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Newsletter 38 Monday 7th July 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a super weekend.

We continue to have a busy couple of weeks ahead before the summer break, so please keep checking the newsletter for events and timings as well as information regarding the next academic year – there is a lot to read!

Class News:

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

EYFS: In Early Years this week we have been designing jungle animals as part of our work in Expressive Arts. The children have used cardboard boxes to create the body of the animal and used the 'slot' technique to attach the legs to make their animal stand up. The children are looking forward to decorating their animal next week using a range of painting and colour mixing techniques.

Year 1 and 2: This week we have begun our new story in English called "The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig." We have enjoyed comparing this story to the traditional tale and have planned our own version of the story. In DT we have designed our smoothies and can't wait to make them!

Year 3 and 4: This week we have completed our Art final pieces where we have used acrylic paints to create our own self-portraits inspired by Rembrandt. We have had to carefully mix the paint to create varying colour tones. In Science we have been identifying and classifying a range of plants. In English, we have enjoyed exploring the animation 'Pigeon Impossible' and we will be planning a newspaper report based on the events of this.

Year 5 and 6: It has been a busy week in Year 5/6 this week - we started the week with some of the children going off to cross county - they had an amazing time. We have been working hard on reading 'Holes' and exploring the story in lots of different ways. The children are really enjoying how the plot is developing. We had our final clarinet lesson this week and have celebrated our achievements so far with our music teacher. In science this week we explored water resistance and made boats and tested them with a small fan across water to see if the boats were effective. We



have also been exploring fairground rides as part of our DT projects and have built simple circuits using motors and switches. The children are excited to start designing and making next week.

KS2 Cross Country

Well done to all the children who took part in the KS2 cross country event last Tuesday at Outwood Academy, Ripon. The children worked hard in the warm conditions and represented the school very well – thank you!

Rotter's Workshop

On Tuesday, the children in EYFS and Year 1 and 2 took part in a Rotter's workshop where they further developed their understanding about food waste, recycling and home composting.

Jeff and Chris talked to the children about the benefits to the environment of reducing waste and thereby also reducing greenhouse gases. They explained the practical ways to reduce food waste and brought their own pedal powered smoothie bike as an activity along with a mini wormery making activity. It was a super morning!



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.

Year 6 School Dinner Choice

On the last day of the school year, the Year 6 children have chosen the menu for their final school dinner which is as follows:

Chicken Korma
All Day Breakfast (V)
Jacket Potato and Cheese

Arctic Roll

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

On Thursday 17th July at 2.30pm we are holding our Year 6 Leavers' Service in the school hall. Year 6 parents are welcome to join us for this event and stay for refreshments afterwards.

Term dates

Attached to this newsletter are the term dates for the 2025-26 academic year and also the 2026-27 academic year which have just been released.

Autumn Term School Dinner Menu

Please find attached to this newsletter the autumn term school dinner menu. This menu runs up to February half term.

Parental Controls

Please find attached to this newsletter a parental controls booklet for your information.

Ear-rings in PE

Please can I remind parents of the policy regarding the wearing of ear-rings in PE. Guidance was updated by the Association for PE a number of years ago.

All personal effects should be removed including earrings.

Newly pierced earrings can be removed after a 6-week healing duration. During this period students should be given alternative tasks within physical education such as officiating.

Students unable to remove earrings were previously permitted to make them safe by taping. The guidance on the aforementioned has now changed based on national advice issued by the Association for Physical Education (afPE) 2019. It is now felt that the taping of earrings 'creates a perception of safety and is not recommended', as there have been several incidences within the



local authority where children's ears have been injured from earrings being pulled out from under the tape.

Teachers/TAs are not permitted to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves, therefore, it would be helpful if earrings could be taken out at home on PE days.

If a child has recently had their ears pierced and is unable to remove their earrings, they will not be permitted to take part in the practical aspect of PE lessons for six weeks, after which time they will be expected to remove their earrings in order to participate in PE lessons. During this six-week period the child will be able to take on the role of umpire, referee or coach where appropriate.

Please be aware that this policy will be followed by school staff and Sport coaches.

If your child is going to have their ears pierced, please do so at the start of the summer holidays rather than during term time.

Class Structure for the academic year 2025-26



Please see below the staffing structure for the next academic year. The whole school transition session takes place this Wednesday morning.

Head Teacher: Mrs Lyon

Deputy Head Teacher and SENCO: Mrs Kestell – TMP Lead

School Administrator: Mrs McBride

EYFS and Year 1: Mrs Hutchinson and Mrs Dixon (every other Wednesday)

Year 1 and 2: Mrs Lyon (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) and Mrs O'Connell (Wednesday)

Year 3 and 4: Mrs Armstrong (Monday – Thursday), Mrs Dixon (Friday)

Year 5 and 6: Miss Newton – who will be known as Mrs Falco as Miss Newton is getting married!

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: **more**



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.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



Summer Holiday Information

Please find attached various leaflets of holiday clubs that are on through the summer holidays.

Reading Challenge 2025

A lady from Boroughbridge library kindly visited the children in assembly this morning to discuss the Summer Reading Challenge and the Children's Photography Competition. More information on both of these events are attached to this newsletter.

AWARDS

Celebration Assembly

On Friday, we have our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;

Celebration Cup

This week the cup goes to someone who always has a smile on their face and has a great sense of humour. This person has the courage to give everything a go even when they are unsure. Their positive attitude and zest for learning are amazing qualities to have.



You show all our school values and are always prepared to accept a challenge.

We are proud of all your achievements and the wonderful young person you have become. You are a pleasure to have in our class and an amazing friend.

Congratulations and well done to

Felicity!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has put lots of effort into his phonics work this week. Making sure he finds special friends in a word first ensuring he reads the word correctly. Well done Archie!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who demonstrates our school values on a daily basis. They have a fantastic learning attitude and they are always keen to extend their knowledge and understanding through carrying out extra activities at home. Well done, Enoch!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has demonstrated super determination in maths. Your focus and hard work on co-ordinates has been wonderful to see - well done and keep up the super effort! Well done to Isaac!

Year 5 / 6 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has a fantastic attitude to learning and is a positive role model. This person works well everyone in class and has a great sense of humour. Keep up the hard work you are a pleasure to teach. Well done Florence.



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 his friends.

The values award goes to Logan W who was nominated by Logan D.

Well done, Logan!



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 30th June 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
94%	94%	99%	97%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

July 2025	
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 Year 5 and 6 Ripon field trip
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
January 2026	
5/1/26	Training Day for school staff
6/1/26	School open for the spring term