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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend. We had a super week in school last week and the children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating European Languages Day!

A reminder that on Thursday this week we have our promotional school dinner – the Best of British.

A very warm welcome to the following children who have started with us this week:

Alice, Rafi, Lara and Api.

Class News:

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

EYFS: This week in maths the Reception children have been learning about size referring back to our story 'The Three Bears' and what sized equipment would be suitable for each bear. The Nursery children have been learning about positional language placing bears 'under' 'on top' 'next to' and 'behind'. We have also started our 'Pop Art' paintings exploring the work of 'Andy Warhol'.

Year 1 and 2: We have had a busy week learning about toys in the past. We all talked about the differences between old and new toys. We started by looking at old and new toy pushchairs and comparing them. Then we had different challenges. Some of us compared other toys and some of us looked at different teddy bears. Mrs O'Connell brought some very old teddy bears in for us to have a look at, and use our detective powers to put them into chronological order. We have also had our first experience of logging onto a laptop and opening a document which was all very exciting! We are looking forward to having another chance to practise this skill as well as learn how to log off next week.

Year 3 and 4: We have had a very busy week in Year 3/4! We have enjoyed writing descriptions of our teddy bears using all of the new writing features we have been learning to use over the last few weeks. In Maths, we have been using our place value knowledge to help us to compare 3- and 4-digit numbers. We had a super day celebrating European Languages Day where we took part in a great dance workshop, used our Geography skills to locate countries in Europe and baked delicious French treats!

Year 5 and 6: This week, in year 5/6 we have been learning about theories of evolution. We heard some from some different scientists about their views and looked at the similarities and differences. We have also celebrated European languages day and took part in a Russian dance lesson, researched France, looked at flags from around the world and did some French baking.



European Languages Day

On Thursday we had a super day across the school to celebrate European Languages Day. Each class took part in a workshop on different style of European dance - EYFS did the Spanish flamenco, Year ½ did German stomp, Year ¾ did Irish dancing and Year 5/6 explored Russian traditional dances. Each class completed a range of activities exploring different European countries, their locations and flags and we enjoyed baking/ preparing some traditional foods from France! It was a super day to celebrate different languages in Europe!

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be week commencing the 20th October – further details have been sent home on a separate letter today.

Clubs

Choir with Mrs Waddington for KS2 children is going to resume this Wednesday at lunch time.

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.)

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.

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: **Grandmother**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

https://makaton.org/TMC/TMC/The_Makaton_community/Sign_of_the_Week.aspx

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 brilliant start to the new school year.

This person has come back to school with such focus and maturity and they are working hard in every lesson. We have been so impressed with their contributions in class and their determination to do their best.

This person is a joy to teach and to have in the school. They are a very kind and caring friend.

Congratulations and well done to

George!!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is striving to achieve their best. They are always ready for learning showing great looking and listening skills. You are a joy to have in class! Well done Teagan!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled into school life here at Dishforth Airfield really well. This person contributes to class discussions and they work really hard, particularly in Maths. They are a joy to have in the class – well done, Nikhshan!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has written a super description using expanded noun phrases, preposition phrases and conjunctions. I was really impressed with this person's resilience and independence in their writing. Well done to Sahir!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has a fantastic attitude to learning, they are always prepared to give everything a try. We have noticed you being a super friend and role model. Well done to Audrey.

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 when we were baking this person was really kind and funny.

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

Well done, Alice!



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 21st September 2026

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
94%	97%	100%	100%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

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
6/10/26	Year 3 and 4 Dodgeball festival at Outwood Ripon
20/10/26	Individual School Photograph morning Year 5/6 netball – Outwood Academy Ripon 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
9/11/26	Year 5 and 6 Festival of Remembrance at Ripon Cathedral
10/11/26	Year 5/6 football – Outwood Academy Ripon
11/11/26	Year 6 Crucial Crew - afternoon
16-20 November	Anti-bullying week
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