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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a super weekend. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in school with our beautiful tree which was decorated on Friday and our Advent Wreath has arrived ready for lighting this week.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our Christmas fundraising so far and an even bigger thank you to the PTA for all their time and effort into making the events such a success. Further details of Christmas events are in this newsletter.

The EYFS Nativity is tomorrow morning at 10am which will definitely get everyone in the festive spirit!

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 very busy in preparation for our Nativity next week. The children have been singing, dancing, acting and learning how to use the stage. We have also been learning about day and night-time and what activities we do during those times. The children have practised sequencing daily activities such as ordering how we brush our teeth.

Year 1 and 2: This week we have been making booklets in Geography to entice people to visit Ripon. We have used a range of different maps to find out what the key human and physical features are and have decided on the things we would find most appealing! In history we have been detectives, identifying difference in Victorian and modern living rooms. Life was very different before electricity and technology came along. In science we had to solve a problem for Mr Bear who needed a good night's sleep. We needed to find a material that he could use to block out the light and allow him to have a nap! We found out that foil was fantastic at blocking out the light BUT it rips far too easily to make good curtains!

Year 3 and 4: We enjoyed starting the week off with our Geography fieldwork trip in Ripon where we identified many features of a river and collected data. In Science, we enjoyed working in groups to plan our own pattern seeking investigations. In English, we have been busy exploring onomatopoeia and how this can be used in poetry. We have written our own poems based on a piece of art work and we have enjoyed performing a range of other poems in English too.



Year 5 and 6: This week in year 5/6 we have been learning about the Torah and the messages that it asks Jewish people to follow about food. We learnt about what Jewish people eat and created a menu that they might enjoy. We have also been learning about different theories about space from scientists throughout time. We read their evidence about how they came upon their own theories, often using evidence from other people to agree or disagree with them.

Clubs

A reminder that the clubs run by teachers have finished. Mr Vitali's club is still ongoing for tomorrow and next week ending on the 9th December.

Online Safety Newsletter

December's edition of the online safety newsletter is attached to this 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.

The next three weeks is: ***Countdown to Christmas***

Here is a link to the Makaton site:



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

Emergency Procedure for School Closure – weather related / loss of utilities

It is rare, however there are occasions where it has been necessary to close schools because of inclement weather, no electricity or because of lack of heating, so I would like to bring to your attention the procedures I will follow if this event occurs now that we are heading towards winter:

- An email will be sent to all families via Arbor
- A direct message will be sent to families via Arbor
- County Hall will be informed.

Hopefully, this will not happen but I feel it is better to be prepared.

Please always assume school is open unless you hear via any of the above methods. Please do not phone the school to ask if we are open as we may need to keep the line clear in order to contact staff. Please check on the school Facebook page and check emails.

Learning would be sent home via the class email system direct from the class teacher or school administrator.

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 December for children in Year 3-6 will be £56.55 (15 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 very conscientious learner with a superb attitude towards school.



This person always listens carefully in class and applies what they have learned in every task. It is wonderful to see the progress this person has made over the last year.

I am very impressed also with this person's ability to demonstrate our school values on a daily basis. They are a very kind and caring person and a super friend.

Keep up the great work!
Congratulations and well done to

Sofia!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is really enjoying sequencing in both Maths and English. This person thinks carefully what happens next and can discuss their answers with others. Well done Carson!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working incredibly hard in RWI. They have learned many set 3 sounds and retained the knowledge of them and they apply this to reading words. This person has also been working hard on their presentation. Well done, Sala!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who was excellent at spotting river features on our Geography fieldwork trip. They put their all into each activity during the trip and were a role model to others whilst we were out and about. Well done to Riasha!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who brings energy and enthusiasm to our classroom on a daily basis! This helpful, kind person always works hard and gives everything a go with a smile on their face. We love their energy for life and their helpful nature! Well done to Rowan!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because at breaktime they include everyone in what they are doing and they are a great friend.

The values award goes to Rowan who was nominated by Oscar.

Well done, Rowan!

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 24th November 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
92%	95%	98%	88%



Christmas Events 2025



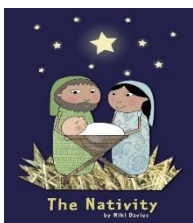
We have much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season.

Christmas Cards

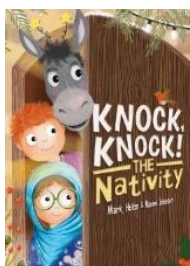
Children can bring their Christmas cards into school for special Dishforth Airfield delivery! Please can children bring their cards into school and post them in the special post box from today – a list of first names can be obtained from the School Office - please ensure envelopes are named correctly and have the class written on!

Nativity Plays

There are two Nativity plays this year, one by EYFS called 'The Nativity' and Year 1 and 2 are presenting the Nativity through the story of 'Knock, Knock! The Nativity'.



EYFS Nativity is on tomorrow at 10am



Year 1 and 2 Nativity is on Thursday 11th December in the afternoon at 2.30pm and Friday 12th December at 9.15am.

Due to the size of the Year 1 and 2 cohorts and the size of the school hall,

The Year 1 and 2 performances will be ticketed. Each child will have two tickets for each performance for their families to use. If you don't need all the tickets then please return unneeded tickets to the school office so that they can be given to families who possibly would like more.

School will film each Nativity and photograph the children in costume – photographs will be emailed to parents and the film will be put on our website with a secure password.

Christmas Jumper Day



On Friday 12th December, we are taking part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. For a £1 donation to the charity, children can come to school in a Christmas jumper – this can be a decorated jumper or a bought one.

Carol Singing – Year 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 children are going to Boroughbridge Manor Care Home on Thursday 11th December to sing carols and spread festive joy to the residents.

School Christingle

On Tuesday 16th December, every child in the school will make a Christingle and we will hold our own Christingle Service towards the end of the afternoon.



Christmas School Dinner – Wednesday 17th December



School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch – order in advance

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 17th December. As this meal will need to be ordered in advance, a separate letter will be sent home for you to complete and return - the **deadline is this Friday!**

Roast Turkey and Trimmings

Roast Veg Sleigh (V)

Roast or Mashed Potatoes

Christmas Medley of Vegetables

Christmas Cookie

Christmas Party afternoon – Thursday 18th December

On Thursday 18th December, the children will have their Christmas Party in classes. Please can children come to school wearing their uniform and bring their party clothes in a named bag to change into after lunchtime. Thank you.

Break-up for Christmas – early closing – Friday 19th December

On Friday 19th December, school closes early for Christmas at 2.30pm.



Christmas Fundraising December 2025

Christmas Raffle

We have some great prizes so far for our Christmas raffle, these include a family ticket for the Jorvik Centre in York (2 adults & up to 3 children) and 2 open dated tickets to Flamingo land. We would like to ask parents if they have any unwanted gifts, they would be willing to donate to school for the Christmas hampers. We don't want you to go out and buy anything just donate something you don't want/need. Donations to be handed in by 5/12/25

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn at home time on Friday 12th December.

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon

Head Teacher

Diary Dates

December 2025	
2 nd 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 Christmas Jumper Day £1 3.15pm Christmas 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