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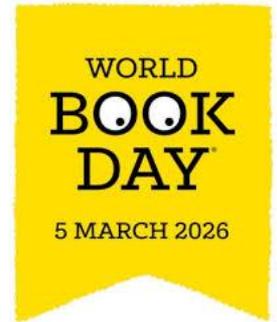
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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend and have been enjoying the warmer weather. We have had a great week back in school to start this very short half term and we have much to look forward to.

This week we have a new School Choir starting on Wednesday which is being led by Fiona Waddington. This will take place at lunchtime and is aimed at children in Years 3-6.

World Book Day is on Thursday where the children can dress up as a character from a book of their choice and bring their book in to show the rest of the class. We also have a one or two surprises on the day as well!

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 all about giraffes as part of our 'Amazing Animals' theme in Early Years. The children have enjoyed learning the story 'Giraffes can't dance' which has taught the children to not give up and believe in themselves. The children have created giraffe patterns and learnt that each giraffe has a unique pattern just like our fingerprints.

Year 1 and 2: This week we have begun our new class story in English called 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London'. Vlad is a flea who lives on a cat called Boxton and we see how the fire unfolds thorough their eyes. In RE we have begun our new unit on Hinduism and we are looking forward to learning about the festival of Holi next week.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been exploring the Roman legend of Romulus and Remus and the formation of Rome in our English lessons. In DT, we have started to make our own moving Easter cards using lever linkage systems. In PE, we have enjoyed learning some skills for a new sport to us, tchoukball! It's been a great first week back!

Year 5 and 6: This week, in Year 5/6, we have been looking at the climate in Brazil. We had a look at some different places within Brazil and how the climate differs. We then used some rainfall and temperature data to create a climate graph of Rio De Janeiro. We compared this data to the climate in the United Kingdom. We have also been doing some observational drawings of the school building. We will be combining the sketch of the school building with an element of nature in the style of Zaha Hadid.



Spring Term Clubs

Spring Clubs resume this week.

Promotional School Dinner – Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

To coincide with World Book Day, there is a special school dinner on the same day!

Beasty Burger with Fries
(Chicken Burger)
Wormy Spaghetti
(Spaghetti in a cheese tomato sauce)

Matilda's Marvellous Mousse Cake



PTA Meeting

On Thursday 12th March there will be a PTA meeting in the school hall straight after school. If you are interested in supporting the school with raising funds, please attend – it will be lovely to see you!

Comic Relief

On Friday 20th March school will be supporting the Comic Relief Day where children can wear red noses and non-uniform for a £1 donation. Donations can be made using the link <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=20659>



Class Photos

On Thursday 26th March we are having our class photographs taken. These will be sent out to you on the day with information regarding how to purchase them if you would like to.

Online Safety Newsletter

Attached to this newsletter is the March edition of the online safety newsletter for your information. This month's newsletter has articles about mobile phones with advice and support for parents, as well as features on social media algorithms and YouTube parental controls.

Easter

To celebrate Easter, there will be a promotional school dinner on Wednesday 25th March.

Roast Chicken
Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy
Veggie Sausage (V)
Potatoes
Carrots and Broccoli

Easter Chocolate Nest



On Friday 27th March children can bring a hard-boiled egg into school for our annual decorate an egg competition. I would advise that you send in a spare hard-boiled egg as well in case of any breakages!

Also, on Friday 27th March, we close early for the Easter break at 2.30pm

PE Days this term

Please see below when your child / children are having PE this half term.

EYFS: Please have PE kit in every day

Year 1 and 2: Monday and Thursday

Year 3 and 4: Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 5 and 6: Tuesday and Thursday

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: **Book**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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

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 March 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.

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.easypfundraising.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 a superb learning attitude and is a pleasure to teach. This person is enthusiastic, listens carefully and joins in with class discussions regularly.



They have a real thirst for learning and they rise to challenges with determination.

Keep up the super work – we are very proud of you!

Congratulations and well done to

Mollie!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is making a fantastic contribution to lessons by sharing facts about giraffes. This person is sharing their learning with their family and finding out more information. We have had very interesting conversations this week about the world. Well done Xander!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has a thirst for learning this week by making valuable contributions to lessons, sharing their knowledge and remembering facts. Keep it up! Well done Archie.!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has demonstrated super determination and resilience in maths. I have been so impressed with their work on fractions and how they have risen to challenges in their learning. Keep up the super work and well done to Lillian!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their increasing levels of resilience and determination that we're seeing in each lesson! We love to see this person challenging themselves and stepping outside of their comfort zone. Keep it up! Well done to Noah!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because in class you help me have fun.

The values award goes to Ava who was nominated by Mylah.

Well done, Ava!

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 23rd February 2026

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
96%	92%	98%	96%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon - Head Teacher



Diary Dates

March 2026	
5/3/26	World Book Day Children can dress up as a character from a book. Promotional school dinner – World Book Day
12/3/26	PTA meeting 3.30pm school hall
20/3/26	Comic Relief Day – non-uniform £1 donation
23/3/26	Skip 2B Fit / Boxercise Day – all children need their PE Kit in school
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
April 2026	
13/4/26	Training Day
14/4/26	School open for the summer term
23/4/26	Promotional school dinner – Curry Club
May 2026	
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
June 2026	
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
July 2026	
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
September 2026	
7/9/26	School open for the Autumn Term – all children in