. We are so proud of all your achievements and that you demonstrate our school values in every lesson and every day.

Keep up the great work.

Well done Junior!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is striving to achieve their best. This person is becoming a confident independent writer which has been great to see. Keep it up! Well done, Daisy!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working very hard in class and trying their best in all lessons. This person recalled key facts about the Muslim religion and has focused very carefully on telling the time. Well done, Bella!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who really impressed us on our trip to Tropical World. This person demonstrated enthusiasm, and they were keen to share their thoughts, ideas and knowledge during our workshop. Well done to Lexa!

Year 5 / 6 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has a fabulous attitude to learning and a great personality. We love the energy and enthusiasm to everything you do - you are a fantastic member of our class. Well done Rowan!

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 at playtime they helped me when I fell over.

The values award goes to Lillian who was nominated by Lexa.

Well done, Lillian!

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 23rd June 2025

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

June 2025	
30/6/25	Re-scheduled cross-country event
July 2025	
1/7/25	Rotter's Workshop for EYFS and Year 1 and 2
7/7/25	Reading Challenge 2025 Assembly – Boroughbridge Library
9/7/25	Whole school transition morning
11/7/25	Year 5 and 6 Mini-Medic training
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
October 2025	
6/10/25	Flu Immunisation
21/10/25	Individual School Photograph Morning
21/10/25	Parent / Child / Teacher consultations from 3.30pm
22/10/25	Parent / Child / Teacher consultations from 3.30pm
24/10/25	Break-up for October half term at 3.15pm
November 2025	
3/11/25	School open
7/11/25	Year 5 and 6 Ripon Cathedral
December 2025	
17/12/25	Christmas School Dinner
18/12/25	Christmas Party afternoon
19/12/25	Break-up for Christmas at 2.30pm