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## Newsletter 6 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely weekend! As I mentioned last week, please read the newsletter carefully for dates and times of forthcoming events and keep checking diary dates as new entries are being added.

### Fiji Day – Friday

On Friday we will be celebrating Fiji Day. A huge thank you to members of the Fijian community who are coming to school to share the history of Fiji with the children and the staff.

### 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 sorting in maths. The children have been looking at size, colour, shape and have been learning to spot the mistake when resources are grouped. The children have been learning about height and arranging resources from the smallest to the largest. We have also been learning about the city and countryside and learning how to create these using the small world equipment. It has been lovely to hear children relate this back to our story 'The bear and the piano'.

**Year 1 and 2:** In Year 1 and 2 this week, we have been focusing on the story 'David and Goliath' in RE and linking it to what Jewish people can learn from it in terms of being brave and standing up for what is right. In art we have been exploring oil pastels and working through the skills of blending, smudging and making bold and faint lines.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have enjoyed exploring how magnets can attract and repel in science. We have also really enjoyed learning about the gruesome process of mummification which was used in Ancient Egypt!

**Year 5 and 6:** This week we have been learning about the geographical features of North America. We were using secondary sources to find out about some of these human and physical features. In art, we have been using a lino cutter to create our own designs onto the lino and then print them into our sketch books. Next week we will be creating our final design which we will link to nature in the style of Michelle Hughes.



## **Reading Challenge Certificates**

Congratulations and well done to the following children who completed the national reading challenge this summer.

Rory, Florence, Samuel, Gabriel, Scarlett S, Aarish, Millie and Scarlett E.

## **PTA Meeting**

A huge thank you to the parents and carers who came to the PTA meeting last Thursday. It was a very productive meeting with a number of fundraising ideas discussed. Please look out for a newsletter which will highlight the activities which are going to take place this term!

## **School Council**

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

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

## **Clubs**

Clubs start this week – a confirmation email was sent home last week via Mrs McBride to let you know if your child has a place.

## **World Mental Health Day – this Friday**

The 10<sup>th</sup> October is World Mental Health Day which is an opportunity for us all to talk about mental health and consider how, together, we can help everyone have better mental health.



This year's theme is 'access to services – mental health in catastrophes and emergencies. The theme highlights the importance of people being able to protect their mental health in times of global instability.

For further information, please refer to the attachment with this newsletter and also click on the link below.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/explore-mental-health/articles/overwhelm-when-global-events-and-relentless-bad-news-become-too-much>

## **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.

### Online Safety Newsletter

Attached to this newsletter is the October edition of the online safety newsletter for your information.

### 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: **Respect**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

[https://makaton.org/TMC/TMC/The\\_Makaton\\_community/Sign\\_of\\_the\\_Week.aspx](https://makaton.org/TMC/TMC/The_Makaton_community/Sign_of_the_Week.aspx)

### Parent / Carer Consultations

Parents Evening is Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. A letter was sent home last week for families to state their preferred day which was due to be returned today.

A confirmation slip will be sent out to you before the end of next week.

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> October

This year, our Harvest Festival is going to take place on the afternoon of **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

Further details will follow.



## 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](mailto: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 has started the autumn term with quiet determination and focus.



They always try their best with their learning and they are demonstrating resilience week on week.

This person is a kind friend to others and they have a lovely warm smile which lights up the room!

Congratulations and well done to ....

Ellie!

### **Ribbons**



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is making a fantastic start to school. This person is loving learning and remembering letter sounds and is actively spotting these within books and the environment. Keep up the hard work well done Catherine!

**Year 1 / 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working very hard at each task they have been given. We have been really pleased at the contributions this person has made in our class discussions as well. Well done, George P!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed me with their growing independence in writing. This person is a ray of sunshine in our classroom and we are really proud of their work in class. Keep up the super work, Freya!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their continued positive attitude towards their learning. They give everything 100% and they are willing to give everything a go. We are really enjoying seeing this person's confidence grow and their personality shine through! Well done to Millie!



## 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 they are a good friend.

The values award goes to Anthony who was nominated by Logan C.

Well done, Anthony!



## 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 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
97%	99%	95%	94%

Kind regards,  
Mrs Julie Lyon  
Head Teacher



## Diary Dates

<b>October 2025</b>	
<b>10/10/25</b>	Fiji Day World Mental Health Day
<b>14/10/25</b>	Year 5 / 6 netball – Outwood Academy
<b>21/10/25</b>	Individual School Photograph Morning
<b>21/10/25</b>	Parent / Child / Teacher consultations from 3.30pm
<b>22/10/25</b>	Parent / Child / Teacher consultations from 3.30pm
<b>24/10/25</b>	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
<b>November 2025</b>	
<b>3/11/25</b>	School open
<b>4/11/25</b>	Year 3 / 4 football – Outwood Academy
<b>5/11/25</b>	Promotional School Dinner – Bonfire Night
<b>7/11/25</b>	Year 5 and 6 Ripon Cathedral
<b>13/11/25</b>	Year 6 Crucial Crew
<b>17/11/25</b>	Road Safety Assembly and poster campaign launch
<b>December 2025</b>	
<b>w/c 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	EYFS Nativity (date and time TBC)
<b>11/12/25</b>	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm (TBC)
<b>12/12/25</b>	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9.15am (TBC)
<b>17/12/25</b>	Christmas School Dinner
<b>18/12/25</b>	Christmas Party afternoon
<b>19/12/25</b>	Break-up for Christmas at 2.30pm
<b>January 2026</b>	
<b>5/1/26</b>	Training Day for school staff
<b>6/1/26</b>	School open for the spring term