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Dear Parents / Carers,

What a fantastic week we had in school last week!

World Book Day

The children looked fabulous last Thursday for World Book Day. They had a super day dressed up as a character and sharing stories with each other – they also had a terrific surprise when the staff were not only dressed up as characters from Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs but also took part in the Masked Reader where the children had to guess not only who was behind the mask but also the blurb which was being read!

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 looking at weather changes and finding buds, shoots and flowers that are starting to appear. The children have enjoyed role playing in our flower shop which has involved writing shopping lists and receipts. The children have also been busy ordering numbers backwards starting with 10 and finding a mistake in a number line.

Year 1 and 2: This week we have been finding out more about Samuel Pepys, He kept a diary during the Plague and the Great Fire of London. In geography we have learnt how camels are adapted to survive in the desert- did you know that their humps are filled with fat? In science we are exploring sound and had great fun, sorting instruments according to how they produce a sound. Year 2 carried on exploring sound and rhythm in their computing lesson too, using Chrome Music lab to create different rhythms. In R.E. we learnt about aspects of the festival Holi through dance.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been enjoying using charcoal and chalk to plan our final pieces and experimenting with different techniques in Art. In PE, we have been developing our throwing and catching skills whilst practising game play for tchoukball. We thoroughly enjoyed world book day where we read with some of the younger children and played the masked reader!

Year 5 and 6: This week in year 5/6 we have been creating our prototypes for our structures. The children had to work out the length of each side of their structure and then create it out of paper



straws thinking carefully how to strengthen their final design. The next step is making their structures out of wood which will involve measuring, using a saw to cut the wood and joining their pieces together. The final steps will be to strengthen and decorate.

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.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=20659>



Science Poster Competition

Today the children will be bringing home information regarding a science poster competition which celebrates national science week. The closing date for the competition is Friday 20th March and we have some exciting prizes up for grabs! Also, our top 5 entries will be entered in the national British Science week competition. A thank you to Mrs Armstrong, our Science Lead, for organising this.

Skip 2B Fit / Boxercise Workshops

On Monday 23rd March, we are holding Skip 2B Fit and Boxercise workshops for the children in school. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn and develop their skills in these two areas and it promises to be a super day! Please ensure that you child / children have their PE kit in school on this day – navy or black tracksuit, white t-shirt, socks and trainers.

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.

Easter Events

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





Easter – Friday 27th March

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

FEAST Vouchers

Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities and food this Easter

FEAST is back this Easter, offering free holiday activities with food for children and young people across North Yorkshire.

What's happening when?

- From Monday 2nd March – browse activities on the FEAST website and view the offline activity listings to see what's on in your area.
- Midday, Monday 9th March – vouchers go live. Eligible families will receive a text or email from HolidayActivities to redeem their voucher and request places.
- From Wednesday 11th March – activity providers begin allocating places.

Free places are available for children who receive benefits-related Free School Meals (or who are eligible by exception – see the [FEAST FAQs](#) for details). Each activity you book includes a free healthy meal for your child.

If you believe your child is eligible and do not receive your voucher on 9th March, please contact your school office.

Families who are not eligible for free places may be able to book paid places directly with providers.

Visit the [FEAST website](#) to explore what's on this Easter.

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: **Sleep**



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@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.easypfundraising.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 who is a pleasure to teach and has a wonderful attitude towards their learning.

This person demonstrates our school values daily. They are a wonderful friend to others and are always willing to help.

We are so proud of the resilience, enthusiasm and determination you have towards your learning. Keep up the super work.

Congratulations and well done to

Audrey!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has made lots of progress with their sentence writing making sure they are forming letter correctly and working more independently. Keep up the good work! Well done Ronnie!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working very hard on concentrating in lessons and joining in more with a group or the class. I am very impressed with their attitude – keep it up! Well done, Isla F!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked really hard on their maths, reading scales to measure mass. Well done to Skyla!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been showing great enthusiasm in the classroom. This person brings energy and entertainment to our classroom in many different ways. We love to see their personality shine through and their confidence growing each day. Well done to Millie.

Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they are a really good friend.

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

Well done, Lillian!



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 2nd March 2026

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
95%	99%	98%	96%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon - Head Teacher



Diary Dates

March 2026	
12/3/26	PTA meeting 3.30pm school hall
16/3/26	Start small, dream big – careers visitor assembly
20/3/26	Comic Relief Day – non-uniform £1 donation
	Closing date for the science poster competition
23/3/26	Skip 2B Fit / Boxercise Day – all children need their PE Kit in school
24/3/26	PCSO Hannah Gill visiting school
25/3/26	Promotional school dinner – Easter Lunch
26/3/26	Class Photographs
	KS2 French Café
27/3/26	Decorate a hard-boiled egg – bring an egg into school (or two!) 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 Beverley 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
October 2026	
5/10/26	Honey Pots of Imagination workshops celebrating 100 years of Winnie the Pooh
20/10/26	Individual School Photograph morning
Thursday 22 nd October	School closes for October half term at 3.15pm
23/10/26	Staff training day
November 2026	
2/11/26	School open