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Dear Parents

It is hard to believe how quickly the first few weeks have gone in school. All the children are settling into their new classes. I have enjoyed watching their lessons and seeing how enthusiastic they are about their topics.

**Parent Governor Election**

School is currently seeking both parent and co-opted governors with the skills to build on the school’s journey towards providing an outstanding education for the young people in our community. The new governors will support the school’s Headteacher and current co-opted and parent governors, working as a team on the governing body to move our school forward.

Being a governor is an incredibly rewarding and fulfilling community role. If you are interested, or simply curious, and want further details please contact Mrs Bevan on 01757 288487 or email admin@northduffield.n-yorks.sch.uk

**The deadline for nominations for the parent governor election is noon on Tuesday 27th September.**

**School Uniform**

It is lovely to see vast majority of pupils looking very smart in their school uniform, it really gives us all a sense of belonging to the school community. However I just want to remind parents about PE kits. They should consist of a white or red t shirt (not a football shirt), pair of black/ blue shorts, a tracksuit or warm clothing for outdoor PE and either a pair of trainers or plimsolls. I have noticed that a few children are coming to school without the correct PE kit, please could you ensure that the children have the correct clothing.

A copy of our policy is available as part of the prospectus that can be found on the school’s website.

**Lost Property**

As a parent I know how frustrating it can be when your child comes home without their jumper, cardigan or other items. The school always tries to return any named property to the child, please can you make sure that any items are clearly named so we can continue to do this.

**Play Equipment**

Please can I ask that children do not climb on the play equipment or play in the bushes before or after school, this includes the amphitheatre. However parents and children are welcome to sit on the benches.

**School Meals**

There will some changes to the lunch menu for w/c 26 September 2016.

**Monday 26 September Tuesday 27 September**

Cheese and Tomato Pasta Sausages

Broccoli & Carrots Beans & Peas

Crusty Bread Potato Wedges

 \*\*\*\*\* Wholemeal Bread

Yoghurt & Fruit \*\*\*\*\*

 Flapjack & Orange Segment

**Wednesday 28 September**  **Thursday 29 September**

Chicken Korma Beef Mince in Gravy with Dumpling

Rice Carrots & Cabbage

Green Beans & Sweetcorn Mashed Potato

Naan Bread Crusty Bread

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Sponge & Custard Ice-cream & Peaches

 **Friday 30 September**

 Fish Fingers

 Peas & Sweetcorn

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Yours Sincerely

Andrew Russell

Headteacher

**Diary Dates**

**Autumn Term 2016**

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| 23rd September | Class 1 and 2 Fire Service VisitClass 6 Camp out |
| 5th October | Model Village in school  |
| 12th October | Harvest Festival9:15-9:40 KS210:00-10:30 KS1 |
| 24th October-28th October | Half Term Week |
| 7th November | KS1 and Y3 Flu Immunisation |
| 11th November | Individual Photographs- No Awards Assembly10:45 School Remembrance Service |
| 17th November | Skipwith and North Duffield 60’s Concert at Village Hall |
| 5th December | KS1 Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal to school |
| 6th December | KS1 Nativity Play Performance at 2pm and 6pm |
| 7th December | KS2 Carol Concert at 6:30pm |
| 14th December | Christingle Service at Skipwith Church starting at 1:30pm |
| 15th December | Children’s Christmas Party |
| 16th December | Last Day of Autumn Term |
| 3rd January 2017 | INSET Day |
| 4th January 2017 | First Day Spring Term |