

Welcome back to Northwood, we hope you had a fantastic half term break. Can you believe it we are nearly at the end of another successful year at Northwood? Hopefully the weather will be warmer and the sun will be shining so everyone in the school community can enjoy all the great activities we have planned this half term.



Feedback Matters

We are constantly aiming to be the very best school we can be for our children. To help us achieve this, we highly value the views of our parents/carers. The Trust have developed this survey, using the Ofsted Parent View questions, to gather your views. We will use the responses given as part of our future plans for the school. The link below will take you to the survey.

<https://forms.office.com/e/es3A8knLW5>

We are aware that parents/carers have recently completed questionnaires at our consultation evenings, however this survey has been requested by all schools in Lingfield Education Trust. The questions are multiple choice with a space at the end for you to add any comment you wish.

We would be grateful if you could complete the survey by 12th July 2024.

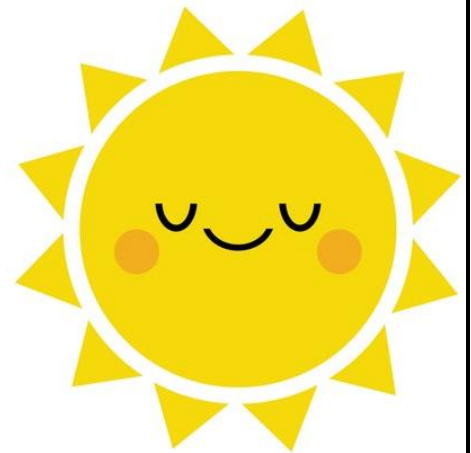
Safety Matters

Although it may not be a heatwave just yet, the hot summer weather is (hopefully) around the corner. We'd like to remind parents/carers of the importance of making sure your children are prepared for the heat with sun hats, sunglasses if they have them, and summer uniform (gingham dress, school shorts etc). On particularly hot days can you make sure you apply sun cream before your child comes to school. If your child chooses to bring sun cream, please be aware that school staff will not be responsible for applying it during the school day.

As part of our safety procedures in school, we have a termly fire drill to practise our evacuation procedures which we will be carrying out this half term. Each time this is completed we time how long it takes us to safely evacuate the building and review our procedures to ensure that in the event of a real fire we all know what is expected of us.

We are also expected to have procedures linked to lock downs. These are the opposite of evacuation procedures and ensure that if required the school can respond to a serious incident or situation. The children and staff need to practise what happens during a lockdown incident so that they all know what is expected of them if it is required. The school will carry out a lockdown drill during this half term. This drill has been discussed with children during whole school assemblies last half term and practiced in the classrooms. I'm sure if you ask your child about what happens they can tell you.

I'd like to also remind parents/carers of our uniform policy in regards to jewellery. Last half term we communicated the expectations and although lots of our children have beautiful jewellery it is not appropriate for the school environment and can pose a Health and Safety risk. This particularly refers to earrings. Our policy is that only small plain studs are suitable for school. If you are considering having your children's ears pierced we recommend you do this during the first week of the summer holidays so that earrings can be removed at the start of the Autumn term, especially for PE and outdoor play times.



Transition

As we are coming to the end of the academic year it is an exciting time for our Year 6 children who will soon be off for their transition days to their new secondary schools. This gives us an opportunity in school to carry out our own transition activities for children who will be staying at Northwood. During these days the children will get to know which classroom they will be in and with which members of staff. With a range of activities and projects planned it also provides the children with an opportunity to show off their skills and talents with their new classmates and teachers. Transition this year will be taking place on the 27th, 28th and 29th June - more information to follow.



Stay Up to Date



We like to keep our whole school community updated on all the fantastic things that happen at Northwood Primary, as well as provide everyone with any important information or updates as required. With this in mind we'd like to remind parents/carers to follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/northwoodprimary>) and download the 'Marvellous Me' app which is available on the App Store and Google Play.

Dates for your diary:

- Week beginning 3rd June – 14th June: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check.
- Friday 7th June: Year 6 group leavers photo – full uniform is required.
- Week beginning 10th June – 21st June: Year 1 (and Year 2 if required) Phonics Screening Check.
- Friday 14th June: Year 6 'Big Day Out' to Flamingo Land.
- Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th June: Transition days.
- Friday 28th June: Reports out to families (Early Years - Year 5).
- Monday 1st July: Reports out to families (Year 6).
- Friday 5th July: Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) sports afternoon – parents invited, more information to follow.
- Thursday 11th July: Year 6 'Big Bash' - 4:45pm – 6pm –(Disco, food, fun and games-more info to follow)
- Friday 12th July: Key Stage 2 (Year 3 – Year 6) sports afternoon – parents invited, more information to follow.
- Wednesday 17th July: Nursery and Reception sports day – parents invited, more information to follow.
- Thursday 18th July: Year 6 Leavers assembly for parents and carers - 2pm start.
- Friday 19th July: Children's last day in school – non-uniform day.

Any further dates or information will be sent through further communication.

Thank you for your continued support as always,



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