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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely weekend! Please read the newsletter carefully for dates and times of forthcoming events and keep checking diary dates as new entries are being added.

Class News:

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

EYFS: This week in Early Years we have been busy planning a birthday party for Baby Bear. The children have been busy making invitations as part of their English work. They have been busy creating birthday cards in the creative area and finding birthday clothes for Baby Bear to wear. The children are going to continue their preparations next week and have made a class list of birthday jobs.

Year 1 and 2: This week in Year 1 and 2 we have been focusing on autumn and harvest and we have written our own poems. In PSHE we have learned about acceptable and unacceptable behaviour and in history we had a box of old toys from the Ripon Museum to look at and discuss the similarities and differences between toys in the past and toys now.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been exploring the settlement of Knaresborough in our Geography lesson - locating physical and human features of the town on a map that meet settlers basic needs. In DT, we have been practising different stitches in preparation for sewing and making our own pencil cases! In English, we have been exploring different character perspectives of events in our class book. 'The Velveteen Rabbit' - we have sequenced the events in the story and we have used drama and role play to consider how different characters would feel during each event. In Maths, we have been continuing our work on place value with a particular focus on rounding this week.

Year 5 and 6: This week, in year 5/6, we have been learning about deserts in our Geography lesson. We were researching the different types of deserts that are found around the world and the animals and plants that live there. We have also begun to create our toolkit in English as we are writing a monologue as the character in our book 'Running Wild'.

Fiji Day

On Friday we will be celebrating Fiji Day. A huge thank you to members of the Fijian community who are coming to school to share the history of Fiji with the children and the staff.

Black History Month

In the UK, October marks the beginning of Black History Month. This national celebration aims to promote and celebrate the contributions of those with African and Caribbean heritage to society and to foster an



understanding of Black history in general. Through Black History Month, we learn so much about ourselves and our abilities to overcome challenges both big and small. We learn to reason and wonder about things morally. We also learn from mistakes people made in the past and learn the importance of treating others with compassion – we learn to be givers and helpers. Through this month we are using a number of assemblies to learn about significant people in history.

Honey Pots of Imagination

This morning in school we celebrated 100 years of Winnie the Pooh with a workshop for each class.

Year 3 and 4 Dodgeball Festival

Good luck to the Year 3 and 4 children who are going to the dodgeball festival at Outwood Academy Ripon tomorrow!

Parent / Carer / Child Consultations

Parents / Carer / Child consultations are week commencing the 20th October – thank you for returning your preferred choice. An appointment slip will be sent out to you later this week.

Appointments are strictly for 10 minutes only. If there are further areas you would like to discuss with the teacher, please make another appointment so that we can ensure the evenings run to time – thank you.

School Photograph morning

On **Tuesday 20th October** it is school photograph morning. As in previous years, the family photographs are to be taken first from 8.30am, these are for children in school who have siblings who are **not** at school. If this applies to you, please come to school for 8.30am to have your children photographed together. Individual photographs and siblings who come to this school will be taken during the school morning.



Harvest – Thursday 22nd October

This year, our Harvest Festival is going to take place on the afternoon of **Thursday 22nd October** so please make a note of this in your diary and full details will be shared over the next few weeks.



Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have their Harvest Festival at 9.15am and children in Years 3, 4, 5, 6 will have their Harvest at 2.45pm.

Further details will follow.

School closes on Thursday 22nd October at 3.15pm for the half term holiday.

Clubs

Choir with Mrs Waddington for KS2 children is going to resume this Wednesday at lunch time. A club letter will be going out later this week for clubs which will take place in school after October half term.

Online Safety Newsletter

Attached to this newsletter is the October edition of the online safety newsletter for your information.

World Mental Health Day – this Saturday

The 10th October is World Mental Health Day which is an opportunity for us all to talk about mental health and consider how, together, we can help everyone have better mental health.



This year's theme is lived experiences heard: real voices, real change'.

For further information, please refer to the attachment with this newsletter and also click on the link below.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/campaigns/world-mental-health-day>

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: **Grandfather**



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 October for children in Year 3-6 will be £62.40 (16 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 an all-round superstar! This person works incredibly hard in every lesson and always aims to produce work to a high standard.

This person is polite, kind and caring and always looks out for their peers. We love seeing their smiley face each morning – it brightens our day!

Keep working hard – you are impressing us all!

Congratulations and well done to

Anthony!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is an excellent friend. They are kind, caring and compassionate and really do put others first. Well done Willow!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working hard in our RWI phonic sessions. We have been really impressed with how they are threading the sounds in words and blending them and also how they are referring to the complex speed sound chart in class in order to help them further. Well done, Ronnie!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has demonstrated some excellent resilience with sewing in our DT lessons. They were able to do a running stitch, a back stitch and a ship stitch. This person also encouraged and supported their peers with their sewing too. Well done and keep up the great work, MJ!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who impressed us with their expression when reading aloud in our English lessons. This person reads clearly and is really trying to bring the text to life using the intonation in their voice. This person has also made a super start to year 5 and we're really enjoying getting to know them! Well done to OI!

Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they are clever, respectful and kind.

The values award goes to Leo who was nominated by Mylah.

Well done, Leo!



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 28th September 2026

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
94%	97%	98%	97%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates



October 2026	
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
10/10/26	Fiji Day World Mental Health Day
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