

# NORTH DUFFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*Growing Learners for Life*

July Newsletter

**Dear Parents,**

As we are at the end of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children, parents and staff for another great year at North Duffield School. We have organised and participated in many enjoyable learning experiences in and out of the classroom and have some exciting developments, especially with the outdoor areas and an evolving curriculum for next year.

## **Leavers**

At the end of the year, we say good bye and good luck to the pupils leaving the school, especially our Year 6's. Moving to high school is an exciting, nervous time for the pupils, however we know they are ready and will thrive from all they have learnt, and been a part of, at North Duffield School.

## **Mrs Bevan**

After working at North Duffield School for over 20 years, Mrs Bevan will be retiring. During her time at the school, she has worked in the office performing many financial and administrative duties and has been the School's Business Manager for the last 15 years. We would like to thank her for her dedication to the school and the amount of work and time she has given over the years. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best in her retirement, but knowing Mrs Bevan she will already have many exciting things planned. She will be missed!

## **Changes for September**

The school will be leasing a classroom to a local childminder, Little Ducks, as from September. As a school, we are continually looking for new funding streams to enable the school to sustain the current class structure, meaning we can have classes of less than 30 next year, rather than ones of 35+. The Governors and I took this strategic decision in consultation with North Yorkshire legal department.

## **School Meal Prices**

Please note that for the next academic year 2019-2020 school meal prices **will be kept at £2.35**. This is excellent value for money when we have looked at other schools in the area most charge at least £2.50.

## **Communication with Staff**

The school has a number of staff, teachers and teaching assistants that live in North Duffield and as part of our code of conduct, staff are asked not to discuss any confidential/ sensitive matters, relating to school outside of the school premises. This also applies to staff being spoken to about school when they are in the village. Over the past few weeks staff have been stopped to discuss issues that have happened in school. We have set procedures in place and if you have any concerns these should be followed.

If you have any concerns or worries regarding school, please speak to the class teacher at school. They will be able to either answer your question or get back to you if they need to find out more information.

## Sports Day

We managed to have our annual Sports Day on Tuesday, thank you for all the parents, grandparents, children and members of the community that attended. It was a glorious afternoon, KS1 and Early Years pupils showing great skill, determination and resilience in all of the races, whilst KS2 treated us to many different activities and the scores were really close until the final relay races. We must thank Stuart from Pennine Trophies for the donation of the medals for all KS1 and Early Years pupils. Well done Teals for winning this year.

We have also held our House Sports Events, the football and netball were won by Teals and rounders by Robins.

## House Cup

Well done to Sunbirds for winning the House Cup this year. There were only 30 house points between the top two teams, a close run competition considering it was over the whole year.

Finally, I would like to say thank you again for your support throughout the school year. Visitors and prospective parents always say our school has a wonderful happy, family ethos with friendly, smiling, hardworking pupils and staff. We are proud of all their achievements this year and look forward to September (Tuesday 3 September) when we all return. Have a great, safe and enjoyable summer.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Russell

## Diary Dates

### Summer Term

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 19 July

Leavers Assembly 2pm  
Final Day of summer term.

### Autumn Term

Monday 2 September  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Staff Training Day  
First Day of the Autumn Term