



Northwood Primary School

Newsletter – September 2024

A message from Mrs Beach

Isn't it great to be back at school? It has been lovely to see all the children looking so smart and eager to learn after such a long time away. I would like to welcome all the children who are starting Northwood this term and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you all as your Executive Head Teacher. During the holidays the school has undergone some work to the grounds, including a full tree survey - did you know our grounds contain nearly 40 different types of trees! A huge thank you to Mike our caretaker for painting and decorating parts of our school and to our fabulous cleaners Sarah, Diana, Amanda, Sue and Laura for all their hard work during the summer break deep cleaning the whole school.

Staff News

We'd like to give a big Northwood welcome back to Mrs Negus (our school SENCO) from her maternity leave. Mrs Negus will be working on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Start and Finish Times

Please note the start and finish times of our school day.

		Entrance to site	Start Time	Finish Time
Nursery	Nursery – Mrs Neal / Mrs Thompson	North Elevation Pathway	8:30 – 11:30	
			12.15 – 3:15	
Reception	Class 1 – Miss Hindmarsh	Main Yard	8:45	3:05
	Class 2 – Mrs Park/ Mrs Freeman		8:45	3:05
Year 1	Class 3 – Ms Bradley		8:45	3:10
	Class 4 – Miss Curtis		8:45	3:10
Year 2	Class 5 – Mr West		8:45	3:10
	Class 6 – Mrs Osborne		8:45	3:10
Year 3	Class 7 – Mr Beadle		8:45	3:15
	Class 8 – Mr Harker		8:45	3:15
Year 4	Class 9 – Mrs Taylor		8:45	3:15
	Class 10 – Mrs Jones		8:45	3:15
Year 5	Class 11 – Miss Bowen		8:45	3:15
	Class 12 – Mrs Coates		8:45	3:15
Year 6	Class 13 – Mr Curtis		8:45	3:15
	Class 14 – Mr Newton		8:45	3:15

Apart from Nursery the school gates are opened promptly at 8:45am for all of our children. Our gates are closed at 8:55am. Children should come to school as close to 8.45am as possible because we have a range of early morning learning activities for all of our children. This includes reading, number work, times table work, opportunities to complete pieces of work from previous days, and completing corrections. It is really important that you work with us to promote good habits linked to attendance and especially punctuality.

Safe school site

Please remember the following when in the school grounds:

- Bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the school site at all. This is to ensure that our whole school community is safe and there are no unnecessary accidents.
- Where possible lock bikes and scooters that are left in our school bike sheds.
- No animals of any kind are allowed on school property. This includes the carrying of small dogs.
- Vaping and smoking are not allowed anywhere on the school site.
- We encourage everyone to stick to the paths when walking around school and wherever possible please stay off the school grass.
- Please do not let your children walk on the walls around the school building. We do not want any child to suffer an injury that can be avoided.

Uniform and PE

Wearing a school uniform is important for children as it creates a sense of belonging and community and ensures that all children feel part of the Northwood family. It is important that you ensure your child is dressed appropriately for school. Our uniform consists of:

- Black or grey trouser/skirts or pinafore dresses
- White polo shirt (with or without the school motif)
- Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without the school motif)
- Y6 can wear their Leaver Hoodies once purchased
- Black flat shoes or black trainers. (No fashion shoes please)
- Summer dress (green and white or yellow and white gingham)

Only a small, plain pair of stud earrings are allowed. This is a health and safety expectation. If children wear earrings that are not deemed appropriate to school they will be spoken to and we will also contact parents. Children will have to stay indoors at playtimes and lunchtimes if earrings are deemed unsafe for school. False nails, nail varnish and make up are also not allowed in school. We have reviewed our procedures linked to PE and explored what other schools are doing. On PE days children can come to school in their PE kits. If there are any changes to PE days we will notify parents via MME and Facebook.

PE days are as follows:

- Monday – Year 4 (Class 9 and Class 10)
- Tuesday – Year 2 (Class 5 and Class 6)
- Wednesday – Year 5 (Class 11 and Class 12)
- Thursday – Year 3 (Class 7 and Class 8), Year 1 (Class 3 and Class 4), Year 2 (Class 5 and Class 6) and Reception (Class 1 and 2)
- Friday – Year 6 (Class 13 and Class 14)

Reading at Home

Children will begin to bring reading books home from school from the start of next week and we ask that you take some time to encourage and listen to your children read regularly. We have reintroduced reading records for you to sign to show that you have supported your child in their reading journey. These need to be sent to school every day with their reading book. Ideally children should read every day, but 3 times a week as a minimum will ensure that our children continue to develop the skills that they require to be successful in the future.



Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 12th September: Y6 Parent/Carer Meeting straight after school (3.15pm)-more information to follow
- Friday 13th September: Roald Dahl Dress Up Day in school - Children can wear fancy dress, their own clothes, or Roald Dahl's favourite colour of Yellow on this day.
- Week beginning 16th September: National Doodle Week
- Week beginning 23rd September: National Computer Coding Week
- Week beginning 30th September: World Animal Week
- Friday 4th October: National Poetry Day in school
- Week beginning 7th October: Random Acts of Kindness Week.
- Week beginning 14th October: World Values Week.
- Friday 18th October: Whole school photograph day.
- Tuesday 22nd October: Year 3/4 Harvest Festival assembly for parents and carers (time to be confirmed).
- Friday 25th October: Non-Uniform day.

Please note school finishes for half term at the end of the school day on Friday 25th October.

We are looking forward to working with all of our families this academic year and continue to 'grow success' with your children.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Z Beach".

Mrs Zoe Beach