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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have had a good weekend. It is looking like the weather is going to turn a lot warmer this week, so sun cream at the ready!

Please keep checking diary dates at the end of the newsletter as new dates and times are being added each week.

I can't believe we are at the end of another half-term with only one more to go before the end of the academic year. We break up on Friday at the usual time of 3.15pm and, on behalf of the staff, we wish you a relaxing and enjoyable week off. We shall look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 1st June.

Reminders

- School shoes are part of the school uniform – not trainers or open toed sandals. Please ensure your child / children is wearing appropriate footwear for school.
- Snack at playtime is fresh fruit / vegetable which for the children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 is provided free of charge through a government scheme. If you choose to send in something for your child to eat at playtime in any year group, then it must be fresh fruit / vegetable only.
- PE kits - a reminder that this is a plain white t-shirt (no logos), navy or black tracksuit and trainers. Please name all items of clothing.
- Key-rings on school bags - please can children remove the big key-rings off their bags as we are having difficulties with hanging everything up in the cloakroom due to the size of them!!!!

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 observing the caterpillars closely as some of them have started wrapping silk around themselves to form a cocoon. The children have found this very amusing as they look like they are dancing upside down. The children have also enjoyed decorating their farmhouses with paint and collage.



Year 1 and 2: This week we have been learning about a special place of worship for people who follow Judaism. We have learned about the different parts of a synagogue and have labelled a diagram of the inside of one.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have set up a fair test in science to explore what happens to a plant when it is deprived of one of its key needs e.g. air, water, light, warmth or nutrients. We are looking forward to seeing the results next week. In History, we have been learning all about Victorian Workhouses and we have explored the positives and negatives associated with them. Most of us decided that we would NOT want to be in one!

Year 5 and 6: This week, in year 5/6, we have been learning about Fair Trade in our geography lesson. We have been researching what Fair Trade is and how it supports growers and farmer with fair working conditions and pay. We have also begun our next writing unit linked to a clip called 'Wing' about a small creature who is treated badly by some crow-like creatures. We are going to be writing some dialogue to go with the clip.

Africa Reborn workshop – this Friday

Guided by an African storyteller, Africa Reborn is an immersive 'Big Experience' that brings the richness, resilience and rhythm of African and Caribbean heritage to life. Perfect for multicultural celebrations or to celebrate cultural heritage and theatre, this interactive session places pupils at the heart of the story and transforms them into confident storytellers.

National Curriculum Assessments

The Year 6 children have worked very hard last week on their SAT tests – well done! After half term we have the Y1 phonic screen check and the Y4 multiplication check to carry out.

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.

Year 5 and 6 Parent Meeting about Bewerley Park

Today, 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.



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: **Tea**



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@dishforhairfield.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/dishforhairfieldprimary/>

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 real zest for learning. They show excitement and joy in the classroom which is lovely to see.

This person is also a kind and caring friend and they demonstrate our school values every day.

We are very proud of you!

Congratulations and well done to

Xander!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is showing a lovely, calm and mature attitude in class. This person is putting in lots of effort into answering questions and completing their work to a great standard. Keep it up. Well done, Damien!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working incredibly hard in all areas of the curriculum and particularly in Maths. It has been lovely to see this person's confidence grow and they have been fully involved in all class discussions. Well done, Ellie!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working incredibly hard on their joined-up handwriting. Their hard work has really paid off and their handwriting is beautiful. Keep up the great work, Jamal!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to a group of children who have made us all immensely proud. They have shown dedication, perseverance and commitment to their learning and have impressed us all with their focus and attitude towards their SATs. You have all worked so hard! Well done to Florence, Samuel, Rowan, Khloe, Thea, Brooke, Sonny, Lucas, Elliot and Ellie.



Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they are a kind friend.

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

Well done, Rowan!



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 11th May 2026

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
91%	96%	94%	96%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon

Head Teacher



Diary Dates

May 2026	
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 w/c 8/6/26	Year 5 /6 residential to Bewerley Park 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
30/6/26	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
2 nd and 3 rd November	Year 6 Bikeability – further details to follow
December 2026	
16/12/26	Christmas School Dinner
17/12/26	Christmas Party afternoon
18/12/26	Break-up for Christmas at 2.30pm
January 2027	
4/1/27	Staff training day – school closed to children
5/1/27	School open for the spring term