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Dear Parents / Carers,

The term has absolutely flown by and I am sure we are all looking forward to a rest over Easter - fingers crossed for some lovely warm spring weather! On Friday we break up for Easter and I wish you all a very peaceful two weeks off school. School closes at the slightly earlier time of **2.30pm** and we will look forward to seeing the children for the summer term on **Tuesday 14th April**.

On Friday, 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!



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 learnt all about 'Amelia Earhart' as part of our little people big dreams learning. The children have learnt facts about her significant role being the first girl to fly an aircraft over the Atlantic Ocean. They have made their own paper aeroplanes and tested their flight outside in our learning garden.

Year 1 and 2: We have had a busy week in Year 1 and 2! In RE we learned about the importance of thinking before acting through reading the Hindu story Ganesh's Race Around the World. In English we are reading the poem 'The Hungry Fire' which is about the Great Fire of London and in DT we made our free-standing structures to create a play park.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have enjoyed carrying out a science investigation exploring what happens to our shadows throughout the day. We were really interested to find out that our shadows change the direction they are facing and change length over the course of the day due to the Earth's rotation. In Geography, we have been exploring earthquakes and the impact they can have on the environment. We have also enjoyed using grid references to complete a rescue mission in Geography!

Year 5 and 6: This week in year 5/6 we have written our balanced arguments about whether wolves should be re-wilded in the UK. We have also looked at 'wants' and 'needs' in our PSHE lessons where we talked about money and how it can make us feel. The children have also been reading the next chapter of 'The Wolf Wilder' and we're looking forward to seeing what happens next!



Skip 2B Fit / Boxercise Workshops

Today we are held Skip 2B Fit and Boxercise workshops for the children in school. This was a great opportunity for the children to learn and develop their skills in these two areas and we have had a super day!

Cross Country Festival

Good luck to those children taking part in the Cross-Country Festival at Outwood Academy Ripon tomorrow!

Class Photos

On Thursday 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.

KS2 French Cafe

Also, on Thursday, KS2 children will be practising their French speaking skills through participating in a French café where they will get the opportunity to be ordering food and drink in French.

Easter Events

To celebrate Easter, there will be a promotional school dinner on **Wednesday**.

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

Easter Chocolate Nest



PTA Events for Easter

The PTA are running an Easter Bunny competition where you have to guess the name of the bunny. The prize is a giant bunny and an Easter Egg! Entries are available at the school office for £1 a guess.

Also, on Friday this week there will be a Lucky Dip and Tombola on the school playground – please see the attached poster for further information.

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 after Easter

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: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 and 4: Monday and Thursday

Year 5 and 6: Wednesday 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: **Purple**



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.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 for putting themselves out of their comfort zone. We have noticed this person is challenging themselves in lessons, putting their hand up more to ask for help and always lends a hand to those around them.



We're loving seeing their personality shine through and they have the natural ability to make everyone laugh!

Keep up the hard work!

Congratulations and well done to

Millie!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has independently thought, held and wrote their own sentence. We are so proud of you! Well done Blu!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has a superb attitude towards learning. They challenge themselves in every task and they always give 100%. Keep up the great work. Well done, Anisha!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled in well and has made a great start at our school. We have been impressed with this person's hard work and focus on their learning. Keep up the great work, Jamal!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown great dedication in their learning. The commitment and perseverance that they are showing in each lesson is impressive. We are also enjoying seeing their resilience grow when faced with a challenge. Keep up the hard work and well done to Lucas!

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 she always looks out for people and smiles in everything.

The values award goes to Scarlett who was nominated by Anthony.

Well done, Scarlett!

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 16th March 2026

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
98%	98%	93%	96%



Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

March 2026	
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
22/4/26	Year 1 parent information session on the Phonic Screen Check
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
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