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## Autumn Term Newsletter 1



Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to school for the new academic year. It is lovely to be back at school and see the smiling faces on the children as they settle into their new classes. I would like to say a special welcome to our new starters and parents in Class 1; I know the children will enjoy their time at North Duffield.

### OFSTED

The school was visited by OFSTED at the end of last term. Myself, the staff and Governors would like to thank all the parents for their positive views via parent view and if you spoke to Mr Bywater the inspector. A special mention must go to the children who were a credit to the school and yourselves, they once again showed how wonderful they are.

We are expecting the report to be available soon; a copy will be sent to you and made available on the OFSTED website.



### Weekly Awards Assemblies

Our weekly awards assemblies, which all parents and grandparents are welcome to attend will start on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

Each week 3 children for each class will receive a badge to wear for a week, a certificate and their name on the newsletter for work or learning behaviours.

We try to text parents on Thursday to let you know that your child is getting an award.

### Clubs

Clubs and Extra Curricular activities will be starting in the coming weeks. Letters will be sent regarding after school clubs. If you would like your child to participate in the clubs please return the reply slip to school.

### Morning and End of School Routines

A reminder that school starts at 9am, a bell is rung at 8:55am for the children to line up. Please can I ask that you do not allow the children to play on the field or equipment before school.

If you arrive after 9am children should come to reception to be let into school.

At the end of school if someone different is picking your child up please can you inform the office as soon as possible. If it is going to be someone that is going to collect your child regularly please send an email to school giving permission. The staff will not let children go with another parent or adult unless they have seen a message from the child's parents.

### Lost Property

We have a number of items of lost property in school without names on. We will be keeping it until Friday 15 September. If you have lost any uniform, water bottles or clothing then please sign in at the office to have a look. All unclaimed lost property will be disposed of after the 15<sup>th</sup> September.

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## Autumn Term Dates

**New dates will be added regularly to the newsletter.**



Tuesday 5 September	Back to school.
Thursday 21- Friday 22 September	Class 5 Visit to Hadrian's Wall / The Sill
Wednesday 4 October	Harvest Class 1 and 2 at 9:20am Class 3.4 and 5 at 10:20am



Tuesday 10 Wednesday 11 October	Parents' Consultations Parents' Consultations
Friday 3 November	Individual/ Family Photographs



Tuesday 20 September to 27 November	Scholastic Book Fair Monday
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Tuesday 12 December	KS2 Carols at 6pm
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Thursday 14 December	KS1 Nativity Play at 2pm and 5:30pm
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Thursday 21 December	Christmas Parties
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Friday 22 December	Last Day of Autumn Term
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If you have any questions or queries about school or your child please speak to their class teacher first. All staff are usually available on the playground at 8:50am for a quick chat; you can also email them through the school website or at [admin@northduffield.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@northduffield.n-yorks.sch.uk)



A Russell  
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### SOCIAL MEDIA!

At the end of last year I became increasingly aware that photographs taken inside school were appearing on Facebook and other social media sites. May I remind parents at present we allow photographs to be taken for **personal use and not to be placed on social media.** If it continues to be abused we may have to rethink this position.

### Dinner Money

If your child stays for school dinner please can parents make sure all money is paid in advance. The school has a policy that states any parents with balances in arrears for three weeks or more will need to provide a packed lunch until the debt is paid.

If you have any concerns regarding payment please contact the school to speak to myself or Mrs Oswald.