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## Newsletter 28 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend.

### 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 focussing on talk and speaking in correctly formed sentences in English. The children have been drawing pictures of what they have got up to in the Easter holidays. They have then shared their news with others using correct sentences starters e.g. I went to the.... We have also been learning about the lifecycle of a ladybird and placing pictures of the development of a ladybird in order.

**Year 1 and 2:** This week we have started our new book in English called 'The Lonely Beast' which is about a beast who goes on a quest to find friends. In Art this term we are learning about the artist Edgar Degas and we will be building up our skills in using water colour paints.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have enjoyed starting our new reading book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl. In Science, we have explored the functions of different parts of a flowering plant and in Art, we have explored the work of artist LS Lowry. In History we have made a start on our new unit all about the Victorians!

**Year 5 and 6:** This week in year 5/6 we have had our first dance lesson with Miss Rich. We are very excited to be learning the songs and dances for our production which we will be performing later in the term. We have also been doing some writing to accompany a clip called 'Road's End' about a mysterious man.

### Year 1 phonic screen check parent meeting – on Wednesday

Year 1 parents are invited to a meeting on Wednesday regarding the national phonic screen check – please come and join us at 3.30pm!

### Promotional School Dinner – this Thursday – Curry Club

Try delicious new flavours!  
A selection of curries with rice,  
Naan and Poppadam  
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Iced Fruit Smoothie



## National Curriculum Assessments

### **Key Stage 2 Assessments – Year 6**

Week commencing the 11<sup>th</sup> May, children in Year 6 are taking national curriculum tests in English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and mathematics. The tests help measure the progress pupils have made and identify if they need additional support in a certain area. The tests are also used to assess schools' performance and to produce national performance data.

At the end of the summer term the test results will be reported in:

- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- English reading and Mathematics.

**Teacher assessment:** As there is no test for English writing, this will be reported as a teacher assessment judgement. This is a judgement the teacher will make, based on the child's work at the end of key stage 2.

Parents will also receive a teacher assessment judgement for science.

Please refer to the parent / carer information document which is attached to this newsletter.

### **Year 1 Phonic Screen Check**

Children in Year 1 will take the phonic screen check during the period week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> June. The outcome of this check is reported to parents by the end of the summer term. If a child in Year 2 did not achieve the pass mark in Year 1, or if a child in Year 2 did not take the phonic screen check, then they will also take the check this year. Please refer to the parent / carer information document which is attached to this newsletter.

### **Year 4 Multiplication Check**

Children in Year 4 will take the national multiplication check in June during a two-week window commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> June. The outcome of this check is reported to parents by the end of the summer term. Please refer to the parent / carer information document which is attached to this newsletter.

Further information regarding the above assessments is attached with today's newsletter. If you have any questions or queries about any of the above national assessments, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

### **School Uniform – school shoes**

A polite reminder that children need to wear school shoes as part of their uniform. In summer, girls can wear either blue or red checked dresses. Again, school shoes are part of the summer uniform as opposed to open-toe sandals. Children still need practical footwear for school that protects their feet, allows them to move about and climb on trim trails!

### **PE Days**

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: **Earth**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

[https://makaton.org/TMC/TMC/The\\_Makaton\\_community/Sign\\_of\\_the\\_Week.aspx](https://makaton.org/TMC/TMC/The_Makaton_community/Sign_of_the_Week.aspx)



## Relationships Matter – new website

Information regarding a new website has been sent to school from our Early Help Consultant for us to share with families. This website is designed to help families and couples (whether together or separated) understand and build healthy relationships.

Often as a parent or carer, we are trying to juggle lots of things, and keep our own relationships as positive as can be. Sometimes all relationships can become difficult, and this may impact everyone. Relationships Matter has been created to provide advice, tips, and support to help keep our relationships positive and to support parents and carers.

<https://relationshipsmatter.org.uk/>

## Sun Cream

Please can I ask parents to ensure the children have sun cream applied to them before they come to school on a morning when the forecast is due to be sunny and also, please do send into school a bottle of sun cream labelled with your child's name on it so that they can apply it, when necessary, over the summer months – thank you.



## 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 April for children in Year 3-6 will be £49.01 (13 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](mailto: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 has really impressed us with their hard work, resilience and attitude towards their learning. They try their best in everything they do and should be really proud of their achievements.



This person has a super personality and is a delight to teach.

Keep up the hard work!

Congratulations and well done to ....

Lexa!

### **Ribbons**



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is showing lots of enthusiasm for learning by completing their work independently, answering and asking questions and taking part in learning challenges. Well done Ronnie!

**Year 1 / 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled into school life here at Dishforth Airfield really well. We are impressed with this person's attitude in phonics and they are very fast at spotting the sound of the day! Well done, Rasheed!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has come back to school full of enthusiasm towards their learning. I have been really impressed with their effort and resilience this week. Keep up the super work and well done to Tristan!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has come back to school with energy and enthusiasm for their learning. We're really impressed with how this person has approached their learning so far and when faced with a challenge, we can see their resilience is building. Well done to Ellie!

## Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they are a kind and caring person and they make sure everyone is safe.

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

Well done, Florence!

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
88%	99%	96%	96%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon

Head Teacher



## Diary Dates

<b>April 2026</b>	
22/4/26	Year 1 parent information session on the Phonic Screen Check
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  <b>3.30pm Y5/6 Parent and child information about Bewerley Park residential</b>
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
18/6/26	Promotional school dinner – World Cup Football
19/6/26	TRAINING DAY – School closed for one day
22/6/26	Music Concert – The Grace Smith Trio
23/6/26	Sponsored Walk
<b>July 2026</b>	
1/7/26	Year 1 and 2 trip to the seaside
10/7/26	Wolf on Trial workshops for KS1 and KS2
13/7/26	School reports home
16/7/26	Year 6 Leavers Service – afternoon - time TBC
17/7/26	Promotional school dinner – Leavers' Lunch – Y6 choice TBC  <b>Break-up for the Summer Holidays at 2.30pm</b>
<b>September 2026</b>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	School open for the Autumn Term – <b>all children in school</b> (there is no training day on this day)
<b>October 2026</b>	
5/10/26	Honey Pots of Imagination workshops celebrating 100 years of Winnie the Pooh
20/10/26	Individual School Photograph morning
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	School closes for October half term at 3.15pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Staff training day – school closed to children
<b>November 2026</b>	
2/11/26	School open