

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Northwood. We hope you all had a fantastic time together. This half term is always one of the highlights of the school year, it is very busy and packed with fun and opportunities to further develop your children's lives and experiences. We are always striving to 'grow success' and look forward to making memories for all of our children during this half term.

Parent/Carer Consultations: Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November

We are delighted to offer face to face consultation appointments this year and are looking forward to welcoming our families into the school building. Our Year 6 Pupil Representatives will be on hand to welcome you into school, show you where to go to speak to the teachers and offer you a tour of the school. These are new positions to provide our oldest children with more responsibility in and around school. If your child is in Year 3 to Year 6, the meeting will take place in the school hall. If your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, your meeting will be held in the classrooms. The children's work will also be available for you to have a look at before or after your meeting has taken place. We are constantly trying to ensure that we offer our families the best education we can and ask that you complete the questionnaire that will also be available in school. Please note that sometimes appointment times may overrun-please be mindful of this when you come into school.



Anti-Bullying Week - Make a noise about bullying: Week beginning 13th November

Although bullying at Northwood is rare, it is important that we spend time as adults and children coming together to discuss what we mean by bullying behaviour, how we can tell the difference between 'banter' and bullying and how to make changes to reduce bullying type behaviours, both in school and outside in the community. During this week in school all children will be taught:

- How to report bullying or anything they are worried about
- The difference between banter and bullying type behaviour
- That there are people who care and can help if they are struggling with a bullying-related issue.

Northwood's Anti-Bullying policy can be found on the school's website in the 'policies' section under the 'statutory' tab at the top of the website.

Each day we will come together through a range of activities and themes:

- **Monday 13th November**- 'Odd Sock Day' in school-the whole school community is invited to wear odd socks to school to recognise and celebrate our differences
- **Tuesday 14th November**- 'Smile Day'-as kindness is one of our key virtues we will be encouraging our community to respond to each other with smiles. Smiles are the building blocks of warm, caring and responsive relationships.
- **Wednesday 15th November**- 'Positive Affirmation Day'-we will focus on the benefits of positive words and thoughts and how powerful these can be
- **Thursday 16th November**- 'Stay safe online'-E-safety is at the heart of our computing curriculum. Being safe online means individuals are protecting themselves and others from online harm and risks.
- **Friday 17th November**- 'Children in Need Day'-the whole school community is invited to wear bright clothes to school to celebrate this important event.

On Friday 17th November, we will celebrate 'Children in Need Day' in school. This will be a non-uniform day and we ask that the school community wears bright clothes on this day. We will have our special 'copper coin challenge' on this day too. Please would you look in your pockets, drawers and purses (and down the side of the sofa) and allow your children to bring in copper coins (and silver ones too if you wish) to decorate as many Pudsey Bear faces as we possibly can. All money raised will go to this very important charity and support children who aren't as fortunate as us.





Christmas Fair: Friday 8th December-Put the date on your calendar!

Back by popular demand is Northwood's Christmas Fair. This special event hasn't taken place since before COVID and we are planning on making this event a huge success. This will take place at Northwood on Friday 8th December from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. There will be many stalls - including items that children have made to sell at the after school clubs that are running this half term, our café will be open, tombolas, raffles and a very special visitor will also be coming to Northwood - we are just awaiting final confirmation from the North Pole!

If you have any raffle or tombola prizes to donate we would be very grateful. Please drop off any items at the office or ask your children to hand these over to their teachers. More information will follow once we finalise this exciting event. All money raised will go towards school funds.

Dates for your diary:

There is a lot going on this half term, so please make sure you keep this section so you know what is happening when in school:

- Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November: Parent/Carer consultations in school.
- Monday 13th November: Anti bullying Week starts. Wear 'odd socks' to school.
- Tuesday 14th November: Smile Day at Northwood.
- Wednesday 15th November: Positive Affirmation Day.
- Thursday 16th November: Stay safe online awareness day.
- Friday 17th November: Children in Need Day-see information in this letter.
- Monday 20th November: Road Safety Week in school.
- Tuesday 21st November: Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks with School Nursing Services.
- Tuesday 28th November: Nursery trip to Hardwick Park.
- Wednesday 29th November: Scholastic Book Fair in school until Friday.
- Monday 4th December: Outdoor Learning and Tree Dressing Week.
- Wednesday 6th December: Year 5 (Class 11 and 12) Festive Party-children can wear party clothes to school.
- Thursday 7th December: Christmas Jumper Day, including Copper Coin challenge.
- Thursday 7th December: Christmas Dinner Day at Northwood.
- Friday 8th December: Year 3 (Class 7 and 8) Festive Party-children can wear party clothes to school.
- Friday 8th December: Northwood's Christmas Fair (3.30pm-5.30pm)
- Monday 11th December: Year 4 (Class 9 and 10) Festive Party-children can wear party clothes to school.
- Tuesday 12th December: Year 1 and Year 2 (KS1) Christmas performance for parents/carers-two performances will be held-morning and afternoon (Times to be confirmed nearer the date).
- Wednesday 13th December: Year 1 and Year 2 Festive parties-children can wear party clothes to school.
- Thursday 14th December: Year 3 to Year 6 (KS2) Christmas Concert at The Well-for parents/carers-times to be confirmed nearer the date.
- Friday 15th December: Nursery and Reception Nativity for parents/carers-times to be confirmed.
- Monday 18th December: Nursery and Reception Festive Parties-children can wear party clothes to school.
- Tuesday 19th December: Y6 Festive Party-children can wear party clothes to school.
- Tuesday 19th December: Non uniform day. School closes at the end of the school day.

School reopens on Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at the start of the school day.

School is closed for children on Monday 8th January 2024 for a Full Trust PD Day.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Beach