

# NORTH DUFFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*Growing Learners for Life*

Spring 2

March 2018

## MR RUSSELL'S UPDATES

### Dear Parents

There have been opportunities this term for stakeholders, particularly parents, to discuss issues relating to the children's education and learning and future direction at North Duffield School. As the Headteacher I appreciate all the positive comments that have been said to myself, staff and Governors, but also know that there is still work to be done as we continue to improve the school for the children.

### Governors

There have been some changes this term to the Governing Body. Mrs Suzanne Broome has stepped down as a Governor and Chair of the Committee for personal reasons. Mrs Broome has been a huge force at school, working with myself, staff and the Governors; she will be missed. We would all like to thank her for her support and hope she will consider re-joining in the future. Mr John Spindler will be the Chair of Governors for the remainder of the academic year. I have worked alongside Mr Spindler as a Governor for the last two years and know he brings a lot of experience and qualities to the role.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Lesley Vale and Mr Graham Dixon have been elected as parent governors. It is a crucial role in assisting myself and the staff in the strategic future of the school, we welcome them to the Governing Body.

### Parents Forum

The Parent Forum met during February to discuss what is happening in school. Mr Stroyd represented the staff and spoke about maths teaching and learning in school. Specific areas discussed were the understanding of the schools aims, values and vision, homework and more knowledge about metacognition. I am putting together a questionnaire on homework for staff, parents and children to look at, and consider whether a change in policy is required.

### School Uniform (Head Bands)

A reminder about school uniform. It is our policy that headbands should be just a band and not have ears etc. on them unless it is part of a costume for special days or school plays.

Kind Regards

Mr Russell

**Headteacher**

## February Awards

| Awards  | Recipients          |
|---------|---------------------|
| Class 1 | Z J, G M, A T       |
| Class 2 | N P, L F, H E       |
| Class 3 | S H, G M, D R       |
| Class 4 | O B, A D, K H       |
| Class 5 | S D, M V S, R T     |
| Lunch   | Mo B, R M, A M, N T |

## Class 4 Visit

As part of Class 4's topic on 'The Tudors', we visited Barley Hall in York. We had a full day experiencing Tudor life. This included a tour of the magnificent Tudor building, dressing up as Tudors, eating in the banquet hall, role-playing at being in a Tudor court (for some reason both Mrs Duffy and Miss Walford were found guilty of being as witches!!!) and going back to Tudor school. The children certainly had a great amount to take back to class when they arrived back to school.



## Sports News

North Duffield Girl's Football Team played a match against Brayton Primary School. The game started off well, however by the end of the first half it was one nil to Brayton. In the second half, although they tried hard, Brayton scored again meaning the final score was two nil. The match was played in a good spirit and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Well done to all the girls who played.

On the 22 February North Duffield's Netball Team travelled to Riccall to play in a cluster tournament. The netball team was a mixture of boys and girls from Year 4 to Year 6. Out of the eight teams taking part, the team came second, only just losing in the final. Well done to all the children for playing really well as a team and putting up with the freezing cold weather.

## Parent Consultation

Thank you for attending our Parents' Consultation sessions at the beginning of this half term. Many parents spoke very positively about how well their child is doing at school. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you would like a further discussion about your child's education with their child's class teacher.

ROBINS

SCORE

2242

MALLARDS

SCORE

2309

TEALS

SCORE

2577

SUNBIRDS

SCORE

2335

## House News

We are already nearing the end of the term, Teals are in a strong position for the house reward.

## Science Week

What a wonderful, action-packed time the children (and adults) had during our first ever Science Week. From meeting the animals (from Askam Bryan Zoo) to potion making and wizardry - with a science experiment afternoon and parents showing us their work in science fields in-between. We even had a little bit of snow thrown in! Many thanks to everyone who helped make the week so eventful, informative and fun.

For a link to the experiments that the children experienced during the week (to have even more fun at home) please follow the link on this page: <https://www.sublimescience.com/dont-eat-your-slime/>  
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## Diary Dates

### Spring Term

Thursday 15 March  
Friday 23 March  
Tuesday 27 March  
Wednesday 28 March  
Thursday 29 March  
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Skipwith & North Duffield 60's Club Concert -2pm  
Sports Relief Day  
Easter Lunch  
Class 3 and 4 French Day  
EYFS & KS1 Easter Eggstravaganza  
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**

INSET Day  
**School open for the summer term**  
KS2 SATs week  
Half term holiday  
**School Open after holiday**