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# Autumn Newsletter 2017

**H**ello, and welcome to the autumn term. We hope you had an enjoyable summer and that the children have all settled in well.

## OFSTED

Although it seems a lifetime since the inspection, we know that you will join us in congratulating Mr Russell and his staff team on the 'GOOD' outcome received from Ofsted in July. The report was well written and accurately reflects the school. This outcome is something to be extremely proud of, especially with the recent changes to the curriculum, the inspection criteria and especially the tightening of school budgets.

The comments made by the inspector about the improvements since the last inspection are a credit to the school stakeholders, especially the children who, as always, conducted themselves impeccably and showed the school to be the caring, nurturing environment that we know it is.

Staff and governors have worked tirelessly together to ensure that the quality of teaching and leadership have improved, and just because we have had 'the visit' does not mean we will stop pushing to move the school forward. We had already identified areas of improvement for this coming year and are continually working to refine and enhance these. Be assured that the governors will continue to challenge and monitor to ensure that your child(ren) receive the best education they could possibly obtain and that they will leave North Duffield School with the life skills needed to take them into high school and beyond.

I would like to finish this by copying a few of the comments made in the report, and to thank you, the parents, for your continued support of the school.

*Well done to all.*

*'Pupils learn in a safe and caring environment'*

*'A very strong sense of teamwork and collaboration exists'*

*'Standards throughout the school exceed the national average'*

*'Pupils demonstrate a strong 'moral compass' of right and wrong'*

*"No inadequate or weak teaching"*

## Growing Learners for Life

### HEADTEACHER

Mr A Russell

### CHAIR

Mrs S Broome

### VICE CHAIR

Mr J Spindler

### CO-OPTED

Mr J Benson

Mrs K Donoghue

Mrs J Smith

Mrs G Volans

**Vacancy**

### LOCAL AUTHORITY

**Vacancy**

### PARENT

Mr M Holroyd

Mrs A Harrison

Mr R McCart

**Vacancy**

### STAFF

Mr A Stroyd



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## PARENT/SCHOOL FORUM

*We would like to thank Amanda Harrison for taking over as chair of the Parent/School forum and remind parents that their views are always welcome. Please use the comments box in the parent forum section of the school website or email us on [parentssuggestions@northduffield.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:parentssuggestions@northduffield.n-yorks.sch.uk)*

## **GOVERNOR VACANCIES**

WE HAVE A VACANCY FOR 1  
PARENT GOVERNOR, 1 CO-OPTED  
GOVERNOR AND 1 LOCAL  
AUTHORITY GOVERNOR

IF YOU, OR ANYONE YOU KNOW  
WITH LINKS TO THE VILLAGE ARE  
INTERESTED IN JOINING THE  
SCHOOL AS A GOVERNOR PLEASE  
CONTACT MRS S BEVAN ON  
[clerktogovernors@northduffield.n-  
yorks.sch.uk](mailto:clerktogovernors@northduffield.n-yorks.sch.uk)

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

Hi, my name is Amanda Harrison and I have just joined the School Governing Body. I am married to Jonathan and we have two children in North Duffield School - Evie (Year 6) and Isaac (Year 3). We have lived in the village for 13 years, and I have always enjoyed getting involved in community activities. I was previously a member of the pre-school committee (North Duffield Under Fives) when my own children were attending the setting, and enjoy being a member of the Friends of school. I have also featured in our Village Pantomime! Now that both my children are in school, the time felt right to apply for a position as a Parent Governor, to be able to be more involved with school life.



Since setting up my own business almost three years ago, I have been able to adopt a much better work-life balance, which has enabled me to devote more time to voluntary work, including fundraising activities with the Friends of North Duffield School, as well as enjoying more time with my children and being able to be there more for them. Being able to devote more time to school, to help create the best possible learning environment for all our children through becoming part of the Governing Body, seemed like a great opportunity for me. I have a keen interest in supporting all aspects of school life for our children and the local community. As a Chartered Occupational Psychologist I work with individuals, teams and organisations to improve their performance. Over the last 20 years I have worked in a wide range of organisations and sectors, and this has given me a strong commercial understanding. I have also worked in education, with schools and universities, and have spent time working with children in a range of projects relating to psychology and behaviour. I am also experienced in other areas, such as selection and assessment, leadership development, behavioural based safety, stakeholder engagement, and project management. So I felt that I would be able to bring a lot of my skills and experience to the Parent Governor role.

I am relatively new to the Parent Governor role (I joined in summer term 2017) so feel like I am just finding my feet, however I already feel like a valued member of the team, with an opportunity to share my views in our meetings, and to be involved in various sub-committees and Governor activities. I have also found there is a lot of support from the teaching staff and other members, and opportunities to develop my skills and knowledge - I am shortly going to be attending a training course to help me learn more about the work of Governors. I am a member of the Safeguarding sub-committee, so will be engaged in meetings and activities focused on keeping all our children safe and promoting their welfare, which is a topic I feel passionate about. I am also looking forward to being involved in Governor Learning Walks, which will enable us as Governors to observe first-hand what is happening in practice in school. I also Chair the School Parent Forum, which provides a great opportunity for parents to get involved, understand more about school life, and share their views and ideas on school matters (we typically meet for an hour or so once per term, so the time commitment isn't heavy!).

I enjoy spending time with my family, and we enjoy an active lifestyle - I spend a lot of time sitting/standing at the side of pitches, courts and pools! I also enjoy exercise and attend a variety of classes to keep fit. We enjoy family holidays both in the UK and abroad - The photo is Evie and I on our recent family trip to Disneyland Paris.