

AUTUMN TERM

# NEWSLETTER

North Duffield Community Primary School  
*Growing Learners for Life*



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## Mr Russell's Update

The first half term has come to an end and what a busy, but exciting one it was for the school and the pupils. We welcomed 17 Early Years children to the school and some from other schools, all have settled into school life. The months of September and October have seen many events. The Harvest Festival, educational visits and the latest one, Quidditch. The new format for our monthly newsletter will have all the information about what has happened in school and future events.

### PARENTS CONSULTATION

Thank you for attending the recent parents' consultations. It was lovely to speak to parents and hear the positive comments the staff received about the children's education in school. It is important for the school to work in partnership with parents to enable the children to make progress. If you require any further information please speak to the class teacher in the morning or via email. I will let parents know as soon as possible when the rearranged date for Class 1 consultations will happen, thank you for your patience.

### PARKING

I have noticed over the last couple of weeks that we have cars parking in front of the vehicle gates. I have spoken to the staff and other adults that use the site and reminded them these are emergency gates and they have to be clear at all times, please can I ask parents to respect my request as well.

### UNPAID DINNER MONEY

I have been informed that we have unpaid dinner money debts. It is our policy to ask that you pay for dinners in advance either weekly or daily via Parentpay. Please can I ask that if you do owe money the account is credited as soon as possible.

Finally, thank you for all your support this half term. The children have worked hard and are very tired so they deserve a holiday. School will be closed on Friday 25th October for half term and reopen on Monday 4th November.





## Sports Review

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On September 30th, Class 5 went to play short mat bowls at North Duffield Village Hall. It was great, we learnt lots of new skills and we hope to do it again.

On Monday 1st October the Sports Ambassadors from North Duffield School, went to Chapel Haddlesey to learn games that they could play back at school. They made up two games: number splat and number chase. They are now playing these games with KS1 at lunch times.

On the 9th October, the cross-country runners went to Selby College for the Selby district final. One runner got through to the North Yorkshire final at Dalby Forest.

On the 17th October the North Duffield School football team played a home match against Cliffe in the semi-finals of the Small School's Cup. North Duffield won 6-3 and will now face Barkston Ash in the final.

On 21st October twelve Year 3s and 4s went to play a Quicksticks hockey tournament at Riccall. Each team played three games and tried so hard: the children came 4th and 6th.

North Duffield learnt how to play Quidditch on the 23rd October. At the start of the day we had an assembly where the sorting hat decided which Hogwarts's house the teams would be in. Each class had around fifty minutes to play. It was really fun!



## Outdoor Gym

The children have been getting plenty of exercise this term after the unveiling of our fantastic new outdoor gym, installed by local company Pioneer Play. The exciting range of equipment includes health walkers, a slalom skier, sit up benches, a strength challenger, a horse rider, a rower and an interactive 'boot camp' board complete with a giant solar panel stopwatch.

The gym, supplied by Sovereign Play, is designed to develop aerobic fitness and physical wellbeing and is proving to be a real hit. The school's Sports Council members led training sessions with each class on how to use the different stations safely and effectively and now the children are lining up to have a go at breaktimes!

This is such a great asset for a small village school like ours, providing outdoor play opportunities not only keeps the children fit and healthy but helps to boost their personal, social and emotional development, all whilst having fun.





## Educational Visits



Class 3 had a fun day at the Egyptian Museum in Hull, supporting their current topic on Ancient Egypt. They looked at artefacts, which included a real mummy and a coffin donated by a local businessman. They got hands on experience mummifying a child and an apple (the child was more fun to do!). They also got to make paper from real reeds from the River Nile and wrote in hieroglyphics. It was an amazing, action packed day.



Class 4 had an utterly incredible day exploring the World Heritage Site Housesteads Roman Fort, part of Hadrian's Wall, where they discovered life as a Roman soldier. They spent time interacting with and examining the Roman site in detail, including the barracks, (and communal latrines!) before climbing up the escarpment to the hypocaust. We were so proud of them all for completing such a challenging hike and witnessed all four of our metacognition learning behaviours in action throughout the day - resilience, reflectiveness, reciprocity and resourcefulness!



Project Wild visited school to talk to the children about wildlife, food chains, lifecycles, habitats and how animals adapt to their environment. Each class had the opportunity to learn about and handle a grass snake, slow worm, tarantula and giant stick insect.

## Food Survey

We have been running our own catering service in school for over a year. As part of our review we felt we would like to know what parents think about our menu. We had a number of responses, many positive and with some suggestions that we have taken on board. You will be receiving a new menu for next half term, we have tried to incorporate some of your ideas alongside some of the children's. If you have any comments please let us know.



## Harvest Festival

Our KS1 Harvest assembly had a flying start with our EYFS children singing about the Little Red Hen, followed by Year 1's fabulous retelling of the story which included some very dramatic actions. Our Year 2's impressed us with their groovy Harvest rap, complete with caps, cool sunglasses and some rather interesting dance moves! KS2 focused on the journey of food and the carbon footprint of producing a simple sandwich. Songs included 5-a-Day and Give Thanks to the Harvest. Well done to all of our children, you made us very proud indeed. All food donations have gone to Selby & District Food Bank.



# Community News

We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the parents and grandparents of Class 1 to join us for a roast dinner. The children did an excellent job of making place cards and showing their relatives how to line up nicely. We have also invited our friends from the wider community such as the WI, Parish Council, Messy Church and 60s Club to come for luncheon throughout the year.

Our clothing collection, which weighed in at 55kg, raised £16.50 - this will benefit both the school and the Fire Fighters Charity. Thank you for your continued support with this scheme, we will be doing another collection in the new year.

## Next Month.....

We are still collecting the Aldi Kits 4 Schools stickers so please keep hold of them over Half Term and bring them in when school re-opens. Aldi will be running the offer until 3rd November and we can keep adding them to our poster until Friday 15th.

### Dates for the Diary

#### October

- 25th - INSET Day
- 28th - Half Term

#### November

- 4th - Return to School
- 11th - Remembrance Service
- 19th to 25th - Book Fair

#### December

- 10th - KS2 Carol Concert
- 11th - KS1 Nativity Play
- 20th - Last Day of Term



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