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Summer Newsletter 2017

Hello and welcome to the summer term. We hope your Easter was enjoyable. Can you believe that the summer holidays are only a few weeks away?

Parent/School Forum

We would like to welcome and thank the following parents who have volunteered to be members of the forum.

Jennifer Clewley for Class 3 (Year 3)

Jaime Corrigan for Class 3 (Year 2) and Class 1 (Reception)

Amanda Harrison for Class 2 (Year 2) and Class 5 (Year 5)

Nigel Taylor for Class 3 (Year 2)

Our first meeting is to be held at school on Thursday 8 June, at 6.30pm. All meeting dates, agenda's and minutes will be posted on the school website in the Parent/School Forum section, or by following this link:

http://www.northduffield.n-yorks.sch.uk/website/parentschool_forum/268442.

If you are interested in getting involved with the forum and would like to volunteer then please email admin@northduffield.n-yorks.sch.uk. Alternatively, if you would like to make any suggestions for future Agenda items there is a suggestion box in the Parent/School Forum area of the website.

HEADTEACHER

Mr A Russell

CHAIR

Mrs S Broome

VICE CHAIR

Mr J Spindler

CO-OPTED

Mr J Benson

Mrs K Donoghue

Mrs L Duff

Mrs J Smith

Mrs G Volans

LOCAL AUTHORITY

Vacancy

PARENT

Mr M Holroyd

Mr R McCart

Mrs J McKeating

Vacancy

STAFF

Mrs M Mounfield

*We would like to convey our best wishes to Mr Hill,
who left the school last term after 16 years for
pastures new.*



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Growing Learners for Life

Governor visits to the school have been very positive. We are very pleased with what we see and the feedback received from visitors. We would like to thank the staff and pupils for making the school the happy, caring, well behaved environment that it is.

GOVERNOR VACANCIES

WE HAVE A VACANCY FOR 1 PARENT
GOVERNOR AND 1 LOCAL AUTHORITY
GOVERNOR

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

A reminder of upcoming events at
school this term...

Half Term 29 May - 2 June

Sports Day - 14 June

Reserve Sports Day - 21 June

KS1 Father's Day Gifts - 15 June

KS2 Father's Day Gifts - 16 June

Reserve Sports Day - 21 June

Summer Fair - 1 July

Leavers Assembly - 21 June

**School closes to pupils 21 July
for Summer**

As always if you have any positives to express, or concerns to make the school aware of, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher, the office or Mr Russell.

Kind Regards

Suzanne Broome

On behalf of the Governing Body



GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

Who am I? Hi, my name is Gill Volans and I am married to Barry. I have lived in the village for 32 years and have seen many changes, including the building of the "new" school. I have worked within Education for over 40 years, starting my career as a Mainstream Class Teacher and then for 36 years I worked with a wide and diverse range of Special Educational Needs children. I held two Head teacher positions in the later stages of my career prior to retiring 2 years ago.

I am also a trained Youth Worker and previously worked two nights a week at Riccall Youth Club for 8 years. This is where I learnt to play snooker and darts!!



Why did I become a Governor? As I have always worked full time and commuted to work, there never seemed time to be involved in our Community. Now I can be more flexible, I have the time to support the school and this is where I have the most experience and knowledge to offer; this is where my passion lies, working for families and young people.

What do I do? I joined the Governors in February 2016 and in recent months have linked with Mrs Mounfield, co-ordinator for the Special Educational Needs and Disability pupils. At our meetings I listen to any concerns, share in any developments and observe the successes of the pupils, then report back to the full Governing Body meetings, where we may discuss any issues.

I am also on the Finance and Standards (Data analysis of tracking pupil progress) Sub-committees, where we check that the school is being run effectively and efficiently. I also visit the classrooms and chat to the pupils about their school.

All this takes time and is voluntary but it is something which I am committed to and enjoy. I want to help to give our young people the best opportunities and life experiences they could possibly have in our village community school.

What skills, hobbies and interests do I have? Now that I am retired, I can focus upon spending quality time with my husband, family and friends, living life to the full, using our camper van to travel and experience different regions, cultures and people. The photo was taken in Thailand in December where I gave up the attempt to weave a shawl, underneath the watchful eyes of Kim, a local girl in a mountain village.

I am an "outdoor" person and enjoy camping, ski-ing, hill walking, swimming and yoga. I love my garden too and it's wildlife, growing herbs and a few vegetables for the birds to eat!! I am a member of the RHS, the RSPB and the village WI.

