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North Duffield Community Primary School
Growing Learners for Life



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Mr Russell's Update

In July we reached the end of another school year. Even though there were difficulties along the way, it was lovely to see the school returning to some normality. I would like to say thank you to all the staff, who worked tirelessly again, dedicating many hours to the school. I would particularly like to say how proud we are of the children, they are a credit to yourselves and were brilliant at school this last year. We are a community school and look forward to working with you and the children again in the new academic year.

STAFF

We said goodbye to Mrs Pears last term. It was a pleasure to work with her and we wish her well in her new job at Cliffe Primary School.

We would like to welcome Miss Kennard to the team. She will be joining us for the Autumn Term to work with Ms Henriques in Class 2.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

In September we will be moving all our assemblies to the afternoon. This means our Friday awards assembly will now be at 3pm. We will text parents on a Thursday to let you know if your child is receiving a certificate.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Due to the rising costs of food and energy, unfortunately in September we will be putting our school dinner prices up. A school meal will cost £2.70.

Mr Russell's Update Continued...

PARENTS QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for all the responses to our questionnaire last term. There were many positive comments and results to the questions we asked. One particular area you have asked to improve is communication, starting with a list of diary dates for the academic year.

Next year on our newsletters there will be a list of diary dates for the following academic year, including parents consultations, special assemblies and events, sports day, national assessment weeks and any educational visits we have arranged. There may, in a minority of cases, be a chance that the dates may be added to, but we will communicate any additional dates as soon as possible.

ATTENDANCE

This year attendance was again affected by Covid and the requirement to self isolate, which led to lower than normal average attendances. Attendance at school is crucial and a legal requirement. Whilst we realise when a child is ill cannot be predicted, the number of requests for holidays or unauthorised absences has increased. The school will be implementing a new attendance policy and procedures next year.

YEAR 6

We wish all of our Year 6 pupils good luck as they move to high school. It is a sad time when we see them leave, but know they are ready and will do well at their new schools.

RECEPTION CLASS 2022

In September we will welcome our new starters to school. I remember my first day at school and being nervous, so I am sure we will all make them feel welcome and ensure they are happy at North Duffield.

North Duffield School closed for the summer on Friday 22nd July at 3:30pm and will open for the new academic year for the pupils on Tuesday 6th September. The staff and myself hope you are having a lovely summer holiday.

Website

Last term we told you about our new E-Safety page on the school website, offering you tips and advice about how to help keep your child safe in the online world. We are regularly adding new articles to this page and encourage you to check in each month for updates. If there are any apps, websites, games or technology you would like to see featured please do let us know.

<http://www.northduffield.n-yorks.sch.uk/website/e-safety/595271>

We have now created a new page for Mental Health & Wellbeing with useful websites and information to support our pupils and parents. This area will be a key focus in the new school year as we move forward with Mr Russell as our Senior Mental Health Lead and Mrs Smith as our dedicated Pastoral Support Officer.

http://www.northduffield.n-yorks.sch.uk/website/mental_health_wellbeing/599183

Queen's Jubilee

What a wonderful day of celebration this was! The children took part in so many activities throughout the day, had a very special afternoon tea picnic on the field, received a commemorative book and badge and planted a 'Queen's Green Canopy' tree to mark this special event. It will certainly be one they remember.



Summer Challenge

The NYCC Summer Reading Challenge is running until 10th September. We encourage all of you to get involved in this fantastic initiative, help instil a love of reading and ignite your child's imagination. The theme this year is Gadgeteers, helping children to discover the amazing science and innovation in the world around them. You can join the challenge online or at your local library. Free activities will be taking place in Barlby and Selby libraries throughout the school holidays.



School Trips

May saw the return of our much loved Residential Trip, this time we took the children to Hawse End Outdoor Centre in the Lake District. Activities included canoeing, rock climbing, ghyll scrambling, hiking and lots of team building activities. It was a fantastic, exhausting and wet experience for everyone involved!



In July, Class 4 and 5 enjoyed a day out at Beamish 'The Living Museum of the North'. The children loved speaking to all of the fascinating characters and touching all of the exhibits. It was such an immersive experience delving into the past.



Sports Day

What a wonderful turnout we had this year. We are incredibly proud of our KS1 children for their first Sports Day in front of an audience and of our KS2 children who really demonstrated our school values and the metacognition traits we aim to instil. Congratulations to the Robins who were our house winners.



Tutoring



As part of the Education Recovery programme the government has invested £1bn to support schools, via the National Tutoring Programme, aiming to boost pupil progress. Over the last two terms we have used our grant to provide individual pupils with over 300 hours of tuition in Maths and Literacy and are seeing great results. We hope to receive further funding in order to continue this programme in the next academic year.

Community News

We feel very lucky to be part of such a strong community and as social distancing restrictions have lifted, we are delighted to once again be strengthening relationships and working in partnership with so many people from our locality.

Reverend David Rogers, from St Helen's church in Skipwith, kindly held an assembly last term to introduce himself to our pupils, explain his role and show them the beautiful stoles he wears for different times of celebration and reflection throughout the year.

Janet Clark and Delia Andrews welcomed all of KS1 to North Duffield Methodist Chapel to give them a wonderful learning experience all about this sacred place. They have also resumed our monthly Open the Book assemblies with other members of their congregation.

Five Stars!

Thanks to the hard work, dedication and pride of our kitchen staff, we have achieved a five star hygiene rating yet again.

Well done to Mrs Langan and Mrs Wass.



Year 6 Leavers

We were very sad to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils but we gave them a great send off. Over their final couple of weeks they enjoyed an after school barbecue and water fight, a special lunch, their business enterprise afternoons and of course the farewell assembly. We wish them luck in the next step of their education and for their future.



Thank You

There are lots thank yous to say this term. Firstly, to the Drax Charity Committee who have donated £1500 to our school to develop our ICT and invest in STEM education.

The second thank you is to Len Hanley (the son-in-law of our headmistress from 1939), who held a garage sale and donated all of the takings to Friends. His £250 has been split equally among the classes for lots of fabulous new resources for next year.



A special mention goes to Mr Donoghue, one of our parents, who very kindly bought every single pupil in school an ice lolly - on both days of the heatwave. We hope he likes the cards that Class 1 made for him as much as the children enjoyed their cool treats!

Helen has been generously giving up her time to come in to school and read voluntarily to our KS1 children for a number of years, whilst also studying. This week she shared the wonderful news that she has successfully completed her degree and brought cakes into school to celebrate and share with the children.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everybody who took part in our Red Nose Day fundraising, which raised £278.49 for Comic Relief. The School Council are busy planning our next charity events.



Dates for the Diary

September 2022

- 5th - INSET Day
- 6th - Autumn Term Begins
- 19th & 20th - Year 6 Bikeability

October 2022

- 6th - Howden High School Open Evening
- 10th - Class 5 Short Mat Bowling
- 17th - Individual School Photographs
- 15th to 21st - Scholastic Book Fair
- 24th to 28th - Half Term

November 2022

- 6th - Flu Vaccinations

December 2022

- 19th to 29th - Christmas Holidays

January 2023

- 3rd - INSET Day

February 2023

- 13th to 17th - Half Term

April 2023

- 3rd to 13th - Easter Holidays
- 17th - INSET Day

May 2023

- 20th to 2nd - Half Term

June 2023

- 7th to 9th - Year 5 & 6 Residential

July 2023

- 24th & 25th - INSET Days



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