

A Message from Mrs Beach, Executive Head Teacher



I hope you've all had a fantastic half term break and enjoyed the lovely weather. I can't quite believe it's the final half term before we break up for the summer! There is a considerable amount of work going on in school at the moment around preparing for the next academic year. As you all know, the Government's roadmap is due to be updated on the 21st June. At this moment this may have significant implications for all schools in terms of the systems of control that have kept us as safe as possible since returning from the last lockdown. I know that some schools locally are already making decisions about routines that have changed this last year in school; including the start and finish times of the school day, the length of school lunch breaks, the provision for extra-curricular activities, whether school trips will go ahead or not etc. All I ask is that our families are patient with us as we take advice from the government, advice from Lingfield Education Trust, and make the decisions that are right for the children and staff at Northwood Primary School. I will keep you updated as we make our decisions once the guidance has been released. Thank you for your continued support and understanding during these challenging times.

A Message from Mrs Wassell, Head of School

Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year and what lovely weather to come back to! Over these next few weeks, we will be making the most of it and taking part in lots of outdoor activities and sporting events – please make a note of some of the dates at the end of this newsletter. The end of this academic year is in sight and so we start to look forward to transition into the next school year or the next stage of schooling for some of our children. Your children will find out who their new teacher will be near the end of this half-term and, government guidelines permitting, will get to spend some time with their new teacher before the summer break (fingers crossed). Through this difficult year, our children have shown real resilience and great attitudes to learning. They have been an absolute credit to you and to us and we look forward to this last half-term where we can continue on the journey to normality and celebrate with exciting teaching and learning opportunities.



End of Year Assessments



Over the next two weeks there will be a number of assessments going on across the school to enable teachers to see how well the children have done this year and ensure we can celebrate everyone's success.

Next week (week beginning 14th June 2021) the Year 1 children will complete their Phonic Screening Check, the Year 4 children will complete their Multiplication Tables Check and the Year 6 children will complete their SAT tests. The following week (week beginning 21st June 2021) the Year 2 children will take part in their SAT tests and the rest of school will complete some end of year assessments.

In a normal year, the Year 6 and Year 2 children would have completed their SAT tests in school in May. This year has been different and the government have not asked schools to submit these results. We are using the tests in our school, as are other schools across Lingfield Education Trust, so we can measure the progress children have made this year and use the last few weeks to make sure they are ready for their next steps. These results will not be submitted to the DFE or published. We work hard to make sure children see these assessments as a chance to show off and impress their teacher and I can't wait to celebrate their success with them.

School and PE Uniform

You will notice in the list of dates that there are sporting events happening most weeks this half-term as we try to squeeze in as many opportunities as possible. You will receive more details about specific events where necessary through either email or on our Facebook page. If your child is coming to school dressed in their PE kits can I ask that you send them in appropriate clothing please.

Our school PE kit is:

- A pair of plain black shorts
- A standard white T-Shirt
- Plimsolls and/or trainers
- Hair should be neat and tidy and any hair accessories such as clips, slides, beads etc should be kept to a minimum.
- Jewellery, with the exception of one pair of stud style earrings, and make up (including nail varnish) should not be worn in school.

There are lots of children coming to school with crop tops on, football tops on and inappropriate shorts and trousers. Although some of these may be sportswear, they are not appropriate for school due to the nature of some of the sports we play or because of the price they cost and the risk of them getting dirty or ruined. We try to keep our PE uniform as simple and cost effective as possible, so it would be great to see as many children as possible in their school PE uniform across the Summer Term.

Jewellery should not be worn in school and children should not have fake nails or nail varnish on. If children have to wear earrings then they should be a simple studs. There are all sorts of health and safety risks with wearing jewellery and having fake nails. If a child were to have an accident then a key thing we may look for is circulation in the fingers, which is impossible if a child is wearing fake nails or nail varnish. Teachers will be reminding children of these rules and asking them to remove jewellery whilst in school and remove fake nails and nail varnish at home.

Preparing for the Sun

As the weather warms up, we ask you to consider applying sun cream before your child comes to school – you can now get some sun creams that last for up to 8 hours. Learning outside the classroom and sports opportunities happen whenever possible so your child may be spending quite a lot of time outside. A cap/ sun hat (named please) would also be beneficial and sunglasses can be worn if you wish. Please also remember to send your child to school with their water bottle as these can be taken outside to help keep the children hydrated.



Facebook



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 beginning 7th June:** Outdoor Classroom Week – Trees
- **Thursday 10th June:** Whole School obstacle course and Fencing for Y5
- **Week beginning 14th June:** Phonic Screening, Y4 Multiplication Table Check and Y6 SAT tests taking place this week
- **Tuesday 15th June: The Big Sing** – children in school will all take part in a record breaking Big Sing event trying to unite as many children around the country in song as possible. The song is 'Lovely Day' so feel free to practise this at home!
- **Wednesday 16th June:** Archery Day for children in Year 2 to Year 6
- **Week beginning 21st June:** Assessment Week for Y1-Y5
- **Week beginning 21st June:** National School Sports Week – Mrs Taylor is organising a week filled with activities for the children to enjoy.
- **Week beginning 28th June:** Skip into Summer – we will be taking part in skipping activities across the week
- **Week beginning 28th June:** National Picnic Month – the children will be taking part in picnic activities across the week
- **Wednesday 30th June:** End of Year Reports will be sent home
- **Week beginning 5th July:** Target Games Week – the children will be trying out tri golf across the week
- **Monday 12th July:** Early Years Sports Day – unfortunately parents/ carers will not be invited to attend this event this year
- **Wednesday 14th July:** Key Stage 1 Sports Day - unfortunately parents/ carers will not be invited to attend this event this year
- **Wednesday 14th July:** Teacher will be available after school if you would like to make an appointment to discuss your child's report – more information to follow with reports
- **Thursday 15th July:** Key Stage 2 Sports Day - unfortunately parents/ carers will not be invited to attend this event this year
- **Friday 16th July:** Non-uniform day – children can come to school on the last day of the term in their own clothes or costumes

On behalf of the whole Northwood team, I would like to thank you for your continued support and your patience as we navigate through the last half term of this academic year.

S. Wassell

Mrs Wassell
Head of School