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Dear Parents

A warm welcome back at the start of the new academic year. Last year the school and most importantly the children achieved results that placed North Duffield above the national averages in Early Years, Year 1 Phonics and also KS1 and KS2 SATs. These results were achieved against the higher expectations of the new national curriculum, which makes it even more pleasing. Following such a successful year we are looking forward to building on our achievements this year.

**Staffing**

This year we are welcoming three members of staff to the team. Mrs Fildes will be job sharing with Mrs Duffy in Year 6. Miss Walford will begin sharing Class 4 with Mrs Mould, and then work full time in the class when Mrs Mould goes on maternity leave and Mrs Cannon will be a Teaching Assistant in Class 3 as well as becoming one of our Midday Supervisors. We wish them a warm welcome to North Duffield.

**School Meals**

School meals should be paid for in advance. We have significant number of outstanding balances that need to be settled as soon as possible.

We have frozen the price again however at £2.10 per meal or £10.50 per week. Our preferred method of payment is via Parentpay but you may pay in cash or by cheque if you prefer (payable to North Duffield CP School) but to reduce the administrative burden please send in one weekly payment in a clearly marked envelope. You may, of course, pay monthy, termly or half termly if you wish. If you are not already registered for Parentpay, please contact the school office for your registration details.

**Friday Assemblies**

A reminder that we hold an Awards Assembly on Friday mornings at 9:10 when we give out awards to three children from each class and celebrate any achievements from outside school. All parents and family members are more than welcome to join us and share in this special time at the end of the week.

**Please could all cups and badges be returned to school by Thursday so they are ready to hand out to the children on the Friday.**

**Clubs**

We will be offering a range of clubs over the year to all children. Letters and information will be sent out next week, we would like to start most of the clubs in the week beginning the 19th September.



**School Website**

We have been working hard on developing a new more user friendly website. We are currently adding all the diary dates to the calendar so it is up to date when it goes live very shortly.

**Parking**

It has been brought to my attention again that there are some parents who are not parking considerately outside school, blocking resident’s drives and parking in front of the school main gates or on the zig zag lines. The parking is a real concern for the safety of children. I realise that you may have to drive to school to drop your child/ren off but please think about where you are parking.

**Morning Routine, Bikes and Scooters**

The bell is rung at 8:55am for the children to line up in their classes. Please do not let the children arrive before 8:40am as staff will only be on duty from 8:50am and there will be no supervision.

If your child comes to school on a bike or scooter please do not let them ride on the school site. At present we have no place to store them during the day, except by the front gate. All scooters and bikes left on site will be placed here so they do not obstruct pathways and entrances. They are a hazard and cannot be our responsibility.

**End of the Day**

A reminder if your child/ren are picked up by someone other than their parents you need to let the class teacher or office know. If there are specific adults that have your permission to pick up your child than we need it in writing. Thank you to the parents who have already let us know about who is picking up at the end of the day.

**Menu Changes**

Next week’s menus have been changed due to staff absence.

**Monday Tuesday Wednesday**

Cheese & Tomato Pasta Sausage & Gravy Mince Lamb in Gravy

Broccoli & Sweetcorn Roast Potatoes Mashed Potatoes

Crusty Bread Cauliflower & Peas Carrots & Green Beans

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Shortcake Flapjack and Sultanas Ice Cream & Fruit

**Thursday Friday**

Chicken Korma & Rice Battered Fish & Chips

Broccoli & Sweetcorn Peas & Carrots

Naan Bread \*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* Rice Pudding & Jam

Chocolate Crispie Bun

If you have any queries, questions or would like to speak to one of the staff please do not hesitate to contact us at school. Most staff are available in the morning until 9am and after school.

If you would like to speak to me I will be on the playground every morning when I am in school if you would like a quick chat or to make an appointment.

We are all looking forward to another wonderful year and appreciate the support the children and staff receive from parents and the community.



Yours Sincerely

Andrew Russell

Headteacher

**Diary Dates**

**Autumn Term 2016**

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| 21st September | Class 6 Trip  Class 4 Village Walk |
| 23rd September | Class 1 and 2 Fire Service Visit  Class 6 Camp out |
| 5th October | Model Village in school |
| 12th October | Harvest Festival  9:15-9:40 KS2  10:00-10:30 KS1 |
| 24th October-28th October | Half Term Week |
| 7th November | KS1 and Y3 Flu Immunisation |
| 11th November | Individual Photographs- No Awards Assembly  10:45 School Remembrance Service |
| 17th November | Skipwith ad 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 |