

# NORTH DUFFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*Growing Learners for Life*

May Newsletter

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that it is the summer term and over two thirds of the school year is complete. As we look forward to the sunny weather, hopefully, we enter a busy time of the year with many activities for all the pupils.

Please see the diary dates for the latest events, including sports day and many more.

## **SATs**

Last week Year 6 pupils completed their SATs tests. We are all extremely proud of the effort the children put into the tests and could not have asked anymore of them. I think Year 6 certainly enjoyed the breakfasts each morning. Kindly provided by Mr and Mrs Broome.

## **Sun**

As the weather gets warmer and the sun has appeared please can you make sure the children come to school with appropriate sun protection. Children should have adequate sun cream applied, I use an 8 hour, high factor cream for my own children, and ensure they have plenty of water and a hat for when they are outside.

## **School Uniform and Jewellery**

I would like to remind parents and children that we do have a policy on school uniform and jewellery that can be worn in school. Please can we ensure the children follow the policy:

- Appropriate footwear, these are shoes, boots or black trainers.
- A PE kit- white/red top, blue/black shorts and trainers or plimsols. A number of children are wearing boots or school shoes, which do not have the same support or grip as sports footwear.
- Stud earrings only, these can be covered in tape for PE
- remove nail varnish

## **Mobile Phones**

At our school, unlike other schools, the use of mobile phones is permitted on site. However, in view of our duty to safeguard our children, we now have a new updated policy that staff, parents and pupils should follow when on the school site. The new policy is to be implemented fully after half term; a copy will be made available on our website.

During Friday assembly however can I remind parents that the taking of photographs or answering phone calls are not permitted, or in our school hall at any time, without the permission of the Headteacher or Assistant Headteacher. There is a chance to take a picture of just your child at the end once we have dismissed the other children. As a parent, I know special occasions are important to photograph, but please follow the school's policies and procedures. If you are unsure, please ask a member of staff. If the staff see incorrect use of a mobile device, you will be challenged and you will be asked to stop using it.

## **Parking**

Whilst I understand that not everyone can walk to school and needs to drive, can I please ask that you are considerate about where you park.

# Whole School Events (Spring Term)

During the spring term we had a number of events including raising money for different charities and inviting the community into school.

## Red Nose Day

The schools council organised event raised £65.50 for Comic Relief.

## #Lots of Socks

I challenged the children and staff to wear odd socks as part of # Lots of Socks Day in support of raising awareness of Down syndrome. I donated 50p per pupil wearing odd socks resulting in £80 being donated to the Down Syndrome Association.

## World Book Day

As part of World Book Day the children were able to swap books from home, took part in a House Quiz and shared a book with someone else in school. A great day was had by all.

## Easter Bonnet Competition

On the last day of the Spring Term children were asked to make and wear an Easter Bonnet to raise awareness and support the PPR Brain Tumour Research Charity, altogether we donated £77 to the charity. It was lovely to see most of the children participating and showing off their work in our Friday Assembly

# Community News

## Sensory Equipment

GBUK Group, a local company, has very kindly donated £1700 for a piece of equipment for the school's sensory room. The room is used by many children for all classes and the new equipment enables staff and children to work together, discussing their feelings, learning and friendships. The whole school would like to give a big thank you to Lee Quickmire and the team for the donation and the difference it will make at school for all the pupils.

## Friends Working Day

A big thank you to all the parents and children who gave us their time on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May to come to school to do some painting and gardening. Their help is very much appreciated and means the school will look it's best for the children. We will continue to complete a number of jobs around school over the coming weeks. I know we have had offers of more help before we break up which is all making a positive difference to how the school looks as we continue to develop the outdoor areas.

## Skipwith & North Duffield Concert

Our annual event took place in March when we invited the local Skipwith & North Duffield 60s Club to an afternoon of singing, poetry and handbell playing. There were so many brilliant performances by all the children, well done.

## Community Luncheon

Our second community luncheon was attended by a number of local community members. Year 6 children served a special lunch and spent time with our guests talking about school life.

**ROBINS**  
**SCORE**  
1061

**MALLARDS**  
**SCORE**  
1119

**TEALS**  
**SCORE**  
902

**SUNBIRDS**  
**SCORE**  
1135

## House News

Last term's winning house was Mallards. They will receive a house reward during the summer term.

## Diary Dates

### Summer Term

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Countryside Live- Whole School event
Monday 27 May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half term starts
Friday 7 June	Year 4 Cricket at Thorpe Willoughby
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
	Class 1 and 2- 1pm
	Classes 3,4 & 5 1:50pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 & 6 Residential
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Class photographs
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Fire Fighters clothing collection
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	KS2 Play
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	New Starters visit- 1:15pm to 3pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Parents meeting at Barlby High School
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	New Starters visit including lunch 9:15am to 12:45pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Day at Barlby High School
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS and New Starters Teddy Bears Picnic
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Assembly 2pm
Friday 19 July	Final Day of summer term.

### Autumn Term

Monday 2 September	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	First Day of the Autumn Term