

Northwood Primary School

Newsletter – January 2022

A Message from Mrs Beach, Executive Head Teacher



Happy New Year to all of our families. Can you believe that it is 2022 already!

The children and staff have all started this term very successfully and the curriculum continues to be full of positive learning opportunities for our children. The new staff that have joined Northwood in January have settled in very well. Let's continue to work together to ensure the children at Northwood get the very best from their time at our school.

A Message from Mrs Wassell, Head of School

You would normally receive this newsletter in the first week we return to school, however, with so much change going on I have waited to ensure we have the most up to date information. As we reach the end of January, it is great to see how well everyone has settled back in to school after the Christmas break. The children are currently producing work for various displays around school and are engaged in a whole school sculpture project, which you may have seen glimpses of on our Facebook page - we will share their wonderful work with you when it is finished.



Staff News

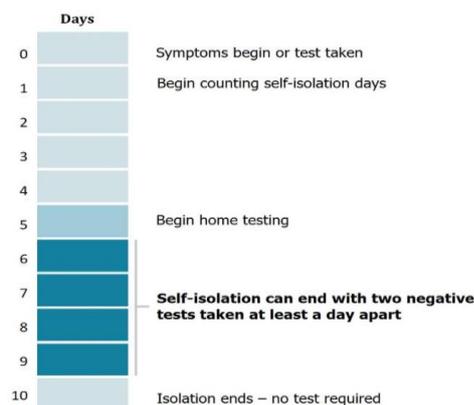
We welcome Miss Bowen (Class 9 teacher), Miss Robinson (Class 11 teacher), Mrs Shepherdson (Catch-Up teacher) and Mrs Hutton (teaching assistant in Early Years) to Northwood this term.

Three of our members of staff will be starting their maternity leave over the next few weeks - Miss Callender, Miss White and Miss Robinson (Assistant Headteacher). We wish them the best of luck and will really miss them in school.

Covid Procedures

There have been lots of changes in covid procedures over the past few weeks and these are likely to change in the future. At the moment, children who test positive on a lateral flow test should self-isolate and you should contact school to let us know - these children do not need to have a PCR test. We will then communicate to parents/ carers that there has been a positive case in the class. If your child has one of the recognised symptoms of covid, they should get a PCR test. The information on the Gov.uk website states:

'Anyone who has one of the core symptoms of COVID-19 – a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – should self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed.'



Your child can test on day 5 and day 6 of their isolation and if these tests are both negative then they can return to school. If the day 5 result is still positive then they should test daily until they have two negative test results 24 hours apart. If your child is testing positive on day 10 they can still return to school on day 11 as they have reached the end of their isolation period.

Parent Consultations – Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

We will be holding our parent consultations after half-term on **Tuesday 8th March** and **Wednesday 9th March**. We are continuing to keep these meetings virtual at the moment with the changing national covid picture, but are hopeful we will return to some face-to-face events in the Summer Term. You will receive an email or letter asking you to choose either a Teams meeting or a phone call meeting on one of these nights. These meetings are vital to ensure you have an up to date picture of your child's current attainment and progress. If your child's teacher does not receive a reply from you, they will allocate you a phone call appointment and inform you of when this will be.

NSPCC Number Day



On Friday 4th February Northwood is yet again going to be involved in a very special Maths Day for an extra special charity. Mr Todd and the teachers are planning lots of activities to celebrate this event. I am inviting the whole school community to dress up as rock stars or in clothes featuring numbers and/or patterns and/or shapes. Please send any money you would like to donate into school on that day for this worthwhile cause.



Children's Mental Health Week



In the week beginning Monday 7th February, Miss Robinson will be working with other health professionals to plan and deliver a range of learning activities and discussions about the importance of mental health and wellbeing. During the week we will shine a spotlight on the importance of children's mental health following the theme 'Growing Together'. Children have dealt with a lot of change over the past 22 months and as a school we continue to support our children with techniques and strategies to enable them to discuss their feelings and deal with the ever changing global situation. The children have shown just how resilient they are and we couldn't be prouder of them!

Facebook



If you haven't already, please take a minute to like our Facebook page via the following link: www.facebook.com/northwoodprimary. If you do not have a Facebook account, and don't want to have one, then you can check our school website which has the Facebook feed that you can see: <https://www.northwoodprimary.org.uk/>.

Dates for your Diary

- **Week commencing 17th January:** Big Energy Saving Week. We talked about ways in which we can all contribute to saving energy.
- **Week commencing 24th January:** Big Garden Birdwatch Week.
- **Week commencing 31st January:** National Storytelling Week.
- **Friday 4th February:** NSPCC Number Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a rock star or in clothes with a number/ pattern/ shape theme. We will collect money for the NSPCC charity so please send any contributions in with your child on this day.
- **Week commencing 7th February:** Children's Mental Health Week. We will think about the theme 'Growing Together.'
- **Thursday 17th February:** Term ends. Children can wear their own clothes on this day.
- **Monday 28th February:** Term starts.

School Calendar

Our school website has a wealth of information that you may need as a parent/ carer, one of the pieces of information is the school term dates. Term dates for this academic year are:

Term	Children return to school...	Last day in school...	Other dates not in school
Autumn 1	Friday 3 rd September 2021	Friday 22 nd October 2021	
Autumn 2	Tuesday 2 nd November 2021	Friday 17 th December 2021	
Spring 1	Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Thursday 17 th February 2022	
Spring 2	Monday 28 th February 2022	Friday 8 th April 2022	
Summer 1	Monday 25 th April 2022	Thursday 26 th May 2022	Bank Holiday: Monday 2 nd May 2022
Summer 2	Monday 6 th June 2022	Wednesday 20 th July 2022	

If you would like to access this on our website, please go to www.northwoodprimary.org.uk/calendar.

Thank you for your continued support as always,

Mrs Wassell
Head of School