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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely Bank Holiday 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 had five caterpillars delivered to Early Years. The children have named them 'Choo Choo', 'Ellis', 'Lulu', 'Diamond' and 'Tunip'. We have been busy observing them and learning about the butterfly life cycle.

Year 1 and 2: This week we have been retelling the story of The Lonely Beast in English and we have been working hard at constructing sentences using conjunctions. In PSHE we explored different strategies to help us sleep and we discussed why it is important to get enough sleep every night. In Art we learnt how to use water colour paints and how to look after them.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been writing a story based off the video 'Soar'. The children have worked hard to build in speech and to punctuate this correctly, moving the story on. In Science, we have set up an investigation to explore the best conditions for a plant to grow in. In History, we have been learning about Victorian school life.

Year 5 and 6: In year 5/6 this week, we have begun our DT topic which is linked to Maya weaving. We used wool on a mini loom to begin learning how to create patterns with the wool to produce a piece of material. In our Geography lessons we have been learning about global trade and this week, we identified where different foods come from and used an atlas to locate them.

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.

Promotional School Dinner – Monday 18th May - Seaside Lunch

Fish Bites
Crispy Vegetable Fingers
Chips

Ice-cream Sundae



Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this newsletter the online safety newsletter for May. This month has some information on Group Chats and their potential risks to children. Also, an update on Roblox and the new age-based accounts.

Year 5 and 6 Parent Meeting about Bewerley Park

On Monday 18th May at 3.30pm in the school hall there will be a parent meeting regarding the forthcoming residential to Bewerley Park. Please can children who are going on the residential and their parent/s be there for this meeting – thank you.

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: **Respect**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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

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.



Tick Aware – information from North Yorkshire Council

It's important to be tick aware while enjoying the outdoors.

Ticks are most active in the UK from March to October, with most bites commonly reported during May and June. They can carry pathogens (microorganisms that cause disease) such as [Lyme disease](#) and, more rarely, [tick-borne encephalitis](#).

Ticks live in many different outdoor environments, often found in woodland, rough upland or moorland pastures, heathland, grazed grasslands and some urban parks. You are more at risk of being bitten when taking part in activities such as hiking, cycling or camping, but ticks can also sometimes be found in urban gardens.

When you are enjoying the outdoors be tick aware and where possible:

- use an insect repellent that prevents ticks
- wear long sleeves and long trousers to prevent direct skin exposure
- keep to clearly defined paths and avoid brushing against vegetation
- check for ticks on young children, around their heads and necks
- when you're back indoors, check for any ticks on you, your children and pets

What to do if you're bitten:

- remove the tick as soon as you can, either using a tick removing device or fine-tipped tweezers
- grab the tick as close to the skin as you can and pull upwards
- clean the area with soap and water
- keep an eye on the bite area for a few weeks in case of any changes
- if you see a spreading bullseye rash developing, or you become unwell with flu-like symptoms or a headache, contact your GP or NHS 111 immediately.

Read more on the UKHSA website - <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2024/03/21/what-is-lyme-disease-and-why-do-we-need-to-be-tick-aware/>

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 May for children in Year 3-6 will be £56.55 (15 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 for their determination that we see across all lessons. This person is conscientious and always aims to have a go even when faced with a challenge. We have been so impressed with their positive attitude and resilience during Year 6.



This person is also a kind friend who always looks out for their peers and offers to help them when it is needed. We are lucky to have you in our class.

Congratulations and well done to

Khloe!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has made excellent progress in PE showing good teamwork and cooperation. Well done Damien!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had a much-improved attitude to learning. This person is striving to achieve their best and going the extra mile to keep the classroom environment neat and organised. Keep it up. Well done Finley!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has impressed me with their independence in writing. They have put lots of effort into their handwriting too and their hard work is paying off. Well done and keep up the great work, Skyla!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked incredibly hard in the lead up to the SATs tests. We have been impressed with their determination to succeed and in supporting their peers too. You deserve every success! Well done to Samuel!



Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they are kind to me and works with me nicely.

The values award goes to Emily who was nominated by Logan.

Well done, Emily!

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 27th April 2026

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
97%	89%	100%	86%

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 7th 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 22nd October	School closes for October half term at 3.15pm
Friday 23rd October	Staff training day – school closed to children
November 2026	
2/11/26	School open