

NORTH DUFFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Growing Learners for Life

Autumn 1

September 2018

MR RUSSELL'S UPDATES

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new school year, I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. I would like to welcome all the new parents and children to North Duffield School, I know they will find the school and community friendly and supportive; we look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact school.

The children have settled into the classes really well, there were many smiling faces that were happy to be back. The staff are planning some exciting learning opportunities, having designed a curriculum that will ensure all the children develop into life-long learners. Over the course of the year, we will be sharing these with you starting with a "Market Place" of stalls to showcase our inclusive and innovative approach to the primary curriculum, more details to follow this week.

Attached to this letter are the diary dates so far for this term. We are planning a number of opportunities for parents and the community to join us and share the fantastic work that goes on in school.

Kind Regards

Mr Russell
Headteacher



Twitter

As a school, how we communicate is constantly under review and despite the positive comments by many about the improvements we have made, we wish to improve further. Your child will be bringing home a letter regarding the use of Twitter. The staff will be documenting many of the activities in school via Twitter, which is accessible through any mobile device and on our website. Please can you return the permission slip attached to the letter by Friday 21 September, thank you.

Safeguarding Matters

Keeping our Children Safe

Absence

If your child is absent from school please could you ring the school office to let us know by 9am. There is an answer phone facility for you to leave a message. Any unexplained absences will be followed up by the school office via a phone call.

Morning and End of School Routines

A reminder that school starts at 9am. Classroom doors will be open at 8:50am for the children to come straight into school ready for their first session. If you arrive after 9am children should come to reception to be let into school.

The school day ends at 3:15pm for EYFS children and 3:30pm for the rest of the school. At the end of the school day 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.

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.

Weekly Award Assembly

Our weekly awards assemblies, which all parents and grandparents are welcome to attend will start on **Friday 14th September**

Each week three children for each class will receive a badge to wear for a week, a certificate and their name on the monthly newsletter for their work or demonstrating one of our learning behaviours. Please could all badges be returned to the class teacher by the following Thursday ready to hand out again on Friday.

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

Diary Dates

Autumn Term

Monday 3 September
Tuesday 4 September
Tuesday 11 September
Wednesday 19 September
Monday 24 September
Wednesday 17 October

Monday 22 October
Tuesday 23 October
Wednesday 24 October
Thursday 25 October

Friday 26 October
Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November
Monday 5 November
Tuesday 20 November to Friday 23 November
Tuesday 11 December
Wednesday 12 December
Thursday 20 December
Friday 21 December

Staff INSET Day
Pupils' first day
Class 3 Woodlands Adventure Visit
North Duffield School Market Place Evening
Selby Cluster Cross Country Competition
Harvest Festival
KS2- 9:30am-10am
EYFS/KS1- 10:20am to 10:50am
Flu Vaccinations EYFS to Y5
Parents Consultations
Parents Consultations
Tempest Individual Photographs
Half Term for children
INSET Day for staff
Half Term
Children return to school
Scholastic Book Fair
KS2 Christmas Carol Concert
EYFS/ KS1 Christmas Play
Christmas Parties
Christmas Holidays

Spring Term

Monday 7 January
Tuesday 8 January

INSET Day for staff
Children return to school