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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend. It is looking like we may be in for a warm couple of days this week so please can you ensure your child / children have long-lasting sun cream on them before they come to school – thank you.

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

- Top 10 tips to help children enjoy reading
- 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: This week we have been learning the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The children are learning to tell this story through actions and storytelling words. They have also drawn a bear step by step and thought of some wonderful describing words.

Year 1 and 2: In Year 1 and 2 we have been continuing our work on place value in Maths and in English we have been learning how to use conjunctions to join two sentences together. In PSHE we have been thinking about who cares for us and in art we have started to learn how to use clay.

Year 3 and 4: In Year 3/4 this week, we have been learning about settlements and the different sizes they can come in. We have used atlases to locate different settlements in the UK to complete our own maps. We have also continued our learning about the human digestive system in Science. In English, we have been practising a range of writing skills, ready to begin writing our own teddy description next week.

Year 5 and 6: This week in year 5/6 we have been learning about adaptation in our science lesson. We learnt how different plants and animals have changed over time to be better suited to their environment. We have also been finishing out about different biomes in geography and the types of animals and plants that live there.

European Languages Day – this Thursday

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!

Choir

Choir with Mrs Waddington for KS2 children is going to resume on Wednesday 30th September at lunch time. We will be asking the children this week if they would like to sign up to this.

EYFS – message from Mrs Hutchinson

Early years would a love donation of 'preloved' toys you are no longer using at home. For example:

- cars
- roads
- wooden toys
- small world people/animals
- Duplo
- Lego
- construction materials

If you have any of the above then please see Mrs Hutchinson.

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 next week.

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.

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 fantastic start to the school year. This person is compassionate and is always keen to help others.

They demonstrate our school values of resilience and responsibility in all that they do.

I have been so impressed with their start of the year and can't wait to see what they achieve.

Congratulations and well done to

Ava!



Ribbons



EYFS – This ribbon this week's goes to someone who has shown real imagination and creativity. This person has encouraged others to join in with them creating an amazing chocolate factory in the construction area outdoors. Well done Joel!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has impressed us all with their wonderful attitude towards learning and for their excellent contributions in class. This person is always keen to take feedback onboard and they are a wonderful learner. Well done, Gabriel!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been a maths superstar! They have worked really hard on identifying the place value of digits in 4-digit numbers! Well done for all of your hard work, Freya!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled in so well here at Dishforth Airfield. This person is trying hard in lessons, is listening well to instructions and has made some lovely friendships already. We have been particularly impressed with their skill and enthusiasm in our PE lessons. Well done to Brooklyn!

Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they always line up beautifully and they have shown great resilience recovering from a broken leg.

The values award goes to Rasheed who was nominated by Finley.

Well done, Rasheed!



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 14th September 2026

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
96%	97%	97%	94%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

September 2026	
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
6/11/26	Flu Immunisations
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