

NORTH DUFFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Growing Learners for Life

Spring 1

Newsletter

MR RUSSELL'S UPDATES

Dear Parents

It is always amazing how quickly the first few weeks of the year passes, it does not seem long since we were celebrating Christmas and now we are at the end of the first half term. It has been a very busy and productive time at school. The children have worked hard, producing excellent work and demonstrating good learning behaviours.

In the last week, we have spoken to almost all parents about the progress their child is making. Thank you for your time and the positive comments about how the children enjoy coming to school.

Stranger Danger

We have been notified that at schools in the Yorkshire area a stranger has been approaching children. School have talked to the children about Stranger Danger, please make sure the children understand that they should only be with an adult they know.

Staffing

At the end of this half term we are saying goodbye to two members of staff. Ms Almond has worked at the school mainly in Class 1 for a number of years. She will be sorely missed by all the staff and children, we wish her well and hope to see her soon at school.

Mr Warren, the school caretaker, has also left the school. We would like to thank him for keeping the school site clean and tidy, a thankless job. We wish him good luck as he moves on to a new adventure.

School will close for half term holiday on Friday 22 February and reopen on Monday 4 March. We hope the children enjoy their well-earned break.

Kind Regards

Mr Russell
Headteacher

Community News

60's Lunch

North Duffield Primary School invited the village Over 60's Club to join them for lunch on Tuesday 22nd January. The pupils and visitors tucked in to a delicious roast turkey dinner followed by apple crumble and custard, all freshly made on site by our fabulous school cooks. We were particularly pleased to welcome Freda Hanley, a local nonagenarian and the daughter of a former Headteacher of our school. After the success of this event, we now look forward to welcoming other local groups in to school and bringing the community together over a shared love of great food.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The number of activities the school is offering the pupils continues to grow, with new and old ones taking place weekly. These will be running again after half term, please look out for a new letter to sign up

Monday- Homework Club (lunchtime), Short Mat Bowling at the Village Hall and Computer Club

Tuesday- French Club and Choir

Wednesday- Baking Club

Thursday- Art Club and Netball.

Friday- Tennis (Bubwith Tennis Club) and Multi Skills

Daily Sports Activities at Lunchtime with the Sports Council

We are hoping in the future to re start the school's band, including hand bells and a dance club. More details to follow.

ROBINS

SCORE

1931

MALLARDS

SCORE

1623

TEALS

SCORE

1512

SUNBIRDS

SCORE

1969

House News

The School Council organised a film on Friday 1st February for Sunbirds, Autumn's winning team and Teals the summer winning team.

Safeguarding Matters



Keeping our Children Safe

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss a safeguarding matters please speak to the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Mounfield or our Pastoral Support Officer (Deputy Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Smith.

Site Safety

During the unpredictable spring weather, please take extra care when walking around school. We try to ensure specific routes around school are safe, please make sure you use these to avoid any accidents.

TT Rockstars

In our first Times Table Rock Stars Battle of the Bands, we saw each class face off against each other in a bid to be named Top Rockers! As a school, we answered over 70,000 times tables questions correctly in only fourteen days. Class 5 were the eventual winners and thoroughly enjoyed their reward of a maths lesson in which they used biscuits, strawberry laces and Toblerones to investigate angles and shapes.

The top scorer from each class was also awarded a certificate. Congratulations to:

Eloise Clewley
Henry Foulds
Olivia Uttley
Roseanna Uttley
Evie Warren

That was our sprint contest, the next is to be a marathon! The winning class will be the one which records the highest average time spent on times tables between now and the final Tuesday of this half-term. The averages, at the moment, are between 3 and 5 minutes. I believe that if a class were to reach 10 minutes they would take some beating.

Already in class we are seeing the impact on the mental calculations of children who regularly use TTRockstars for times table practice (Some children have gone from working out answers in around 7 seconds to getting over 60 correct answers in 1 minute!) and would like to thank you for encouraging your children in this.

Diary Dates

Spring Term

Friday 22 February	School closes for half term
Monday 4 March	School opens for second half Term
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day
Monday 11 March- 14 March	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 11 – Friday 15 March	Science Week
Friday 15 March	Y5 STEM Fair
Thursday 21 March	Skipwith & North Duffield 60 Club Concert
Friday 12 April	School Closes for Easter Holiday

Summer Term

Monday 22 April	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 23 April	School Opens for the summer term
Monday 13 May – Friday 17 May	Y6 SATs Week
Friday 19 July	Final Day of summer term.