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### Newsletter 22 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a super half term break. We have much to look forward to over the coming weeks as we head towards Easter. Please note the various dates and events in the newsletter. This week we have parent's evenings tomorrow and Wednesday in the school hall and World Book Day is next week where the children can come to school dressed up as a character from their favourite book!

#### **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 'Jack and the Beanstalk' following on from our story detective workshop last week. The Nursery children have been building their fine motor control by scrunching green tissue paper to make the beanstalk. Reception have produced some brilliant sentences remembering their phonic knowledge and letter formation. The children have also loved baking valentines' biscuits to take home as part of our 'bug in the jug' treat. Well done Early Years!

**Year 1 and 2:** This week we have been writing our sequels for the class English book 'Story Soup'. In PSHE we have been thinking about and discussing our wants and needs and which are the most important. In Art we have been finishing our collages on the Great Fire of London which include all the different collage techniques we have been learning about.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have been busy writing our persuasive letters to Rambashi and his pirate crew from our class book, 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. In History, we have been creating adverts to encourage others to join the Roman Army if they met their very specific criteria and followed their rules! In Science, we have been exploring different soil types and carrying out investigations to see which soil type is the best 'soaker' and which is the best 'drainer'.

**Year 5 and 6:** This week in year 5/6 we have been learning about what life would have been like for people in Ancient Greece. Everyone got a role to play and we all attended a Greek market where we had to ask each other what we were doing there and find out about each person's role. We have also been reading Clockwork by Philip Pullman and practising specific reading skills, such as inferring characters' feelings and tracking themes of time and fate, to support and contrast with our work on Wolf Wilder.



## Spring Term Menu

Please find attached to this newsletter the new school dinner menu which takes effect from today and this will run until we break up for the summer holidays.

## Spring Term Clubs

Please note there will be no clubs this week due to parents evening.

## Parent / Carer / Child / Teacher Consultations

Parent / carer / child / teacher consultations take place on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Please note that appointments are 10 minutes. If there is anything further you would like to discuss with the teachers, please arrange a follow up appointment so that the evenings can run to time. Meetings will take place in the school hall.

## Year 1 and 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

Year One and Two had a fantastic time with their Fire of London workshop. We worked as a team to make wattle walls and then mixed mud, straw and water to make the daub. It was a messy job and we were all pretty muddy! Our next challenge was to make a new bakery for Thomas Farriner that would keep him dry if it rained. They were only allowed to choose 2 materials and had to decide which had the right properties for the job. The children harnessed their creativity and all managed to create a watertight bakery.





## 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 February 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@dishforhairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dishforhairfield.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/dishforhairfieldprimary/>

## 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 for their continued hard work and dedication towards their learning. This person's confidence is growing every day and we're loving seeing their personality shine through.



This person is a kind friend and always looks out for their peers. They are kind, polite and caring and a wonderful member of our class.

Congratulations and well done to ....

Alina!

## Ribbons



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is putting in so much effort into their phonics and maths work. This person is always ready to learn being a fantastic role model to the other children. Well done Max!

**Year 1 / 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has made fantastic progress in both reading and writing. They are motivated to write producing sentences independently. Keep it up! Well done Alusio!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked as a wonderful team player in our tag rugby lesson and demonstrated excellent communication skills and encouraged her team mates kindly and encouragingly. Well done to Alice!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is working hard on their presentation and handwriting as this person is aiming to achieve a pen licence. They have also impressed us with their dedication in maths where they are aiming to secure their fraction, decimal and percentage knowledge. Well done to Arthur.

## Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they are kind to me at lunch times.

The values award goes to Emily who was nominated by Elliot.

Well done, Emily!

## 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 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2026			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
98%	95%	98%	92%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon - Head Teacher



## Diary Dates

<b>February 2026</b>	
23/2/26	School open No clubs this week due to parents evening
24/2/26	Parent / child/ teacher consultations from 3.30pm
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<b>March 2026</b>	
5/3/26	World Book Day <b>Children can dress up as a character from a book.</b>  Promotional school dinner – World Book Day
12/3/26	PTA meeting 3.30pm school hall
20/3/26	<b>Comic Relief Day – non-uniform £1 donation</b>
23/3/26	Skip 2B Fit / Boxercise Day – <b>all children need their PE Kit in school</b>
25/3/26	Promotional school dinner – Easter Lunch
26/3/26	Class Photographs
27/3/26	Decorate a hard-boiled egg – bring an egg into school Break-up for Easter at 2.30pm
<b>April 2026</b>	
13/4/26	Training Day
14/4/26	School open for the summer term
23/4/26	Promotional school dinner – Curry Club
<b>May 2026</b>	
4/5/26	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for one day
5/5/26	School open
11/5/26	Year 6 SAT week
18/5/26	Promotional school dinner – Seaside Lunch
22/5/26	Africa Reborn workshops – whole school  Break up for May half-term at 3.15pm
<b>June 2026</b>	
1/6/26	School open  Year 4 Multiplication check 2-week window w/c 1/6/26 and w/c 8/6/26
3-5 June	Year 5 /6 residential to Bewerley Park
w/c 8/6/26	Year 1 Phonic Screen Check
19/6/26	TRAINING DAY – School closed for one day
<b>July 2026</b>	
10/7/26	Wolf on Trial workshops for KS1 and KS2
13/7/26	School reports home
17/7/26	Break-up for the Summer Holidays at 2.30pm
<b>September 2026</b>	
7/9/26	School open for the Autumn Term – <b>all children in</b>