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Dear Parents

Welcome

I would like to welcome all our new starters in Class 1 and pupils in other classes to North Duffield School. They have all settled in well over the first four weeks, we are enjoying getting to know them and know they will make many friends during their time at school.

School Information

Timings

A reminder that the school gates will open at 8:50 am every morning. Please do not arrive and queue before 8:45am outside school.

Mobile Phones

Please can all people using the school site remember that **we do not permit the use of mobile phones whilst on the premises**, unless in a designated area or a Senior Member of staff has given permission. This is to safeguard children and all other people at school.

Attendance

We are very grateful to all parents who support their children by ensuring they attend school regularly and punctually. It allows teachers the best possible opportunity to support the children to reach their full attainment potential. Last year our school attendance was 95% and the Government's recommended minimum attendance rate for primary school children is 96%. This academic year we will be focusing on pupil attendance and punctuality and we ask parents to work with us by:

- Making medical/dental appointments outside of school times, unless essential
- Not booking holidays during term time
- Only keeping your child off school for genuine illness
- Arriving on time for school every day
- Contacting you child's teacher if there are any issues that might affect attendance

Growing Learners for Life

Friday Assemblies

This year we will be returning our weekly awards assembly to 9:05am. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us every week to share and celebrate the success of the children. Please use the reception entrance and sign in before taking a seat in the hall.

A reminder that the use of mobile phones is not permitted in the hall during the assembly, however we will send a photograph of your child and their certificate to you at the end of the day.

Playground

Please do not let your children play on the playground equipment before or after school.

PE

Below is a copy of when each class has PE. On these days the children should come to school in their PE kit. The kit should be a white/red plain t-shirt (no football tops), dark shorts, a tracksuit or jumper and leggings and suitable footwear for PE, not shoes

Class	Days
1	Monday Tuesday
2	Monday Thursday
3	Thursday Friday
4	Tuesday Friday
5	Monday Friday

Clubs

Throughout the year we will be offering a number of after-school or lunchtime clubs. These will change depending on the time of year and the activities the staff and children would like to do.

Autumn Term Clubs

Each of the following clubs will run until the October half term. An email will be sent with further information about the clubs.

We will be offering more after school activities after half term.

Please note that there is a small charge for the Football and Multi Sports Club as it is run and organised by an external provider.

Club	Day	Time		Staff/ Coach
Homework Club	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Whole School	Mrs Smith
Football Club	Tuesday	3:30pm to 4:30pm	Years 4,5 & 6	Mr Crosby (Premier Education)
Netball Club	Thursday	3:30pm-4:30pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Mrs Horne
Multi Sports Club (Premier Sports)	Friday	3:30pm to 4:30pm	Years 1, 2 & 3	Miss Bell (Premier Education)

Diary

We have attached a list of the current diary dates with the events that have already been organised. We will keep adding to them throughout the year and circulate any changes as soon as possible.

Date	Event/CPD
Wednesday 11 th October	School Open Evening 4pm-6:30pm
Tuesday 17 th October	Tempest - Individual Pupil Photographs
Tuesday 24 th October	Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 24 th October	Parents Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 25 th October	Parents Consultation Meetings
Friday 25 th October	Last day before half term holiday
Monday 30 th October to Friday 3 rd November	Half term Holiday
Monday 6 th November	School reopens for 2 nd half of Autumn Term
Monday 10 th November	Remembrance Service (school only) in School Hall @10:50- no awards assembly
Tuesday 21 st November - Monday 27 th November	Bookfair
Wednesday 22 nd and Thursday 23 rd November	Bikeability
Wednesday 29 th and Thursday 30 th November	Bikeability
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity Play at 2pm and 5:30pm
Thursday 14 th December	KS2 Carols at 6pm
Wednesday 20 th December	Christingle Service TBC
Thursday 21 st December	Class Christmas Parties
Friday 22 nd December	Last day of the Autumn Term
Monday 8 th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 9 th January	Start of the Spring Term for children

Yours Sincerely

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