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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you had a lovely weekend and enjoyed the autumnal sunshine. This week we are preparing for our Harvest Festivals by thinking about the charities we would like to support. Please read on for details of the Food bank we are supporting and cake bake sale we will be holding for charity – donations will be gratefully received!

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 learning about animals especially animals that hibernate during winter. The children have been busy making animal homes working with a partner and using a range of resources so the animals feel comfortable and can store their food for winter. The children have also been busy exploring maps, looking at symbols and sorting physical/human features.

Year 1 and 2: We have been very busy in Year 1 / 2 this week. In science we have been thinking about how to stay healthy. We have been investigating the types of food we should eat lots of, and those which we should eat in moderation or save for treats. We had great fun sorting out lots of food packaging and making decisions about which foods would keep us healthy. In Geography we have been developing our skills to identify different human and physical features and we chatted about the different human and features we have seen in our locality. In our history lesson we started to look at Victorian Houses in more detail to identify common features of Victorian living rooms. Next week we are going to look at other rooms and start to compare Victorian homes with our own.

Year 3 and 4: A highlight of our week has been making and launching our own water rockets to link with our science learning about forces. We had lots of fun seeing how far the force fired our rockets into the air and some of us got a little damp from the water in the process!

Year 5 and 6: This week, in year 5/6, we have been carrying out an investigation into conductors and insulators. The children chose different items from around the classroom to put into their circuit to test whether it would make the light bulb work. The children then had to decide whether it was a conductor or an insulator. We have also begun to design our final lino prints which we will be printing next week.



Fiji Day – Friday

On Friday we thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Fiji Day. A huge thank you to members of the Fijian community who came to school to share the history of with the children and the staff. The singing and dancing were superb!



Fiji



High 5 netball

Tomorrow we have a team of Year 5 and 6 children who will be taking part in the High 5 Netball Festival at Outwood Academy, Ripon. Good luck!

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is going to be on Thursday 6th November straight after school. Please see the attached PTA newsletter for forthcoming events!

School Council

Our school council members have been elected for the academic year and they are as follows:

EYFS:	Ethan and Xander
Year 1 and 2:	Rory and Isla H
Year 3 and 4:	MJ and Georgina
Year 5 and 6:	Millie and Khloe

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: **Bread**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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

Parent / Carer Consultations – next week

Parents Evening is Tuesday 21st October and Wednesday 22nd October.

A confirmation slip was sent out last week with your date and time for the appointment.

Appointments are strictly for 10 minutes only. If there are further areas you would like to discuss with the teacher, please make another appointment so that we can ensure the evenings run to time – thank you.

There will be no clubs run by teachers during the week of parents evening or by Mr Vitali.

School Photograph morning



On **Tuesday 21st October** it is school photograph morning. As in previous years, the family photographs are to be taken first from 8.30am, these are for children in school who have siblings who are **not** at school. If this applies to you, please come to school for 8.30am to have your children photographed together. Individual photographs and siblings who come to this school will be taken during the school morning.

Harvest – Friday 24th October – food bank and cake bake sale

This year, our Harvest Festival is going to take place on the afternoon of **Friday 24th October** so please make a note of this in your diary and full details will be shared over the next few weeks.



Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have their Harvest Festival at 9.15am and children in Years 3, 4, 5, 6 will have their Harvest at 2.45pm.

Food bank

This year we would like to support Community Works which is based in Thirsk.

Community Works relies on donations from people right across North Yorkshire and beyond.

Community Works do a lot of different things but their main focus is on helping people that need them. For example: food banks to help feed people, working with people to support their health, a shop providing furniture at low prices and projects to support the elderly, vulnerable women and people living with illnesses.

We would like to support this wonderful charity in the work that they are doing. We would like you to donate food or other items that could be given out to people who need them.

Please can you send into school any of the items below – there is a box in the main entrance to collect any of the following:

- Pasta Sauce
- Boxes of Cereal
- Tinned Fish and Meat/Meat Meals
- Long life Milk
- Tinned tomatoes and tinned vegetables
- Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate



- Jam and Honey
- Loo Roll
- Any toiletries or household cleaning products
- Good strong carrier bags/bags for life

Cake Bake Sale – Thursday 23rd October after school – donations please!

On Thursday 23rd October after school, we would like to hold a cake bake sale for another charity chosen by our School Council.



We would be grateful for donations of cakes and / or biscuits for this event – please can you send donations into school on the morning of Thursday 23rd October – thank you!

Black History Month - October

In the UK, October marks the beginning of Black History Month. This national celebration aims to promote and celebrate the contributions of those with African and Caribbean heritage to society and to foster an understanding of Black history in general. Through Black History Month, we learn so much about ourselves and our abilities to overcome challenges both big and small. We learn to reason and wonder about things morally. We also learn from mistakes people made in the past and learn the importance of treating others with compassion – we learn to be givers and helpers. Through this month we are using a number of assemblies to learn about significant people in history.

Bonfire School Dinner – Wednesday 5th November

Banger in a Bun (Hot Dog)
Cheese Whirl
Fire Cracker Wedges

Toffee Apple Brownie



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 October for children in Year 3-6 will be £67.86. (18 meals)

School dinners are paid through ParentPay – new families will receive information regarding a login to ParentPay later this week.

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.

Please find attached to this newsletter some useful tips and advice regarding packed lunches.

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

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/>

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 is a superstar and always works with enthusiasm! We have been so impressed with their hard work in lessons and their valuable contributions to discussions.



This person is always keen to offer help to others and is very compassionate. We love having you in our class. Keep up the great work!

Congratulations and well done to

Alice!



Ribbons



EYFS – This ribbon this week goes to someone whose writing is absolutely beautiful. They have put every effort into holding their pencil correctly, making sure they are in the correct seated position and take the time to think about the formation of each letter. Well done Manu!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled into school life here at Dishforth Airfield really well. They try their best in every lesson and they are a kind friend to others. Well done, Mollie!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been focused and determined with their research about different Ancient Egyptian God's and Goddesses. Well done to Lillian!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their excellent magazine article about Viking life. This person has thought carefully about their audience and has made it fun and interesting to read. This person has written it in their own style and has carefully edited their work to ensure it is the best it can be. Well done to Sonny!

Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they are a good friend.

The values award goes to Daisy who was nominated by Freya.

Well done, Daisy!



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 6th October 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
97%	99%	100%	93%

Kind regards,
Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

October 2025	
14/10/25	Year 5 / 6 netball – Outwood Academy
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	9.15am Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Festival 2.45pm Year 3, 4, 5, 6 Harvest Festival Break-up for October half term at 3.15pm
November 2025	
3/11/25	School open
4/11/25	Year 3 / 4 football – Outwood Academy
5/11/25	Promotional School Dinner – Bonfire Night
6/11/25	PTA fundraising meeting straight after school
7/11/25	Year 5 and 6 Ripon Cathedral
13/11/25	Year 6 Crucial Crew
17/11/25	Road Safety Assembly and poster campaign launch
December 2025	
w/c 1st December	EYFS Nativity (date and time TBC)
11/12/25	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm (TBC)
12/12/25	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9.15am (TBC)
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