

Dear Parents/Carers,

The start of the term has been very successful, I can't quite believe we are into the month of October already! Here is some information about upcoming events that will be happening at Northwood.

Harvest Food Collection

It is the time of year where we celebrate 'Harvest'. As well as the Year 3 and Year 4 children sharing a harvest festival assembly with families, we would like to collect items that the Northwood community can donate to a local food bank fulfilling our virtue of 'kindness'. We would be grateful if you would be willing to donate any of the following:

- Tinned foods (eg soups, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables)
- Dry packet foods (eg pasta, rice)
- Biscuits and cereals
- Toiletries (eg toothbrushes, toothpaste, handsoap etc)

Items will be collected and displayed in the front entrance of our school. You can either bring them into the main office or send them into class with your child.

Thank you all for your kindness, I know that the Northwood community always pulls together in times of need for others.



Harvest Festival – Tuesday 22nd October - Class 7, 8, 9 and 10

You should have already received your letter detailing the arrangements for our special Harvest Festival assembly for families in Year 3 and Year 4. Please return your reply slip so we can allocate tickets. The hall has a maximum number of people it can contain so it is important that we know how many people wish to attend.

The children are so excited for you all to see their performance.

Attendance Update

Here are some interesting statistics linked to attendance and punctuality for the month of September

Club 99%+ Attendance	253 children
Number of Children with at least 1 late mark	65 children
Attendance Levels by Class	
Class 13	97.6%
Class 9	97.6%
Class 4	96.8%
Class 8	96.6%
Class 12	96.4%
Class 1	96.2%
Class 10	95.7%
Class 5	94.8%
Class 7	94.8%
Class 6	94.0%
Class 2	93.8%
Class 3	93.7%
Class 14	92.7%
Class 11	92.6%

Show Racism the Red Card – Thursday 17th October – 'Change Heart. Change Minds. Change Lives.'

Mr Blackburn, CEO of our Trust, has asked that every school participates in this important day of awareness. The actual date (Friday 18th October) clashes with our school photograph day, so we have moved our awareness day to Thursday 17th October. I am inviting the whole school community to wear something red on this day. Children do not need to wear school uniform, however please ensure they are wearing appropriate footwear and following our policy linked to nail varnish and jewellery. If it is your child's PE day, they still need to wear their kit for school, however if they can wear something red that would be great.



Open Evenings for Parents/Carers - 'Celebrating our Children's Success'

Tuesday 5th November 3.30-5pm and Thursday 7th November 3.30-6pm

You will shortly receive a letter asking you to request a date and time for a consultation with the class teachers. These 10 minute appointments are so important and give you a chance to understand how well your child has settled into their new class and how you can support them at home. You also have an opportunity to look through their books and have a tour of the school. We can't wait to celebrate your children's successes with you all.



Facebook – A window into Northwood

We are so proud of the offer that we provide for your children and share lots of the things that happen in school on our Facebook page. Please follow us to get an insight into all of the wonderful opportunities and experiences we offer our children and join the 1,579 others that already follow our school. Please find us on Facebook via <https://www.facebook.com/northwoodprimary>.

Friday 25th October – Non uniform day

On our last day of this half term it is our non uniform day in school. Some children have already been asking if they can wear fancy dress or Halloween costumes on this day and we have said yes (as long as they are not too scary). Children and staff can choose what they would like to wear on this day-please be mindful of appropriate footwear. If your child would prefer to wear their normal school uniform they can.

Dates for your Diary

- **Friday 4th October:** National Poetry Day in school (Children will recite poems to each other in two special assemblies in school)
- **Week beginning 7th October:** Random Acts of Kindness Week (Miss Kelly has organised a range of activities linked to our school virtue)
- **Wednesday 9th October:** Early Years Open Evening for families who have children who will be starting either Nursery or Reception next year from 3.30pm
- **Week beginning 14th October:** World Values Week (Our children will focus on the values of love, peace, truth, responsibility and community)
- **Wednesday 16th October:** Early Years Pumpkin Patch experience (information already shared)
- **Thursday 17th October:** Year 4 Maths meeting for parents in the school hall straight after school. Enter through the school main entrance. Mr Foulds, Trust Maths Lead will also be in attendance to discuss ways you can support your children with Maths, especially their times tables.
- **Thursday 17th October:** Show Racism the Red Card- Wear Red to School day (see information above)
- **Friday 18th October:** Whole school photograph day (Children to wear full school uniform)
- **Tuesday 22nd October:** Year 3/4 Harvest Festival assembly for parents and carers (9.15am/2.30pm).
- **Thursday 24th October:** Year 2 Arctic Experience-a first for Northwood! (See separate letter for more information about this exciting day)
- **Friday 25th October:** Non-Uniform day (Halloween/Fancy Dress/Own clothes)

KINDNESS IS FREE
SPRINKLE
THAT STUFF
EVERYWHERE



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

Monday 4th November is a staff training day - children will not be in school on this day.

School reopens for children on Tuesday 5th November.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Zoe Beach