# **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

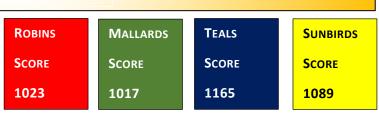
Parent Consultation

This term's parent consultations will be on

either Tuesday 20, Wednesday 21 or Thursday 22 February. The staff will shortly be sending

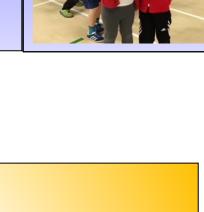
out invites to book a slot to come and speak to

them about your child's progress.



## **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

### **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 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

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