

A message from Mrs Beach



Isn't it great to be back at school? It has been lovely to see all the children looking so smart and eager to learn after such a long time away. I would like to welcome all the children who are starting Northwood this term and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you all as your Executive Head Teacher.

During the holidays the school has undergone some extensive construction work to explore the reasons why we have so many leaks during wet weather. Due to the amount of rain during the summer, the construction workers identified many places where water gets into the building and are now in a better position to rectify these issues and ensure that our school is fully waterproof. Please note there are no safety issues for children or staff due to this ongoing issue. A huge thank you to Mike, our caretaker, and our fabulous cleaners Sarah, Diana, Amanda, Sue and Laura for all their hard work during such a challenging time. They even managed to fully deep clean the school after the workers had left during the final week of our holidays.

Staff News

We'd like to give a big Northwood welcome to Mr Tapner our new Assistant Head Teacher, Miss Curtis who is teaching in Year 1, Miss Bacon our new Reception Teacher and Miss Welford our new Year 3 Teacher. Miss White got married during the holidays and is now Mrs Thompson. Mrs Negus begins her maternity leave this Friday and we wish her all the best.



New Start and Finish Times

Please note that we have made some slight adjustments to the start and finish times of our school day. This is in line with the expectation from the Department of Education that schools are open for longer.

		Entrance to site	Start Time	Finish Time
Nursery	Nursery – Miss Farrell / Mrs Thompson	North Elevation Pathway	8:30 – 11.30	
			12.15 – 3:15	
Reception	Class 1 – Miss Bacon		8:45	3:05
	Class 2 – Mrs Park/ Mrs Freeman		8:45	3:05
Year 1	Class 3 – Mr West		8:45	3:10
	Class 4 – Miss Curtis		8:45	3:10
Year 2	Class 5 – Mrs Taylor		8:45	3:10
	Class 6 – Ms Bradley		8:45	3:10
Year 3	Class 7 – Miss Welford		8:45	3:15
	Class 8 – Mrs Jones		8:45	3:15
Year 4	Class 9 – Mr Beadle	8:45	3:15	
	Class 10 – Mr Harker	8:45	3:15	
Year 5	Class 11 – Miss Bowen	8:45	3:15	
	Class 12 – Mr Newton	8:45	3:15	
Year 6	Class 13 – Mr Curtis	8:45	3:15	
	Class 14 – Mrs Osborne	8:45	3:15	
	Class 15 – Mrs Coates	8:45	3:15	
		Main Yard		

Apart from Nursery the school gates are opened promptly at 8:45am for all of our children. Our gates are closed at 8:55am. Children should come to school as close to 8.45am as possible because we have introduced a range of early morning learning activities for all of our children. This includes reading, number work, times table work, opportunities to complete pieces of work from previous days, and completing corrections. It is really important that you work with us to promote good habits linked to attendance and especially punctuality.

Safe school site

Please remember the following when in the school grounds:

- Bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the school site at all. This is to ensure that our whole school community is safe and there are no unnecessary accidents.
- Where possible lock bikes and scooters that are left in our school bike sheds.
- No animals of any kind are allowed on school property. This includes the carrying of small dogs.
- Vaping and smoking are not allowed anywhere on the school site.
- We encourage everyone to stick to the paths when walking around school and wherever possible please stay off the school grass.
- Please do not let your children walk on the walls around the school building. We do not want any child to suffer an injury that can be avoided.

Reading at Home

Instilling a love of reading gives a child a head start on expanding their vocabulary and building independence and self-confidence. It helps children learn to make sense not only of the world around them but also people, building social-emotional skills and of course, imagination. At Northwood we take every opportunity to promote the love of reading and we hope this extends to their time outside of school. Children will begin to bring reading books home from school very shortly and we ask that you take some time to encourage and listen to your children read regularly.

In the past we have asked you to sign reading records to show that you have supported your child in their reading journey. This academic year we have taken the decision to stop using reading records – many schools have already done this to great effect. Ideally children should read every day, but 3 times a week as a minimum will ensure that our children continue to develop the skills that they require to be successful in the future.



Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 13th September: Roald Dahl Dress Up Day in school - Children can wear fancy dress, their own clothes, or Roald Dahl's favourite colour of Yellow on this day.
- Thursday 14th September: Year 6 Parent introductory meeting at 3:15pm – More information to follow.
- Week beginning 18th September: Recycle week
- Week beginning 25th September: Doodle week
- Week beginning 2nd October: Bike/Scooter/Walk to school week.
- Week beginning 9th October: Random acts of kindness week.
- Week beginning 16th October: World Values week.
- Tuesday 17th October: Flu vaccines in school
- Friday 20th October: Whole school photograph day.
- Tuesday 24th October: Year 3/4 Harvest Festival assembly for parents and carers (time to be confirmed).
- Friday 27th October: Non-Uniform day.

Please note school finishes for half term at the end of the school day on Friday 27th October.

We are looking forward to working with all of our families this academic year and continue to 'grow success' with your children.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Z. Beach".

Mrs Zoe Beach