

NEWSLETTER

North Duffield Community Primary School
Growing Learners for Life



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Mr Russell's Update

Welcome to our first newsletter in a while, it is lovely to be able to write one that is not only about Covid-19 and the number of cases.

As we try to move on from the restrictions that have been in place, we must remember to be vigilant. The following measures and guidance are still in place;

- Ensuring good hygiene for everyone (hand hygiene & respiratory hygiene)
- Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated
- Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of Covid-19

From February, the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test has been removed. However, the Local Authority have stated that both adults and children who test positive are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 days. On the fifth and sixth day, if negative test results are returned, the individual can cease staying at home and return to normal activity (i.e. return to school). However, if they do not return negative test results on the 5th and 6th day, they should continue to stay at home until they have returned 2 negative results. Regardless of test results, they can return to school on the 11th day.

There is no requirement for any close contacts outside of the household to be advised to stay at home. The routine wearing of face coverings in classrooms and communal areas is no longer required under normal circumstances.

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. It continues to be a priority to ensure that as many children as possible are regularly attending school.



Mr Russell's Update Continued...

MR STROYD

As you are aware Mr Stroyd has been absent from school since the beginning of the year. Whilst he is making a good recovery he is still not well enough to return to school. We do hope to see him soon and hope he is able to return after the Easter holidays.

GOVERNORS

After our recent Parent Governor election, we are pleased to announce Mrs Lockwood and Mrs Birkinshaw have been elected to the governing body. We would like to say thank you to all the candidates who put themselves forward for election.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

On Wednesday 23rd March for Year 6 and 30th March for the rest of the school we would like to invite you to a face to face meeting with your child's class teacher. The meetings will be taking place during the afternoon and early evening, more details to follow.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

We will be asking parents to complete a parent questionnaire as part of our consultation meetings. We would like your feedback and opinions for the next part of the schools journey.

FRIDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES

It has been a long tradition, before Covid to invite parents and grandparents to join us on a Friday morning for our weekly awards assembly. The relaxation of the measures means we would like to invite parents to join us again on Friday morning at 9:10am starting on the 18th March, to celebrate the awards. We hope you are able to join us this week and stay afterwards for refreshments. If your child is to receive an award we will text you the day before, unfortunately we cannot do this any earlier due to the awards being completed weekly.

ABSENCES

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please could you email or call the school office before 9:30am to report it.

SMOKING

Please can I ask all parents to be considerate when dropping off and picking up children. Smoking is not allowed on school site and we would ask that whilst outside the school gates you refrain from smoking when waiting to collect your child and whilst other children are entering and leaving the site.

HOUSE POINTS

The children have been busy collecting House Points again this term. The House with the most points at the end of the term receives the House Cup for the term and a reward.

CLUBS

The children and staff have been thinking about the after school activities we would like to run for the rest of the year. We will be running gardening, football, multiskills, netball, homework and TT Rockstars to begin with. More details and further activities will be added.

World Book Day

The children had a wonderful time celebrating their love of books on 3rd March. They read stories to one another, shared e-books, created their own characters, wrote book reviews, rapped along with MC Grammar in assembly and so much more.

Every pupil also received a free book or a token from Nation Book Tokens - we hope they are enjoying reading their new stories at home.

Don't forget that for every £1 spent with Scholastic Book Club, our school will earn 20p in rewards for the school to purchase more books for our library. Orders can be placed until Friday 18th March.

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/north-duffield/digital-book-club>



'Friends' PTA



We are delighted to be returning to a bit of normality and are very excited to re-launch some of the great fundraising events that we all used to enjoy so much. Following on from our AGM at the end of last year we are pleased to welcome the following new parents to our team;

Holly Warburton
Karen Donoghue
Emma Burnett
Claire Hassan

We are holding a Mother's Day Sale with lots of gorgeous gifts for the children to buy. These will be held in school on Monday 21st March for KS1 and Tuesday 22nd March for KS2. Further details to follow.

Cake sales and coffee mornings will hopefully be starting back up again shortly and we are looking to introduce second-hand uniform sales. Plans are also underway for an Easter Hamper Raffle and the much anticipated Summer Fair!

Keep an eye on our webpage for upcoming events and what we have been contributing to with the funds we raise.

http://www.northduffield.n-yorks.sch.uk/website/friends_of_school/203923

E-Safety

We have created a new page on our school website offering you tips and advice about how to help keep your child safe in the online world.

We will be regularly adding articles as new apps, games, websites and technology become available. Each one carries its own risks and exposure.

http://www.northduffield.n-yorks.sch.uk/website/e-safety_tips/595271



Community News

North Duffield Parish Council are organising a village wide celebration to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the weekend of 3rd-5th June. Representatives from all of the local committees are meeting to make plans for this extended Bank Holiday weekend, which falls in May Half Term. This will be a wonderful much-needed community event that we hope you can all support. If you would like to make suggestions or get involved in the organisation, please contact Emma Swires-Kemp at the Kings Arms. They would also like to hear from children's entertainers, face painters, musicians, stall holders and food vendors who may be interested in being a part of the event.



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



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Dates for the Diary

March

- 18th - Comic Relief
- 21st to 22nd - Mother's Day Sale
- 23rd - Y6 Parent Consultations
- 30th - Parent Consultations

April

- 11th to 22nd - Easter Holidays
- 25th - Summer Term Begins

May

- 2nd - Bank Holiday
- 9th to 12th - KS2 SATS
- 27th - INSET Day
- 30th to 3rd - May Half Term

June

- 6th - Back to School

July

- 17th - Summer Fair
- 25th - INSET Day
- 26th - Summer Holidays