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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend. We warmly welcome Scarlett who has joined us this week in Year 3.

Class News:

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

EYFS: Our first full week in Early Years has been jam packed. We have continued learning about ourselves and our families. We have created family trees which look wonderful on display in our Early Years entrance. We have learnt about the 'three bears' family and retold the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' through small world play and 'talk for writing'. We have enhanced our outdoor provision based on the children's interests making our learning more meaningful and purposeful for the children. This has included creating a large water transportation area, a shop role play and a baby bedtime story den. We have also enjoyed taking part in start/stop games during PE. Well done Reception getting yourself changed for PE for the first time, you were all very speedy!

Year 1 and 2: This week Year 1/2 have been learning all about houses and naming the different parts. They have written about their homes independently. In PSCH we have looked at families and our communities and how we have connections with different people - sometimes there are similarities and sometimes there are differences. The children have explored their cutting skills in DT working out how to cut in spirals!

Year 3 and 4: We enjoyed starting our week with our first forest school session where we have used a range of tools to create picture frames, jewellery and other creations using natural resources. We also enjoyed creating our own dens and identifying a range of trees and wildlife in our school grounds. In English we have been busy writing character descriptions and in maths we have been continuing to develop our confidence in working with 3- and 4-digit numbers. In Art we have enjoyed



exploring the work of artist Paul Cezanne and we are looking forward to developing our drawing skills over the rest of the term.

Year 5 and 6: This week we have started learning about our new history topic, the Mayas. We have learnt about where they were from and when they lived. We have also been carrying out some research about Guatemala, where our class text was set, and where some of the Maya civilisation lived. Our art is also linked to the Maya civilisation, and we looked at images of Maya weaving and Maya worry dolls.

Willow Weaving Year 1 – Year 6

Mrs Kestell has organised for a local artist, Anna, to come into school on Monday 2nd October to work with the children in Years 1-6 on willow weaving. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to take part in the workshops which will enhance their art curriculum.

School will be subsidising this experience but we are asking for a contribution towards this of **£3** no later than **Friday 29th September 2023**. Please make this payment via ParentPay.

NSPCC – speak out, stay safe programme

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme** this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age-appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom-based activities, alongside NSPCC volunteer led face to face workshops for children in Year 5 and 6 on Wednesday 27th September. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Feedback survey for pupils aged 7-11

The NSPCC would like to gather feedback from pupils aged between 7-11 about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme to gauge their learning. **This will be voluntary and children can still take part in the programme if they don't take part in the survey.**

UK Parliament Outreach Programme

On Tuesday 26th September we are delighted to welcome Rachael Dodgson to school. Rachael is Parliament's Senior Education & Engagement Outreach Officer for Yorkshire & Humberside, working across the region to help young people develop their understanding of democracy and Parliament. Rachael will be delivering an assembly to children in key stage 2 giving an introduction to Parliament with an overview of the three key parts of Parliament and how they work together to make laws.



Promotional School Dinner – Thursday 5th October

Hot Dog & Chips

Or

(v) Pizza & Chips

Peas
Sweetcorn
Ketchup

Jelly & Ice-cream

The Little Princess Trust

The Little Princess Trust provides real-hair wigs to around 2000 recipients every year and needs financial donations as well as hair donations for its free wig provision service.

Kelsey, in Year 6, has made the decision to have her hair cut on the 23rd September and is donating her hair to the charity. If you would like to make a donation in support of The Little Princess Trust, then please send your donation to the school office where it will be passed on.

The Little Princess Trust also fund childhood cancer research, and since 2016, they have supported 128 projects searching for kinder and more effective treatments. This means that every pound raised helps give Hair and Hope to so many children and young people with cancer.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/kelsey-donating-her-hair-to-princess-trust?utm_campaign=p_lico+share-sheet-first-launch&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook

Reading

All children need to read at home every day. Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text and / or pictures. Please ensure that you record what your child has read and how they have managed with their reading in their record book. **Reading and record books need to be in school every day so that they can be checked and new books issued.**

Information for Parents of Year 6 children

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.



PE Days in SEPTEMBER

PE Kits are needed on the following days:

EYFS: Please have PE kit in every day

Year 1 and 2: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 and 4: Monday and Thursday

Year 5 and 6: Tuesday and Wednesday (swimming)

Sporting Selfies! Message from Miss Newton

We would love to see some of your sporting selfies to add to our PE display in school. Take some selfies of yourself doing the sports you love and print them off and bring them in or send them to the school admin email so we can add them to our Sporting Selfie Display!

Planetarium visit - EYFS - Y6

We are very excited to share that on Tuesday 24th October we will be having the Auriga Star Dome in school. All children in EYFS - Year 6 will watch a show inside the mobile planetarium which will enhance their Science learning about Earth and Space. School is covering the cost of this exciting and immersive experience for the children. We can't wait to share with you what we find out!

Keep in touch – School FaceBook Page

Please ensure you are signed up to the school FaceBook page so that we can get in touch with families quickly.

ParentPay

Breakfast and After school club, swimming, 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.

School Dinners

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 can have a school dinner free of charge.

The price for a school dinner for children in Years 3-6 is £3.32 per meal (£16.60 per week). The cost for the month of **September** is **£63.08**.

Children in Nursery can order a school dinner and the cost of their meal is £2.10



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 Child-care

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.

Please either telephone the school office or email admin@dishforthairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk

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 an excellent start to the academic year. This person is a kind and helpful member of our class and has demonstrated some excellent resilience across all lessons.



We have been so impressed with this person's contributions to class and feel very lucky to have them in our school.

Keep up the fantastic work, we can't wait to see the progress you make this year.

Congratulations to Lucas!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to somebody who has shown determination and perseverance during phonics. Even when they have found writing some letters tricky, they have kept going and tried their very best, resulting in a huge smile across their face. They have also had wonderful lunch times where this person has tried new foods. Well done, Ellie!



Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working really hard with their independent writing. They have shown a positive and resilience attitude to their learning and have written a fantastic description of their home. Well done, Lexa!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been working really hard in maths. We have been impressed with the resilience this person has shown when using place value counters to represent different 3-digit numbers. Keep up the great work, Amelia-May!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has made a wonderful start here at Dishforth Airfield. They are kind, polite and they're working hard in lessons. This person is making new friends and is a pleasure to have as part of our class. Well done to Jesse!

Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they have a smile on their face and work hard all the time. They always have a go at a challenge.

The values award goes to Pippa who was nominated by Libbie.

Well done, Pippa!



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 95% 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 11th September 2023

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
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98%	98%	100%	100%
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Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

September 2023	
18/9/23	Year 3 and 4 children – Forest Schools afternoon
19/9/23	Football competition 7-a-side team only (at Outwood Academy Ripon)
25/9/23	Year 3 and 4 children – Forest Schools afternoon
26/9/23	UK Parliament outreach programme – assembly for KS2 children – An overview of Parliament and how laws are made.
27/9/23	Year 5 and 6 NSPCC workshop
October 2023	
2/10/23	Willow Weaving
10/10/23	High 5 Netball competition Y5/6 - one team girls only (at Outwood Academy Ripon)
24/10/23	Parent / Carer Evenings
26/10/23	
24/10/23	Planetarium Morning
26/10/23	School photograph morning
27/10/23	Break-up October half term
November 2023	
6/11/23	School open
7/11/23	Number Fun Day
21/11/23	Cross Country Competition (at Outwood Academy Ripon)
December 2023	
13/12/23	Last swim for Year 5 and 6 children
14/12/23	Year 1 and 2 Nativity – afternoon – time TBC
19/12/23	Year 5 and 6 theatre trip to Leeds Playhouse to see 'Oliver!'
20/12/23	Christmas School Dinner Christingle Service
21/12/23	Christmas Party afternoon (children to bring party clothes into school to change into)
22/12/23	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm
January 2024	
8/1/24	Training Day
9/1/24	School open for the spring term



Mrs Lyon’s working week:

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield
Afternoon	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary

