

A Message from Mrs Beach, Executive Head Teacher



Welcome back to Northwood for the start of another successful half term. The staff have yet again been working really hard to ensure that the curriculum offer that the children receive is full of exciting learning opportunities. Last half term the classes were involved in a sculpture project which gave all of the children the chance to show off their artistic skills. I have to say I was blown away by the quality and standard of the work-we have some very talented children (and staff). We continue to strive to provide a broad and rich curriculum experience for all of our children so that they can reach their full potential and I'm sure you will all be very proud after the parent consultation meetings that are coming up this half term.

A Message from Mrs Wassell, Head of School

I hope that you all enjoyed a good half-term break. The weather was particularly awful, especially towards the end of the week, but I hope you enjoyed some family time and found lots of exciting things to do. It has been good to see you all back at school this week. Spring is definitely in the air at Northwood as days seem to get longer and the weather gets warmer. We have lots of exciting things going on over this half term that we are all looking forward to including dress up days, cultivation week and some new play time initiatives. Please keep checking back on our Facebook page for news and photos over the half term and keep hold of the 'Dates for you Diary' section of this newsletter. As the world around us moves closer to something close to normal, we have been able to restart some aspects of school which we have not been able to do so far. We have launched our Northwood University where children will get the opportunity to take part in after school clubs and earn a certificate of achievement. Over the rest of this year, your child will have the opportunities to take part in at least one club if they wish to.



Staff News

Miss Robinson (Assistant Headteacher), who has recently started her maternity leave, has been appointed as Head of School at another one of our trust schools, Cambrai Primary School in Catterick. Unfortunately, this will mean she will not be returning to Northwood, however, she has promised she will come back and visit us before the end of the year to say a proper goodbye.

Mrs Peart is leaving Northwood at Easter to start a new adventure as Headteacher at Ainderby Steeple Church of England Primary School in Northallerton.

Mrs Brownsword who is one of our office staff is moving over to Heathfield Primary School. We will welcome Miss Griffiths from the 14th March.

Although we are extremely sad that these members of staff will no longer be with us at Northwood, we are thrilled that they have achieved these promotions. I hope you will join me in wishing them the best of luck!

Covid Procedures

With each newsletter I write, I always have a covid update. There has been much in the media about the changes to the legal requirement to isolate if someone tests positive for covid. Unfortunately, this is quite misleading as it is still recommended that someone who tests positive should avoid being in contact with people. The guidance for schools has remained, on the whole, the same as before the holidays. The guidance we must now follow states:

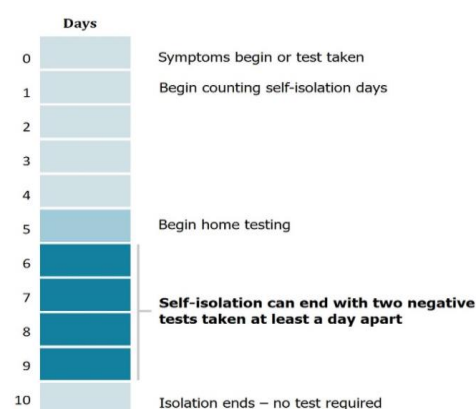
'If you have COVID-19 you can infect other people from 2 days before your symptoms start, and for up to 10 days after. You can pass on the infection to others, even if you have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. If you have COVID-19 you should stay at home and avoid contact with other people.'

'Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. They should follow the guidance for their educational setting.'

If your child tests positive for covid then you must contact school to inform us and follow the above testing guidance. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated as we try to ensure that we play our part in stopping the spread.

Bikes and Scooters at School

Staying active is really important and biking or riding a scooter to school is a great way to do this. Please can you make sure that if your child brings their bike or scooter to school that they come off it before they come onto the school grounds and push it into school. This really helps to minimise accidents before and after school.

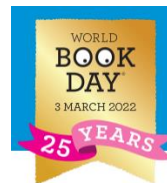


Parent Consultations – Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

Teachers are looking forward to speaking to you on Tuesday 8th March or Wednesday 9th March for our parent consultation meetings. You should have received a slip to let you know when your appointment will be. If you have not returned a letter stating a preferred date or time then your child’s teacher will send you an appointment. Depending on where in school the teacher is phoning from, the caller ID on your phone may be the school number or may be ‘Number Withheld’ or ‘No caller ID’. Please be prepared to answer the call as it helps staff make sure they keep to their timetables for the evening.

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day is always something we look forward to at Northwood – the staff as much as the children! Reading is at the heart of our curriculum and World Book Day gives us an opportunity to celebrate it. The children took part in lots of activities over the day, including sharing books and reading together. Your child will have received a book token that they can take to lots of shops and exchange for a special World Book Day title or they can use it to get £1 off a book of their choice.



Red Nose day – Friday 18th March



On Friday 18th March we will be celebrating Red Nose Day in aid of Comic Relief. This year’s event is all about harnessing the power to change lives. I am inviting the whole school community to come dressed in their own clothes on that day. If children would like to wear fancy dress, onesies, sportswear or just their favourite outfit, they can. We will be accepting donations on this Friday to raise money for this worthwhile charity and children will be covering as many Red Nose Day posters as possible with the money they bring to school.

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

- **Thursday 3rd March:** Northwood’s World Book Day – Children can come to school dressed as a book character
- **Week commencing 7th March:** Cultivation Week – Children will be taking part in some great activities in school this week
- **Week commencing 14th March:** British Science Week – ‘Growth’
- **Friday 18th March:** Red Nose Day - dress up day at school – wear your favourite outfit that makes you smile. Children are invited to bring money into school to donate to this worthy cause.
- **Friday 25th March:** Wear a Hat to School Day (and non-uniform day).
- **Friday 25th March:** World Maths Day.
- **Week beginning 28th March:** Family Safety Week – children will be thinking about how they can stay safe in and out of their home
- **Friday 8th April:** End of term non-uniform day.

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 5 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