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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend. As it is Bank Holiday Monday next Monday, school is closed for the day – fingers crossed for some more dry, warm weather! It is looking like we are in for a warm few days this week – please ensure children have sun cream on before coming to school and send sun cream in for them to use through the day they are not wearing a long-lasting one. – thank you

Class News:

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

EYFS: This week Early Years have been investigating a crime that happened at the farm. The ladybird from the story 'What the ladybird heard' informed us of a map, a key and a cunning plan to steal the fine prized cow. The children have been busy creating maps as part of their English work and have explored maps and directions.

Year 1 and 2: This week in Year 1 and 2 we have been continuing our art work with exploring different types of drawing pencils and what effect they have. In RE we have started our new theme on special places and we have all thought about our own special place. In English we have been sequencing our story 'The Lonely Beast' and writing sentences with conjunctions in them.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have enjoyed exploring the functions of different parts of flowering plants in science, beginning Money in maths and evaluating existing night light products in preparation for designing our very own night lights in DT.

Year 5 and 6: This week in year 5/6, we have begun our history topic about the Maya civilisation. We looked at where the civilisation lived and used an atlas to locate the countries. We also had a look at some Maya weaving in our DT lesson. We will be having a go at some weaving to make an outfit for the Maya person we will be making in art.

National Curriculum Assessments

Key Stage 2 Assessments – Year 6

Week commencing the 11th 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 8th 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 1st 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: **Flower**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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



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 shown significant progress throughout the academic year.

This person has worked incredibly hard when arriving at school, making sure they are ready for learning and putting every effort into their writing.

This person is a very good listener, showing great questioning skills and referring back to what has been taught.

We are all very proud of you!

Congratulations and well done to

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Ribbons



EYFS – This ribbon this week goes to someone who has took a great interest in growing and planting this week outdoors. This person has been committed to weeding, planting, watering and observing the plants grow. This really shows your care for the environment. Well done Manu!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is a very thoughtful, kind and caring person. This person is very helpful around the classroom and towards others and they are a terrific friend. Well done, Alissia!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working incredibly hard across the curriculum. This person has demonstrated a super understanding in Maths where we have been exploring decimals and in English, this person has taken care with punctuating direct speech accurately. Keep up the great work, Oliver!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown real determination in our revision sessions. This person is applying their knowledge, taking time to work out their answers and is doing it all with a smile on her face. Well done to Khloe!



Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they make me laugh and they are always kind and try hard.

The values award goes to Ellie who was nominated by Emily-Rose.

Well done, Ellie!



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 20th April 2026

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
96%	99%	96%	93%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon

Head Teacher



Diary Dates

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 3.30pm Y5/6 Parent and child information about Bewerley Park residential
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
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
July 2026	
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 Break-up for the Summer Holidays at 2.30pm
September 2026	
Monday 7 th September	School open for the Autumn Term – all children in school (there is no training day on this day)
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
Friday 23 rd October	Staff training day – school closed to children
November 2026	
2/11/26	School open