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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend. We have another busy week in school with it being Children in Need Day on Friday. Please read carefully for further details of this event as well as up and coming Christmas fundraising activities which are going to be taking place over the next few weeks – please check diary dates for the Nativities and also see the attached PTA newsletter.

Last week and particularly on Wednesday, our thoughts are very much about Remembrance and reflecting on the sacrifices the Armed Forces personnel have made for us over time. Thank you to the staff and the children who have made poppies and created our installation of Remembrance on the school playground.



Class News:

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

EYFS: This week the children have been very busy writing. We have been writing in the areas of provision, writing our names, writing labels for resources and writing CVC words and sentences. We have also made a head start on practising for our Nativity the children are loving all the new songs and actions.

Year 1 and 2: This week we have thoroughly enjoyed our new class book 'Stubby' by Michael Foreman. 'Stubby' is based on a true story about a dog in World War 1 who was smuggled onto a ship destined to take American soldiers to France to fight by his owner Corporal Conroy. We have loved reading about how Stubby became a hero in helping the soldiers at war.

Year 3 and 4: This week our highlight has been making our final observations for our science investigation where we placed eggs (the shells to represent our teeth) into different liquids to see what effect they would have on them. We were very surprised to see some of the changes, most particularly vinegar which made the entire egg soft and bouncy! In English, we have been looking at features of a recount, in preparation for writing our own about a journey through the digestive system. In Maths, we have been developing our confidence in using column subtraction.

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been creating our own Top Trump cards in Geography. We created a data set of information about a chosen plant or animal and research different categories to create our card. We looked at the following things: life span in the wild, height, diet, where it is found and the adaptive traits. We have also done some research about desertification and the impact on the land.

Poppy Appeal

We are selling items for the Poppy Appeal again this year. Last year the school was very successful and gave one of the highest donations in the local area.

Alongside the traditional poppy there are snap band rulers, clip-on reflectors and adjustable bracelets. Suggested donations:

Snap Band/Ruler	£1.00
Adjustable Bracelet	£0.50
Clip-on Reflector	£0.50
Pencils	£0.50
Poppies	Any Donation



Please come to the school office before or after school if you would like to donate to the Poppy Appeal.

Children in Need – this Friday

As a school we will supporting Children in Need Day on Friday where the children can come to school in non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1. This can either be brought in cash on the day or you can click on the link below and donate through ParentPay. https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=22183

Year 5 and 6 Ripon Cathedral Service – today

Today, Year 5 and 6 children have been invited to go to Ripon Cathedral to be part of a service celebrating military children. The class will have an early lunch and they will return in time for the end of the school day.

Crucial Crew – Year 6 – this Wednesday

On Wednesday, Year 6 are spending the afternoon at Carlton Lodge undertaking activities in Crucial Crew which is an event organised by North Yorkshire Police. The children will see various scenarios which they may encounter in everyday life, each one posing problems or dangers to them. The children, working in small groups and under close supervision will tackle each scenario with feedback given as they complete each one.
All children need to bring a coat.

Anti-bullying week – week commencing 16th November

Anti-bullying week takes place from Monday 16th – Friday 20th November, with the theme: Break the Silence. The week will begin with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th which is a way of celebrating what makes us all unique.
Further information can be found through the following link:

https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2026

PE Days – this half 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: Monday and Tuesday
Year 3 and 4: Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 5 and 6: Wednesday and Thursday
(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.)

Reception Starters for September 2027

Attached to this newsletter is information for parents and carers who have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2027. The deadline to submit an application is the 15th January 2027.
Parents of children in our school nursery still need to apply for a Reception place through North Yorkshire Council.
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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: ***Wreath***



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 November for children in Year 3-6 will be £78.00 (20 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 DANDELIONS – Fill in form **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



This week the cup goes to someone who we have all noticed being kind, caring and helpful in the classroom. This person is a supportive friend, a helpful member of the class and a super role model.

We are so impressed with this person's attitude towards their learning and the way they are challenging themselves in lessons.

This person demonstrates our school values each day and we are so lucky to have them in our class.

Congratulations and well done to ….

Audrey!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is making excellent progress in phonics, making sure to remember each letter sound and practising their blending at home. Well done Ocean!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has come back to school after half term with a wonderful attitude towards learning and they have demonstrated a real focus in every lesson. Keep it up! Week done, Mitieli!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had a super start to their time in our school. This person is smiley, has a bubbly personality and has been working with great enthusiasm. They are a joy to have in our class and school. Well done to Carys!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their enthusiasm towards their learning. We have been impressed with their positive attitude in the classroom and the way they tackle challenges within their learning! Well done to Arthur!

Values in Action



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

This person has been nominated because if I need help, he would help me and if I get hurt, he would come to me.

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

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 2nd November 2026			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
89%	95%	98%	98%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

November 2026	
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
13/11/26	Children in Need Day – non-uniform for £1 donation
16-20 November	Anti-bullying week
20/11/26	PTA Toy Stall after school
W/C 30/11/26	Final week for Clubs
December 2026	
3/12/26	EYFS Nativity at 10am
4/12/26	All donations for Christmas hampers need to be in school by the end of today!
8/12/26	Padre Grant assembly
10/12/26	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm
11/12/26	Christmas Raffle to be drawn after school
16/12/26	Christmas School Dinner School Christingle
17/12/26	Christmas Party afternoon – children to bring party clothes into school in a named bag
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