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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have had a super weekend. The weather forecast is still looking a bit mixed for this coming week so please can you ensure your child / children have a jumper and coat with them each day – thank you.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Carlton who has joined us today.

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 learning all about caterpillar lifecycles and learning about the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Our class caterpillars have been eating lots and how they have doubled in size and have become very hairy. As part of our Expressive Arts the children have been learning skills to create a farmhouse. They have learnt how to safely cut out windows, make an opening door and attach a roof using the 'L-brace' technique.

Year 1 and 2: In Year 1 and 2 this week we have started to read our new book in English called 'Meerkat Mail' which is about a meerkat called Sunny who would like to find a quieter place to live – we are loving it! In PSHE we were identifying foods and drinks with different sugar content and describing how to clean our teeth properly.

Year 3 and 4: This week we were very excited to find a Golden Ticket on our chairs in English inviting us to Armstrong's Amazing Chocolate Factory! We have been designing our own chocolate factories in English, considering which exciting features they will have and generating descriptive phrases for these to help write our own adverts. In Science, we have been learning about the conditions needed for seed germination and our investigation on how much water and warmth a plant needs to grow best is ongoing. In Dance, we have been learning some exciting moves ready for our Summer production!

Year 5 and 6: This week in year 5/6 we have been learning about trade and what we import and export into Britain. We have also spent time sketching model people in our art lessons which will help us to create our person out of wire and mod rock. We thought carefully about proportions ensuring that they looked like the wooden models we used.

National Curriculum Assessments

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



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: **To Help**



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.



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.

Please note, from Monday 1st June the cost of a school dinner for children in Year 3-6 will be £3.90 and the cost of a nursery dinner will be £2.40.

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 a fantastic attitude towards their learning. This person is very diligent about their work – they listen carefully and they always try their best.

This person is very caring towards other children and they demonstrate our school values on a daily basis.

We are very proud of you!

Congratulations and well done to

Sala!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has shown superb listening skills during Sporting Influence, Phonics and Maths by making fantastic contributions. Well done Ateca!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working very hard in all areas of the curriculum. This person has listened carefully in lessons and has contributed to whole class discussions. They have been very focused and they are a pleasure to teach. Well done, Sofia!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has written some super descriptive phrases to describe their own Chocolate Factory design. This person has made wonderful contributions and has been working incredibly hard in all lessons. Keep up the great work, Enoch!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been putting themselves out of their comfort zone during our lessons. We are so impressed with the determination and resilience that this person has shown and their confidence continues to grow! Well done to Scarlett!

Values in Action

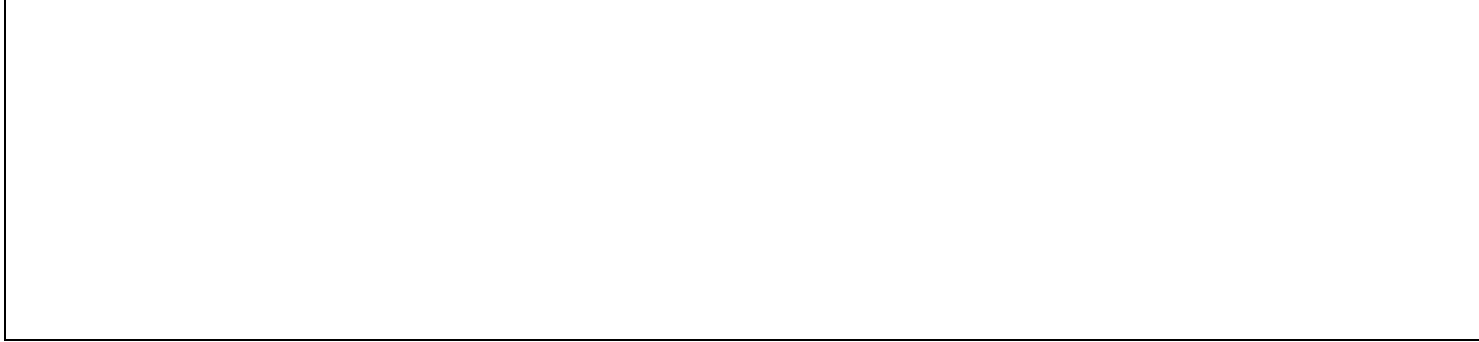
This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated our school values of commitment, compassion, co-operation, responsibility, resilience and respect.

This person has been nominated because at playtime this person is kind, caring and makes sure everyone is safe. They are also a great friend.

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

Well done, Anthony!





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 4th May 2026

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
100%	96%	96%	96%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon

Head Teacher



Diary Dates

May 2026	
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