

# DRIFFIELD NORTHFIELD INFANT SCHOOL



'All Moving Forward Together'

16<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and Happy New Year. Here are a few items of news and information for this half term.

## Y2 Scooter Training



On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January Y2 will be having Scooter training. This will take place on the main playground in small groups for 30 minutes. Please can all children bring their scooters as they will be learning how to use their scooters safely and correctly with others. Please remember to return the consent form for your child to take part.

## 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 day's 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.

## Water Bottles

Unfortunately, our supplier of water bottles cannot guarantee that the bottles will not leak, so we have decided to stop using them. Please can children to bring in a water bottle from home with their name on to ensure they stay hydrated throughout the day, many thanks.





### **NSPCC Number Day**

We will be taking part in the NSPCC'S Number Day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Classes will be doing fun maths activities and we are hoping children will wear something maths related – something with a number on it or with a shape or a repeating pattern. We are also asking for a small donation towards the NSPCC. More information to follow, many thanks.

### **Parental Consultation Evenings**

Our Parental Consultation Evenings will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Information and appointment times will be sent out soon. Many thanks.

### **Foundation Balance Bike Day**

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February Foundation will be having Balance Bike training. This will take place on the main playground in groups of 15. The bikes and helmets will be provided by the organisers and the children will also learn about road safety and using bikes correctly with others.



### **Diary Dates**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Y2 Scooter Training  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Dragonflies Fire Station Visit  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Grasshoppers Fire Station Visit  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for half term holiday  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Return to school  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February– Foundation Balance Bike Training  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Break up for Easter holiday  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Return to school  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – May Day  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Break up for half term holiday  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Return to school  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Break up for summer



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