

DRIFFIELD NORTHFIELD INFANT SCHOOL



'All Moving Forward Together'

12th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Here are a few items of news as we near the end of the half term.

Gardening and Wildlife

Below is the timetable for next half term's sessions. We intend to run these sessions whatever the weather so ask that on the day of your child's session they come to school dressed in outdoor clothes that are appropriate for that day's weather – sunhats and sun cream applied or clothes that are warm and that you don't mind getting muddy! If needed, outdoor shoes or wellies can be brought in a named bag.



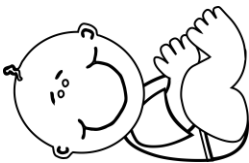
Tuesday 26 th February	Dragonflies
Tuesday 5 th March	Grasshoppers
Tuesday 12 th March	Bumble Bees
Tuesday 19 th March	Caterpillars
Tuesday 26 th March	Butterflies
Tuesday 2 nd April	Ladybirds

World Book Day 2019

Although it is World Book Day on Thursday 7th March we are celebrating on **Wednesday 6th March**. We would like the children to bring their favourite book into school to share and come dressed as their favourite character from the book or wear non uniform if they prefer not to dress up. Every child will receive a World Book Day Token. When you get your book token, all you need to do is to take it to a bookshop and swap it for one of the twelve exclusive, new and completely free £1 World Book Day books. Or you can use it to get £1 off any audio book or book worth £2.99 or more.

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Mrs. Wainwright



Mrs. Wainwright will be leaving us at the end of this half term on Friday 15th February to start her maternity leave. I am pleased to let you know that Miss. Hornshaw will be joining our team and teaching the Butterflies class whilst Mrs. Wainwright is away. Miss. Hornshaw is familiar with the school and has worked with the team in the past. I'm sure you'll join us in wishing both

Mr. and Mrs. Wainwright our very best wishes for the future and we will let you know when 'Baby Wainwright' arrives.

Absence from School in Exceptional Circumstances

You are required under the Education Act (1996) to ensure your child attends school regularly (95% is considered to be good attendance). If your child accrues 10 consecutive sessions of unauthorised absence you may be liable for a penalty notice (one days absence equals two sessions, a five day absence is equal to 10 sessions).

An unauthorised absence is any absence that the Head teacher has not given permission for or where an explanation has not been provided by the parents.

Parents must complete a request for Absence from School in Exceptional Circumstances form and submit this to the school, allowing for sufficient time to enable the school to consider the request and inform the parents of the decision.

Where parents do not follow the school's procedures of submitting a request and simply remove their child without seeking prior approval, a warning may not be given and you may be liable for a penalty notice.

If your request is declined or you do not follow the correct procedure and you still take your child out of school each parent within your household may be issued with a £60 penalty notice for each child you have taken out of school. If a penalty notice remains unpaid after 21 days it will increase to £120. If after 28 days it remains unpaid you may be summonsed to appear before Magistrates to explain why your child has unauthorised school absences and you may be liable for a fine up to £100.

Reminders

Please can you ring us on 01377 257487 by 9.30am if you child is absent for any reason and let us know why, thank you.



Also for safeguarding, please can you inform us if someone else is collecting your child at the end of the day, thank you.

St. David's Day Lunch



To celebrate St. David's Day on Friday 1st March we are having a Welsh themed lunch. There will be Cawl casserole (beef stew) or Quorn casserole with oven diced roast potatoes and broccoli, followed by Welsh cakes or fresh fruit or yoghurt with fruit juice. This is in place of the new printed menu of the first week back.

We break up on Friday 15th February, thank you for all your support this half term.

**Enjoy the holiday and see you back at school on
Monday 25th February.**