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Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have had a super first week back at school. They have settled back into routines very well and there has been a lovely, purposeful atmosphere in school.

Attached to today's newsletter are the following documents for your information:

- Top 10 tips to help children enjoy reading
- Information for parents / carers of children in Reception about the national baseline
- Healthy Packed Lunch Guidance
- NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe programme
- Year 6 transition to secondary school

Class News:

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

EYFS: We have had a lovely first week in Early Years. The children were surprised to find some giant 'summer squashes' in our vegetable patch that had been growing over the summer. We measured them using a tape measure and our biggest one so far is 7cm. The children enjoyed seeing what they looked like inside and having a taste. Most of the children thought they were delicious!

Year 1 and 2: We have had a fantastic first week back in school! In English our new book is called 'Daisy's Dragons' where all the dragons are called a different emotion and Daisy learns that all of them are important. In Maths we have started our unit on place value to 20 and in art we are learning about the sculptor Mark Quinn.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been busy getting settled into our new class and learning our new routines. We have started our first whole class reading text, 'The Velveteen Rabbit' and we have started work on Place Value in maths. In Science, we have been learning about the human digestive system. It has been a fun and busy week!

Year 5 and 6: We have had a very busy week back in year 5/6! This week we have begun our new topic in Geography about Biomes. We found out what a biome is and some of the different biomes that can be found



around the world. We have also started our music lessons with Miss Baxendale. The children will be learning the clarinet each week!

Early Reading and Phonics Session for Reception Parents - Thursday

Mrs Hutchinson will be holding a meeting about our phonics scheme, Read Write Inc. on **Thursday 17th September at 2.30pm**. All parents of children in Reception need to attend this session please.

European Languages Day – Thursday 24th September

On Thursday 24th September, the whole school will be celebrating European Languages Day. Each class will take part in a dance workshop where they will learn a traditional dance from different European countries including Germany, Ireland, Spain and Russia! Over the course of the day, each class will explore the country of France as French is the European Language we study at Dishforth Airfield. We will be baking French cuisine, using our geography skills to locate European countries, explore French Landmarks and learning some French songs. It is set to be a wonderful day to celebrate Languages across Europe!

Homework

At our school, we believe that children learn best when parents, the school and children work together in partnership. Home Learning should be a positive experience which is manageable, meaningful and enjoyable for parents, teachers and children.

Reading books will be prioritised this week in school and homework will be sent out later in the week for children in Years 1 – 6. All the details about homework will be in the homework book - please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions / queries.

PE Days – this term

Please see below when your child / children are having PE next term.

EYFS: Please have PE kit in every day

Year 1 and 2: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 and 4: Monday and Wednesday

Year 5 and 6: Tuesday and Wednesday

(Children in Y3-6 who are swimming will need their swimming kit on Wednesdays – the children who are not swimming will need their PE kit.)

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be week commencing the 20th October – further details will follow in due course.

Year 6 transfer to secondary school – information for Year 6 parents

Information regarding applying for secondary school is attached to this newsletter from North Yorkshire County Council. Applications need to be submitted from 12th September and by 31st October.

Playtime Snack – fruit only

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 receive a free fruit snack every day which is Government funded. Children in Year 3-6 can bring a piece of fruit in from home to keep in the classroom for playtime. I strongly recommend that you send fruit in for children in Year 3-6 as they have a long morning and often need a snack. Please can this be put in their book bag and not their packed lunch box as it is easier for them to access at break time – thank you.

Milk

Children under 5 are entitled to Free Milk. Older children can also receive milk (at a charge) and orders are made by yourself through the Cool Milk website. Forms are available outside the office in the foyer.



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 September for children in Year 3-6 will be £70.20 (18 meals)

School dinners are paid through ParentPay – new families will receive information regarding a login to ParentPay later this week.

Promotional School Dinner – Thursday 1st October – Best of British

On Thursday 1st October we are having a promotional school dinner:

All Day Breakfast

or

Veggie All Day Breakfast

Or

Jacket Potato with cheese

Jam Sponge and Custard



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.

Food Standards guidance from the government

Eating in school should be a pleasurable experience. These school food standards are designed to help children develop healthy eating habits, and ensure that they have the energy and nutrition they need to get the most from their whole school day. For further information, please refer to the government's practical guide by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-food-standards-resources-for-schools/school-food-standards-practical-guide>

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 made a super start back to school after the summer break.

They have taken to a new classroom and new routines very well and they have worked very hard all week.

This person is kind and caring and they are a great friend to others.

Congratulations and well done to

Catherine!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is kind, helpful, a good friend and an excellent listener. They have made an excellent start to Reception. Well done Nella!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled back into the routines of school exceptionally well. They are very focused in lessons and they have tried their best in all areas of the curriculum. Keep up the impressive work. Well done, Joey!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed me with their attitude and focus towards their learning. They have made super contributions to our class discussions and have worked with great independence. This person has had a super start to Year 3 and I am looking forward to seeing what they achieve this year. Keep up the great work, David!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their impressive start back after the summer holidays. This person has impeccable manners, they always work hard - often going above and beyond- and they are a supportive member of our class. We are excited to see what year 6 brings for this person! Well done to Emily!



Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they always let me join in with Games and talks to me.

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

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 7th September 2026

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
95%	98%	100%	99%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

September 2026	
17th September	RWI phonic session for parents of children in Reception at 2.30pm
24/9/26	European Languages Day
October 2026	
1/10/26	Promotional school dinner – Best of British
5/10/26	Honey Pots of Imagination workshops celebrating 100 years of Winnie the Pooh
20/10/26	Individual School Photograph morning Parent / teacher / child consultations
21/10/26	Parent / teacher / child consultations
Thursday 22nd October	Harvest Festivals – further information to follow 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
3rd and 5th November	Year 6 Bikeability – further details to follow
11/11/26	Year 6 Crucial Crew - afternoon
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