

A Message from Mrs Beach, Executive Head Teacher



The last half term flew by at Northwood and it was another successful one for the children. We were so proud of the Year 6 children during their SATs tests – the first since 2019. Their attitude and commitment to doing their best and demonstrating all that they have learned at primary school was a delight to observe. The results will be published before they leave Northwood in July.

Our Year 2 children have also been showing off all of their knowledge in their tests too and have tried really hard. The test outcomes will be used alongside teacher assessment to support their transition to Year 3 and beyond.

A Message from Mrs Wassell, Head of School

Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year! The weather seems to be picking up so it certainly feels like summer is on the way. 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 our children. When you receive your child's school report, you will find out who your child's new class teacher is. To tie in with the secondary school transition dates, children staying at Northwood will be spending two days with their new teachers on Tuesday 5th July and Wednesday 6th July. We are all very excited that we are able to have 'normal' transition this year, as it wasn't possible last year. Please see the dates for your diary at the end of this newsletter for other events happening this half term.



End of Year Assessments

Over the first few weeks of this half term there have been 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.



The Year 1 children complete their Phonic Screening Check and the Year 4 children are completing their Multiplication Tables Check. As with all statutory assessments we have to do in school, the children have been well prepared over the year to make sure they can shine during these opportunities and see them as a way to show off. The results of these assessments will be shared with you once they become available (hopefully by the time our reports are sent out).

PE Uniform – From September

PE kit is a key part of our school uniform, having the right kit ensures children are not restricted when taking part in sporting activities and that the clothes they wear at home do not get damaged.

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.

From September, we are going back to children bringing their PE kits into school at the beginning of the half-term and leaving them in school until the holidays. Children should come to school every day in their normal school uniform. This enables teachers to be much more flexible with their PE lessons and create more opportunities for PE as kits will be in school ready to use. I wanted to give you as much notice as possible of this change.

Jewellery, fake nails and nail varnish

Part of our school uniform policy is that children should not wear jewellery 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. From September, if your child is wearing jewellery they will be asked to take it off and you may be contacted by the class teacher to remind you that this is not appropriate. If your child comes to school with nail varnish or fake nails they will also be reminded of the school rules and you may receive a reminder from the teacher.

I realise that children like to follow fashion, however, I would really appreciate your support with enforcing the school policy around this issue.

Sports Days

I am thrilled to announce that we will be inviting parents to our Sports Day events this year! We have set preliminary dates for this, however, this is weather depending. If we are not able to use the field due to the weather, we will aim to move the day but we may have to have it indoors instead. The dates for these events are:

- Early Years (Nursery and Reception) –Monday 11th July
- Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) - Wednesday 13th July
- Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) - Thursday 14th July

Parents can arrive at school from 1.30pm with the aim to start the events at 1.45pm.

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Dates for your Diary

- **Week commencing 13th June:** Oxfam Water Week - The children will learn about the importance of water, as well as about water safety.
- **Week commencing 20th June:** Refugee Week - The theme is, 'A Day of Welcome' and we will be thinking about schools as a place of safety and healing.
- **Week commencing 27th June:** National Insect Week - We'll all be hunting for bugs & finding out all about them!
- **Week commencing 4th July:** Sun safety awareness week - We will be promoting the importance the children of looking after themselves during the (hopefully) sunny summer.
- **Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th July:** Whole-school transition.
- **Week commencing 11th July:** Getting ready for the Commonwealth Games which are being hosted by Birmingham this year.
- **Week commencing 11th July:** Sports days – see details above
- **Wednesday 20th July:** Term ends. Non-uniform day.
- **Term starts: Monday 5th September.**

On behalf of the whole Northwood team, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

S. Wassell

Mrs Wassell
Head of School