

Dear Parents/Carers

We are well into the first school term, the winter weather is on its way and the festive season is nearly upon us. As always this is a very busy time at Northwood with lots of exciting activities and events going on throughout the coming weeks.

Parent Questionnaire Results

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our recent parent consultation meetings. These meetings gave us a chance to celebrate how well the year has started with you, and in the vast majority of meetings it was clear that our children are happy and achieving well. These sessions also provide a great opportunity to gather valuable feedback from parents and carers with our parent questionnaire. We had 127 responses and I am pleased to share with you the following information:

"This school has been very good for our child, not only at school but also to do with home life. I cannot speak highly enough about the school and teachers."

"My child is thriving at Northwood. They are so much happier – Thank you."

Parent questionnaire information March 2018			
Total number of pupils:			
Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree
1. My child is happy	74%	26%	0%
2. My child feels safe at this school	75%	25%	0%
3. My child makes good progress at the school	73%	26%	0%
4. My child is well looked after at this school	74%	26%	0%
5. My child is taught well at this school	74%	25%	0%
6. My child receives homework appropriate for their age	64%	31%	2%
7. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	65%	33%	1%
8. This school deals effectively with bullying	62%	32%	1%
9. The school is well led and managed	69%	30%	0%
10. This school responds well to any concerns I raise	66%	31%	0%
11. I receive valuable information about my child's progress	70%	30%	0%
12. Would you recommend this school to another parent?	Yes - 100%		

"The one instance of our child being bullied by another pupil was dealt with swiftly and effectively."

"We are thrilled with the progress our child is making. He loves the engaging topics he covers in class."

"I am very pleased with my child's progress at Northwood. She loves coming to school and is full of enthusiasm"

National Anti-Bullying Week – “Choose Respect”

The week commencing Monday 12th November is National Anti-Bullying Week, with the theme “Choose Respect”. At Northwood we believe that the behaviour and safety of our children is our prime concern and we ensure that this week is a real feature of the curriculum. Children across the school will engage in a range of activities to understand how to keep themselves safe from any sort of bullying either in school, out in the community or online.



Dates for your diary

- Week beginning 12th November - Anti-bullying week: Choose Respect (including Odd Sock Day/National Kindness Day on Monday and Tuesday)
- Wednesday 14th, 21st, 28th November and 5th December – Yoga Bugs for Early Years
- Thursday 15th November – Stop Cyber-bullying Day
- Friday 16th November – Children in Need Fundraising Day: Wear Wacky Clothes to School
- Week beginning 19th November – Road Safety Week: Bike Smart
- Monday 19th November – Nursery Rhyme Day
- Thursday 22nd November – Class 12 Virgin Money Christmas Market Day
- Week beginning Monday 3rd December – Scholastic Book Fair
- Wednesday 5th December – Flu Vaccinations in School
- Friday 7th December – School Christmas Fair 3.30pm-5.30pm – more information to follow
- Monday 10th December – Year 1 Christmas Party (afternoon)
- Tuesday 11th December – Reception/Year 1 Dental Survey
- Tuesday 11th December – Year 2 Christmas Party (afternoon)
- Wednesday 12th December – Year 3 Christmas Party
- Thursday 13th December – Year 4 Christmas Party
- Friday 14th December – Save the Children Fundraiser: Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 14th December – Early Years Christmas Nativity (morning)
- Friday 14th December – School Christmas Dinner Day
- Monday 17th December – Year 5 Christmas Party
- Tuesday 18th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Show for parents
- Wednesday 19th December – Nursery Christmas Party (morning)
- Wednesday 19th December – Reception Christmas Party (afternoon)
- Thursday 20th December – Trip to the Pantomime: Aladdin at Darlington Hippodrome
- Friday 21st December – Year 6 Christmas Party
- Friday 21st December – Non-uniform day

School closes for the end of Autumn term on Friday 21st December at 3.30pm. School reopens on Monday 7th January.

Please note that these dates are subject to additions/amendments. Please see our website www.northwoodprimary.org.uk, or find us on Facebook to stay up to date.

Thank you for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mrs Beach'.

Mrs Beach,

Head Teacher