

Welcome back to Northwood, we hope you had a super Easter break.

Can you believe that we are now in our final term of this academic year! We have another busy half term coming up where we will focus on our key value of 'resilience'. The children will learn all about what it means to be resilient through our wider personal development curriculum. We will focus on growing resilience through sport, nature and art. We have also purchased a range of exciting story books to bring the value of resilience to life for all of our children. You can find out more about our Personal Development Curriculum by visiting our school website.

Celebrating Success - Ofsted

"Well thought-out programme of enrichment activities"
Ofsted

Last half term we had our Ofsted inspection. We are delighted with the final report which we believe really captures all the great things about our school. We hope you all enjoy reading it too.

"Excellent Early Years"
Ofsted

"Pupils are proud of their school"
Ofsted

It takes a whole team to make a successful school and we would like to thank our families for their support and commitment to ensuring that Northwood is the best that it can be.

"Pupils are well prepared for their futures"
Ofsted

"Reading is a really big thing"
Ofsted

"Pupils develop positive attitudes to their learning"
Ofsted

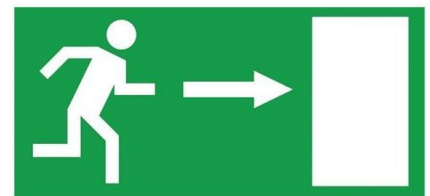
Staff News

We welcome Miss Beth Phillips who has started as Northwood's new Office Manager this half term. She will be at Northwood full time and you will see her if you visit our school office. We would like to thank Charlotte Nelson who has taken up the permanent position as Office Manager at Heathfield Primary for all of her commitment to our school over the past five years.

Safety Matters

Safeguarding is our first priority as a school. An important aspect is to ensure we have a safe site and safe procedures for all of our school community. We have a termly fire drill to practise our evacuation procedures. 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 the summer term.



We appreciate that some of our children travel to Northwood by car and would like to thank all of our families for being considerate about where they park their vehicles. We have had a small number of complaints from local residents concerned that some cars are parking on the zig zag lines or double yellow lines near school. Please avoid parking on these lines as we do not want any accidents involving our children or their families during the busy drop off and pick times of the school day. Parking attendants from the local authority will be monitoring vehicles on a morning and at the end of the school day, please be aware that they will issue fixed term penalty fines if cars are not parked properly.



Open Evenings

We are delighted to invite families into school to meet with teachers to discuss the progress the children have made across this academic year. It is important that you return the reply slip with your preferred date and time for your meeting. Our Open Evenings will take place on Tuesday 30th April and Wednesday 1st May.

Year 6 SATS

Our Year 6 children will be sitting their Year 6 SAT tests the week beginning Monday 13th May. It is important that our year 6 children have the best chance to show off all of their successes in these very important external tests. Our children have developed their resilience and test techniques over this academic year and have all been successful in previous practice tests, so they are all well prepared for this very important week in school.

Dates for your diary:

- Week beginning Monday 15th April: Judo Taster sessions for Y1 to Y6
- Tuesday 30th April: Thrills and Skills Day in the school grounds for Y1 to Y6
- Tuesday 30th April: Open Evening for Families
- Wednesday 1st May: Open Evening for Families
- **Monday 6th May: School closed for Bank Holiday Monday**
- Monday 13th May: Year 6 SATs Week in school
- Thursday 23rd May: Children's last day in school for this half term-non uniform day
- **Friday 24th May: School is closed for children-Staff Professional Development Day**

Please take note that school finishes for this half term at the end of the school day on Thursday 23rd May and children return for the final half term of this academic year on Monday 3rd June.

Thank you for your continued support as always,

Mrs Zoe Beach,
Executive Head Teacher

