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North Duffield Community Primary School
Growing Learners for Life



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SUMMER TERM

Summer term is normally a busy term, with many events happening, including Sports Day, Leavers Assembly, trips and the return of the Year 6 production.

Included at the end of this newsletter is a current list of dates for the upcoming term, these will be added to as they are booked or arranged. As always, we will try to give you as much notice as possible of any new events or changes to those listed.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to all the parents that attended last term's consultation evening with your child's class teacher, we hope you found this a positive and beneficial event.

NEW BIKE & SCOOTER SHED

If you have visited school since Easter, you will have noticed that we have a new addition to the Broadmanor playground. We have installed a bike and scooter shed for the children to use. It is hoped that we can encourage the pupils to ride or scoot to school rather than come by car.

At the moment we have asked that only scooters be brought into school. The children must make sure they do not ride on their scooters when on school premises and use the racks to store them. We will be sending out details of when children can start to come on their bikes later this term.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Due to Class 4 and Class 5 going swimming at Selby Leisure Centre on a Friday afternoon, we have moved our awards assembly's start time. The assembly will now begin at 3:10pm instead of 3pm.

Mr Russell's Update Cont...

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD

As from Easter, Mr Russell has now taken on the role as the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead. He will work with Mrs Smith (Deputy Safeguarding Lead) to ensure the school continues to provide and implement effective policies and procedures. The school would like to thank Mrs Mounfield for her dedication to the role for so many years.

LANGUAGE & BEHAVIOUR

Last term we had an increase in the number of times a member of staff has heard or had to listen to inappropriate language, including swearing, when speaking to parents. We are also aware of parents arguing at the school gate in front of the pupils.

We all understand, as parents, that we are passionate, worry and want to protect our children, however it is not acceptable for some of the language that has been used or the behaviours. We have a zero tolerance at school for any abusive language or behaviour and will politely ask any person using foul or abusive language to ring back when they are calmer or leave the school site. As a school we want to solve any issues you may have, the best way to do this is in a calm manner. We appreciate your support to reduce these incidents.

NEXT YEAR

At this time of year we know that your thoughts turn to next year's classes and teacher structure. Please be assured that the information will be given to you as soon as possible. Please do not ask the staff as currently we do not know the structure for next year.

Ofsted



Following our inspection on 18th and 19th January, we are very pleased to remain GOOD. Ofsted reported that:

- Our pupils are at the heart of everything we do.
- Decisions are made in the best interests of our pupils and the community.
- Pupils are happy, polite and proud of our school.
- Pupils are safe and report there is no bullying.
- We promote a love of reading and pupils are supported to become confident, fluent readers.
- All of our pupils are supported to access a highly ambitious curriculum.

Our key areas for development are detailed in the full report, which you can access at the link below. The improvement targets have been added to our school development plan and will be closely monitored as we continue our journey to improve the education for all our pupils.

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/121455>

World Book Day

2nd March was World Book Day and the whole school were able to celebrate their love of reading together. Every pupil in school received a new book from Waterstones, which they had selected through the National Book Tokens scheme. They enjoyed sharing these stories with one another and we hope they are continuing to read them at home. The Scholastic Book Fair took £394.95 in sales, which has earned school £80 in rewards.



Class 5 made beautiful bunting to celebrate their favourite book characters.



Forest School

Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 have now all enjoyed lessons in Forest School with Mrs Duffy and Class 5 are looking forward to their's next half term. The children have enjoyed everything from den building, arts and crafts, nature hunts, digging holes, whittling wood and tying knots to fire making and cooking their own s'mores! Chestnut Forest School are running sessions throughout the holidays for school aged children at North Duffield.



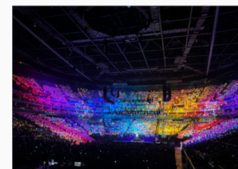
Charity

Comic Relief was another great success this year and we would like to thank everybody who donated to this incredible cause. We raised £128.45 from our non-uniform day and had a lot of fun doing a treasure hunt around school.



The school entered a competition, run by Twinkl, to win a grant to fund an educational project. Unfortunately we didn't win the big prize but they were very impressed with our entry and donated a wonderful selection of books for our library. This helps towards our goal for the whole school community to experience great, diverse literature.

Young Voices



On Friday 10th February the school choir took part in Young Voices, the largest children's choir concert in the world! They travelled to Sheffield Utilita Arena where they performed alongside over 5,000 other children as a single choir, having all spent months rehearsing the same songs.

They were also able to meet and enjoy performances by professional performers such as music legend Heather Small and the exciting Beatbox Collective. It was an unforgettable experience for these pupils and we felt so proud watching them sing their hearts out.

House News

Well done to the 'Indie' team for winning our Red Nose Day treasure hunt. They worked collaboratively to search the school grounds, follow the clues and seek out the coveted tokens. It was a pleasure to observe all four teams bond during this house activity, with our older children ensuring the younger ones were involved and very healthy rivalry between teams.



A big congratulations to 'Percy' who were last term's winners of the team points competition. All members of this house received a reward afternoon in Forest School.



Friends

Friends hosted a Mother's Day Shop at school on 13th and 14th March, for children to buy gifts. This was a very popular event, helping to raise funds for the school. We hope all recipients enjoyed their presents!

Please save the date Sunday 16th July for the annual Summer Fayre. This will be a wonderful family event with music, entertainment, activities and refreshments.

Please note, Friends have a new email address and will shortly be launching a new Facebook page for all of their news and updates. Their recent newsletter details all of their activities and fundraising. Please direct enquiries to:

friendsofnorthduffield@gmail.com



Special Lunches

It was another busy time in the school kitchen over the Spring Term with lots of special lunches on the menu. The children were treated to heart buns for Valentine's Day, chocolate nests and bunny biscuits for Easter, along with a full roast dinner. They had pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, red nose buns for Comic Relief and an entire literary themed lunch for World Book Day. We will share details of the wonderful Coronation Picnic in honour of King Charles III in our Summer newsletter.



Planet Protectors

It was a very busy term for the conscientious eco-warriors in our new 'Planet Protectors' club.

They collected and sent over 3,000 batteries for recycling and have collected hundreds of crisp packets, both at lunchtimes and from home. Thank you to everybody who is doing their bit to help the club save the planet. If you see this logo on your snack packet then please don't throw it in the bin for landfill, send it into school or recycle it at your local store.



They have also put up bird boxes around school, litter picked, re-housed the mini bug hotel, planted seeds and created butterfly feeders. Last but not least, they have introduced a wormery compost bin for our food waste at school such as apple cores from snack time. We look forward to seeing what they come up with next....



Parent Forum

The parent forum aims to provide our parents and carers with an opportunity to ask us questions, provide suggestions, and gain information about our future plans and developments for the school. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Minutes have now been shared from the December meeting, if you did not receive a copy please let us know. A further meeting was held on 28th March, which focused on our Behaviour Policy and the Zone Boards. Details of these discussions and a date for the next meeting will be communicated shortly.

Community News

We would like to thank the wonderful members of our community who so kindly donated nest boxes to school. Last year we had birds nesting in our willow trees where the children play. We have now created various safe havens, away from the noisier parts of our outdoor area, where local wildlife can seek sanctuary. Forest School has a bug hotel and hedgehog house and bird boxes and feeders are now positioned amongst the trees near the Broadmanor entrance. At least one of the boxes is already occupied with a rather camera shy blue tit, who has been busy preparing her nest. We have also received a very generous donation of bird food, from a local company (who wishes to remain anonymous), to keep the birds fed throughout this vital chick-rearing period. Thank you so much!



Dates for the Diary

May

- 18th - Y5 Skipping Workshop
- 29th to 2nd - Half Term

June

- 7th to 9th - Y5 & Y6 Residential
- 8th - Outdoor Learning Day
- 12th - Father's Day Sale
- 15th - Tempest Class Photos
- 16th - Class 5 Swimming Starts
- 20th - Open The Book Assembly
- 28th - Sports Day

July

- 5th - Y6 Performance
- 18th - Open The Book Assembly
- 21st - Leaver's Assembly
- 24th & 25th - INSET Days
- 26th - Summer Holidays Begin



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