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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed the weekend. It is looking like we are in for a very hot week this week so please ensure your child / children have sun cream on them. It is also a very busy week in school!

Sponsored Walk

On Tuesday, 30th June, children in Years 1-6 and staff will be taking part in a sponsored walk around the camp. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to engage in a fun activity while also supporting a great cause. A letter and sponsor form were sent home last week – thank you so much for the money raised so far!!!! All money raised will contribute to our PTA fund, helping to enrich our school community. We are seeking to increase the number of iPads we have in school as well as supporting school trips and visitors for the children. Together, we can make this event a huge success! Children in EYFS will be carrying out an event on the school field so they are still taking part!



Parents are more than welcome to join us for the walk (sorry no dogs). Further details about timings will be sent out in due course.

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 exploring the seaside. The children have been using their senses to think of adjectives to describe the seaside and create a seaside poem. The children have also created a seaside collage using layering, scrunching and twisting techniques. They look amazing! Well done Early Years.

Year 1 and 2: This week we have been retelling the story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' in English and we have used a lot of new vocabulary which is in the book. In R.E. we have explored the inside of a mosque and we have labelled the different areas. In PSHE we have named big feelings and how we can manage them.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been practising using possessive apostrophes, preposition phrases and expanded noun phrases in our writing. In Maths, we have started learning about statistics and how data can be represented in many different ways. We have also been busy finalising our group dances for our KS2 production of Cinderella Rockerfella. This week we have joined many schools in an online session all about water safety.



Year 5 and 6: This week in year 5/6 we have been busy perfecting our performances on stage! The children have been working so hard to read their lines loud and clear and with expression. We have also begun our puberty session which is a great opportunity for the children to learn about their bodies, ask questions and understand what changes they will go through.

Mrs Baume

We are saying a fond farewell to Mrs Baume at the end of this week. Mrs Baume has worked in the school for 16 years and is a very valued member of staff. We wish her all the very best for the future as she moves away from education. Mrs Baume will be missed by us all and on behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the school.



The Grace Smith Trio – Sowerby Music for Life

This morning we welcomed the Grace Smith Trio into school as part of Music for Life through Sowerby Music. Acclaimed fiddle and viola player Grace Smith was joined by Sam Partridge (concertina) and Tom Kimber (mandolin) in this innovative ensemble, which offered a fresh take on folk.

The school listened to a concert performed by the trio and then Year 3 and 4 children had a workshop with the group where they learned some ceilidh dances, learn some clog dance steps and a folk song

We are so fortunate to be part of the local school's group where Sowerby Music organises professional musicians to come and play to primary age children.

Ice cream van - tomorrow

Operation Ice Cream!

Tomorrow we have a visit booked from BFBS Operation Ice Cream. The BFBS ice cream van will be joining us, and all of our children from Nursery to Year 6 will be able to enjoy a free ice cream from the van. If your child has any allergies or you would prefer them not to have an ice cream, please speak to your child's class teacher.



A huge thank you to Mrs O'Connell for organising the ice-cream van – what a welcome treat on a very hot week!

Parent / Carer Information Session on Wednesday – Reception children in September

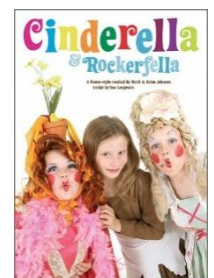
On Wednesday at 2.45pm we are holding a parent / carer information session in the school hall for children who will be in Reception in September.

Key Stage 2 Production – Cinderella Rockerfella

Years 3-6 will perform the musical 'Cinderella Rockerfella' on Monday 29th June at 1.45pm and Tuesday 30th June at 5.30pm (children to be back at school at 5pm)

Due to the size of the school hall, the performances will be ticketed.

Each child will have two tickets for each performance for their families to use. If you don't need all the tickets then please return unneeded tickets to the school office so that they can be given to families who possibly would like more.



School will film the musical and photograph the children in costume – photographs will be emailed to parents and the film will be put on our website with a secure password.

Please note that the children in school (Reception – Year 2) will have seen the performance in a dress rehearsal.

Sports Day – Reception – Year 6 Monday 13th July at 10am

Our traditional Sports Day is on the morning of Monday the 13th July for children Reception – Year 6 starting at 10am prompt! Please ensure your child has their kit with them on this day.



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PE

Families are welcome to join us and please feel free to bring your own chairs!

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: **Summer**



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 £2.40

Please note that the cost of a school dinner is £3.90 for children in Years 3-6.

The cost for the month of June for children in Year 3-6 will be £81.90 (21 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.

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 is a super role model. This person demonstrates all of our school values on a daily basis. This person has a great sense of humour and always brightens the classroom.



This person has a super attitude towards learning and they have made fantastic progress this year. Keep up the amazing work!

Congratulations and well done to

Enoch!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is kind, caring and a good listener. This person is putting lots of effort into their writing it is looking amazing. Well done Xander!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working very hard in all areas of the curriculum. They are very focused in class and enjoy joining in with class discussions. I have been particularly impressed with how they are listening to feedback in lessons and acting on it to improve even further. Well done, Penny!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has impressed me with their enthusiasm in dance this week. They have worked well collaboratively and have given it their all! Keep up the great work, Alice!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been impressing us in our maths lessons. This person has worked incredibly hard this year in maths and has constantly set challenges for themselves in each lesson. We have seen determination and resilience in each math lesson and they have just completed their final year 5 assessment where this result has shown the impressive progress they have made. Well done to Jaxson!



Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated for being funny and respectful to everyone and they are also very kind and thoughtful.

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

Well done, Samuel!



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 15th June 2026

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
97%	95%	93%	94%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon - Head Teacher



Diary Dates

June 2026	
22/6/26	Music Concert – The Grace Smith Trio
24/6/26	Parent / Carer information session for children who will be in Reception in September 2.45pm
29/6/26	KS2 performance of 'Cinderella Rockerfella' at 1.45pm
30/6/26	Sponsored Walk – morning
30/6/26	KS2 performance of 'Cinderella Rockerfella' at 5.30pm (KS2 children back at 5pm)
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	Sports Day for children in Reception to Year 6 – 10.00am start School reports home
15/7/26	Year 6 Treat
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
2nd and 3rd 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