

NORTH DUFFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Growing Learners for Life

Spring 1

January 2018

MR RUSSELL'S UPDATES

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the first newsletter of 2018. I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas holiday and enjoyed the festivities. In my first letter of the year I would like to remind everyone of procedures as well as put some new dates in your diary.

Illness

Flu has been in the news recently and having spoken to many parents and staff we have not been immune from children and adults coming down with the bug. Although we want the children to be in school, it is very important that children and adults who are suffering from flu make sure they are well enough to come back to school as it is very contagious. This is the only way we can reduce the number of absences and ensure we are all healthy enough to learn.

Security

Thank you for your patience during the work on the perimeter to the school. All the new systems and procedures are now operating and so far we have had many positive comments and very few issues.

Reporting Concerns

If you have a concern or issue relating to school, and in particular your child, please can you contact their class teacher first either by speaking to them at drop off or pick up time, via the office or by email. We put this policy in place because the class teacher knows your child and will be able to deal with the majority of concerns/ issues quickly. If the matter is still unresolved then please arrange a meeting to see myself or Mrs Mounfield (Assistant Headteacher).

Please refer to our school website for complaints procedure for parents.

Parent Questionnaire

At the end of last term, the Governors asked for parents' views on your child's education via our annual questionnaire. Thank you to all the parents who filled in a survey. I am currently looking at the information and the comments on what you feel the school is doing well and how it could be improved; I hope to report the findings before half term. If you have any further comments please do not hesitate to contact us via the website or speak to a representative on the Parents Forum; the next meeting is on 8 February.

Parking

Now that we have just one entrance on Broadmanor please can I remind parents not to park in front of the vehicle gates, this is needed for access to the site for vehicles at all times, including the emergency services. Also a reminder to be considerate to our neighbours and surrounding area by not parking in front of driveways or on the pavements.

Kind Regards

Mr Russell
Headteacher

Sports News

Year 2 enjoyed a fabulous afternoon at Carlton School, taking part in a sports taster afternoon. The children enjoyed trying out a variety of new sports including, Badminton, Table Tennis and Volleyball. All of our children took part with great enthusiasm; showing themselves to be keen sportsmen and women, and a credit to our school. Well done Year 2!



Class 1 Visit

On Wednesday January 17 Class 1 had their first school trip. We went to York Castle Museum to learn more about our Spring 1 topic Toys. In the morning we attended a workshop where we learned about old and new toys, as well as finding out the different way toys can move and what materials they can be made from. The workshop leader was very impressed at how knowledgeable and well behaved all the children were! After a quick lunch we had time to explore the various parts of the museum. Everyone had their favourite parts, I am sure if you ask the children they will tell you all about it. Thank you to Friends for helping to subsidise the trip and all the adult helpers who helped look after the children. What an exciting, educational day we had (only a few of us fell asleep on the coach journey back to school)! Ms Henriques



Parent Consultation

This term's parent consultations will be on either Tuesday 20, Wednesday 21 or Thursday 22 February. The staff will shortly be sending out invites to book a slot to come and speak to them about your child's progress.

ROBINS

SCORE

1023

MALLARDS

SCORE

1017

TEALS

SCORE

1165

SUNBIRDS

SCORE

1089

House News

Last Term's winning house, Mallards, enjoyed a session of fun activities with Mr Mathie on Friday 12 January. Well done Mallards. The children are now collecting house points for this term's house reward.

Diary Dates

Spring Term

Monday 5 February

Monday 12- Friday 16 February

Monday 19 February

Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21 February

Wednesday 28 February

Thursday 15 March

Thursday 29 March

Football Match versus Riccall at North Duffield

Half Term Holiday

School open after holiday

Parents Consultations

Firefighters Charity Collection

Skipwith & North Duffield 60's Club Concert -2pm

Last Day of Spring Term

Summer Term

Monday 16 April

Tuesday 17 April

Monday 14 May- Friday 18 May

Monday 29 May- Friday 1 June

Monday 4 June

Monday 9 July- Wednesday 11 July

Friday 20 July

INSET Day

School open for the summer term

KS2 SATs week

Half term holiday

School Open after holiday

Year 5 & 6 Residential

Last Day of Term