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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend. We have another busy week in school with it being anti-bullying week and Children in Need Day on Friday. Please read carefully for further details of these events as well as up and coming Christmas fundraising activities which are going to be taking place over the next few weeks – see attached PTA newsletter!

This week and particularly tomorrow, our thoughts are very much about Remembrance and taking time to reflect on the sacrifices the Armed Forces personnel have made for us over time.

As a school, every child has made a poppy and these have been turned into class wreaths to mark Remembrance.



Year 5 and 6 Ripon Cathedral

The year 5/6 children went to Ripon Cathedral on Friday afternoon to enjoy the Festival of Remembrance which is a celebration of service children and their families. We enjoyed songs, poems, readings and being amongst other children who are in similar situations.



Anti-bullying week – this week

Anti-bullying week takes place this week with the theme: Power for Good. Today began with Odd Socks Day which was a way of celebrating what makes us all unique.

Further information can be found through the following link:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2025/anti-bullying-week-2025>



Poppy Appeal

As you know, we are selling items for the Poppy Appeal again this year.

Alongside the traditional poppy there are snap band rulers, clip-on reflectors and adjustable bracelets. Suggested donations:

Snap Band/Ruler	£1.00
Adjustable Bracelet	£0.50
Clip-on Reflector	£0.50
Poppies	Any Donation

Please come to the school office before or after school if you would like to donate to the Poppy Appeal.

Children in Need – Friday 14th November

As a school we will be supporting Children in Need Day on Friday 14th November where the children can come to school in non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1. This can either be brought in cash on the day or you can click on the link below and donate through ParentPay.



<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18991>

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 exploring the story 'Beegu' in English. The children have created some brilliant captions and short sentences for the illustrations using knowledge of the story. The children have also learnt about space and our planet 'Earth'. In Art the children have created some lovely rocket pictures using 2D shapes.

Year 1 and 2: In Year 1 and 2 this week we have been reading our new book in English called 'Where the poppies now grow'. This is about two childhood friends who join up to fight in World War 1 and it is very poignant and beautifully illustrated. We have also begun to look at our Nativity Play which is called 'Knock, Knock!' and we have started to learn the songs.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have made a start on our final DT products - a maze! We have been using our woodwork skills and maths measuring skills to cut the correct lengths of wood to create our final designs. In Science, we have been exploring a balanced and nutritional diet and why this is important for our bodies.

Year 5 and 6: This week in year 5/6 we have begun preparing to write a news report from the Battle of Lindisfarne. We have been interviewing potential eyewitnesses to the attack and rehearsing what they might say. We will be writing these next week and then performing them to the class. We have also been learning about time zones and comparing time zones in different places around the world.



Year 3 and 4 football festival

Last week a group of Year 3 and 4 children represented the school at a football festival at Outwood Academy, Ripon where they came second! Well done to: Jude, Edward, Ol, Mes, Tristan, MJ and Audrey!

PTA Meeting - update

Thank you for all your continued support on the fundraising front – it is very much appreciated. We have a number of events coming up which are on the attached newsletter.

By Friday 21st November, please can any donations of Christmas Jumpers and toys which are no longer played with, to be sent into school as the PTA are going to run a stall for our families in the last week of November selling these items along with Santa Keys and Reindeer Food.

Parents – if you have any unwanted gifts in a cupboard at home, please send them in to school and they will be turned into fabulous hampers for our Christmas Raffle.

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: **Diabetes**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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

Crucial Crew – Year 6 – this Thursday

On Thursday, Year 6 are spending the afternoon at Carlton Lodge undertaking activities in Crucial Crew which is an event organised by North Yorkshire Police. The children will see various scenarios which they may encounter in everyday life, each one posing problems or dangers to them. The children, working in small groups and under close supervision will tackle each scenario with feedback given as they complete each one.

All children need to bring a coat.

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 November for children in Year 3-6 will be £75.40 (20 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.

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 has really embraced their learning this term.

This person is developing a really mature attitude in all lessons and is enjoying the challenge in all of them.

I have been very impressed with the resilience they are demonstrating and their overall enthusiasm.

They are an absolute pleasure to teach.

Keep up the great work!

Congratulations and well done to

Penny!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is striving to achieve their best. This person has made amazing progress in phonics. Keep it up! Well done Ateca!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working very hard in all lessons. We have been impressed with how this person has used their skills in Maths to exchange tens and ones. Well done, Aabu!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been really focused on their learning and has impressed us with their use of column addition and subtraction in maths, including exchanges! Keep up the great work, Aarish!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has impressed us with their dedication to their learning. This person has worked hard in maths this week and is able to compare and simplify fractions successfully. They enjoy a challenge and try hard in each lesson. Well done to Noah!

Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated our school values of compassion and respect.

This person has been nominated because they are kind and have respect for everyone.



The values award goes to MJ who was nominated by Enoch.

Well done, MJ!

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 3rd November 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
90%	100%	100%	90%



Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon

Head Teacher

Diary Dates

November 2025	
10/11/25	Anti-bullying week
13/11/25	Year 6 Crucial Crew
14/11/25	Children in Need Day – non-uniform day £1
17/11/25	Road Safety Assembly and poster campaign launch
21/11/25	Last day for sending in Christmas Jumpers and toys
24/11/25 and 28/11/25	Christmas Jumper / school uniform sale Pre-loved toy sale Reindeer Food Magic Santa Key
December 2025	
2nd December	EYFS Nativity at 10am
11/12/25	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm – two tickets per family
12/12/25	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9.15am – two tickets per family 3.15pm Raffle after school
16/12/25	School Christingle Service – children only
17/12/25	Christmas School Dinner
18/12/25	Christmas Party afternoon – bring party clothes in a named bag to get changed in to.
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
15/1/26	Years 3 -6 trip to Murton Park