

News and events from Northwold Primary School



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Week Beginning 02.03.2020

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Monday	Fire Safety Workshop for Years 2 and 5
Tuesday	Individual Pupil Photos
Wednesday	Year 5 Parents' Meeting 9am
Thursday	World Book Day Celebration
Friday	

Summary of the Parent Council meeting 28th January 2020

The Parent Council met for the second time on 28th January 2020. The Parent Council is a group of parents consisting of a representative from each class at Northwold Primary School. We plan to meet at least four times a year to provide the parent voice in improving children's education. We focus on the curriculum and standards, and observe teaching and learning in the classrooms.

Eleven parents attended the meeting and also present were the school Headteacher, and Executive Head and Executive Principal of the Arbor Trust.

Since the beginning of term, there has been a focus on reading and to support this, there has been redecoration of the library; book purchases to match phonics being learned; speed reading, 'drop everything and read'; listening to children read. New subjects (geography and history) introduced.

A 'typical week' was described and the school are to share a sample timetable with parents/carers so there is more understanding of the structure of the week.

The new curriculum requirement of 'Relationships and Sex Education' (RSE) will begin this year and parents are being asked to be part of a consultation group on the content. The Leadership Team are keen to ensure that the group is not just formed of those for or against the schools proposals but that a mixed view is obtained.

The school will re-send the RSE letter and another text, and include information in the newsletter. Parent Council members agreed to talk to as many other parents to alert them to the consultation group.

The Parent Council is also discussing how it can communicate with parents over and above the school newsletter. You can tell your class representative or send your thoughts by email (address below).

We visited years 3, 4 and 6 in two groups - year 6 were observed doing shared reading and year 4 were observed in applied science.

The next Parent Council meeting is on **24th March 2020 at 9am**. Please share your questions or queries with your Parent Council class representative or email Northwoldparents@gmail.com

The class representatives are: *Mona Steininger (Somalia), Juliana Bando (Ghana), Victoria Thornton (Bangladesh), Rhyania Blackett-Codrington (Poland), Shartyn Williams (Nigeria), Benny Okoli (Jamaica), Demetria Maratheftis-Alibert (Brazil), Catherine Afolabi (Russia [Chair]), Rita Tesfaye (India), Rani Younas (Barbados), Allan Young (Spain), Analecia Qarau-Francis (Ireland).*

Parent Council Group

Individual Pupil Photos

The school photographer will be coming in on **Tuesday 3rd March 2020 to take individual pupil photos.**

If you want one family photo of all your children please come to the school at 8.15am

If you are late, we will not be able to do your family photo.

Children have to be in full school uniform. Parents who do not want their child/ren to have their photo taken, please write to their class teacher informing them of this.

Year 6 WhatsApp Letter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Northwold Primary School prides itself on providing a safe learning environment for its students. An emerging national concern is the inappropriate use of the Internet by students. This problem has the potential to be harmful, and we ask your support in assisting us with this challenge.

Across the nation, schools have seen an increase in negative student behavior as a result of messages written using electronic technology. It has come to our attention that children at our school have access to WhatsApp.

As of May 2018, **WhatsApp's** minimum age of use is 16 years old. By using WhatsApp, a user agrees to provide certain personal information such as their mobile phone number, billing and mobile device information. If WhatsApp learns that identifiable information of a child under 16 has been collected on the WhatsApp Site or WhatsApp Service, then WhatsApp may deactivate the account. **If you are aware that your child has a WhatsApp account we advise you to deactivate the account until they are of the subscription age of 16 years old.** As with all social media, caution is advised over your child's digital footprint, particularly the content (photos, videos and messages) they choose to share via WhatsApp. Once shared, it can be copied, shared and posted anywhere online.

Unfortunately, some students in Year 6 are using this site to participate in online bullying or to threaten harm to other students. The language being used is very offensive and inappropriate.

Parents should be aware of what their children are writing on the Internet and what others are posting in reply. These websites are public domain, and anything posted there can be seen by anyone who has Internet access.

We recommend that electronic devices are regularly supervised by parents; safety filters are installed and encourage you to talk with your son or daughter about the potential danger of the Internet. You may want to review his or her profile to ensure that no personal and identifiable information has been posted.

We also encourage you to establish rules and guidelines to ensure the safety of your child while on the Internet. Some websites offer parental or family guidance for Internet safety; for example, SafeKids.com, located online at <http://www.safekids.com>.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in keeping our students safe

Yours sincerely,

The Leadership Team

World Book Day

Northwold will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2020. **We are hoping that children will dress up as a character from their favourite book or as a character from their favourite story, on the day and donate £1.**

We cannot wait to see the fabulous costumes.

Golden Child of the Week!

Class	Child's Name
Mexico	Hakan Pirbudak
Pakistan	Yasmin Hira
Ireland	Cornelius Anderson
Somalia	Hasan Hafesji
Bangladesh	Isis Edmond
Ghana	Zaynah Takolia
Barbados	Jasine Buddah
Poland	Jovauni Johnson
Nigeria	Daniel Ewiah
Spain	Daniel Idubor
Brazil	Joshua Thompson-McGowan
Jamaica	Khadija Mangera
Turkey	Ayaan Chariwala
Russia	Shaniyah Dantes
China	Alliat Salami
India	Saron Falleur

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – update, advice and guidance

Dear Parents and Carers,
Please find below information received from the borough which we have been asked to circulate.

Coronavirus update

Nine patients in England have tested positive for coronavirus and if more cases are confirmed in the UK, it will be announced as soon as possible by the Chief Medical Officer.

Based on the World Health Organisation’s declaration that this is a public health emergency of international concern, the UK Chief Medical Officers have raised the risk to the public from low to moderate. This permits the government to plan for all eventualities. The risk to individuals remains low.

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school/setting as normal. Advice for parents/guardians intending to travel abroad this half term

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel abroad this half term to countries where there is a higher risk of transmission.

The affected countries are: China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

If you are planning travel to these countries, please refer to <https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/news/498/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-update> for the latest travel advice.

Public Health England has also issued general advice for members of the public <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public#advice-for-travellers>

What action you should take

A UK-wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of coronavirus.

Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

Best advice to washing your hands can be found here from the NHS <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>

Anyone who has travelled to the UK from the countries listed in the last 14 days and is experiencing cough or fever or shortness of breath, should stay indoors and call NHS 111, even if symptoms are mild.

Further information is available from <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

Myth busting

A number of myths have emerged regarding the virus. Please see link from the World Health Organisation fact checking and myth busters around the virus.

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters>

Further updates

If there is any change over the half term break in the circumstances specifically affecting the local area or the school, this will be posted on the school website

<https://www.northwoldschool.com/> and noted on the Council’s education web page www.learningtrust.co.uk

Northwold Primary School

Next Week’s Menu:

Week 1:

Monday	Egg Curry & Rice	Baked Gnocchi	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt Bread
	Katchumber Salad / Green Salad		
Tuesday	Peri Peri Chicken	Vegetable Pasties	
	Sweet Potato Mash , Baked Beans & Salad		
Wednesday	Lamb Meatballs with Spaghetti	Vegetarian Chilli with Jacket Potato	
	Focaccia Brea, Salads		
Thursday	Chicken Fajitas in Soft Wraps	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese	
	Sour Cream, Guacamole & Salsa & Salad		
Friday	Battered Fish	Falafal in Pitta Pockets	
	Chips, Peas/Sweetcorn, Coleslaw & Salads		

Class Assemblies

Each class will do ONE assembly per year. It will be on a Friday. The assembly will start at 9:30 am and last up to half an hour. Below is the timetable for the whole year, so you can put the dates and time in your diaries. It really makes a big difference for children to see their family in the audience; we hope you can make the time for them.

SPRING-2020

Date-week beginning	Class
HALF TERM	
2.3.20	
9.3.20	Ghana
16.3.20	Ireland
23.3.20	Somalia
30.3.20	

Summer-2020

Date- Week Beginning	Class
20.4.20	
27.4.20	Mexico
4.5.20	Bangladesh
11.5.20	Pakistan
18.5.20	
Half Term	
1.6.19	India
8.6.19	China

RSE Consultation Timeline for September 2020

17 th March	Arbor Headteachers, Trustees and Governor's Group
24 th March	Parent Working Party meeting
31 st March	Meet wider parent group
21 st April	Consultation for RSE and Health Education policy and curriculum opens (9am). Responses can be emailed to the school office (Title email: RSE and Health Education Consultation response) or posted in the labelled box at the school office
18 th May	Consultation for RSE and Health Education policy and curriculum closes (6pm)
2 nd June	Arbor Headteachers, Trustees and Governor's Group meeting
9 th June	Parent Working Party meeting
16 th June	Meet wider parent group
30 th June	Arbor Headteachers, Trustees and Governor's Group meeting
8th July 2019	Trust Board Meeting
Schools will have the regular RSE meeting with parents to cover the RSE program for 2019-2020	

Term Dates for 2019-2020

The Education (School Day and School Year) Regulations (1999) require all maintained schools to open for teaching for 190 days a year, offering 380 sessions. The tables below set out dates for 195 days. Pupils are to be released for a further 5 days for the purpose of teachers' staff development (INSET). These days can be taken as inset days or equivalent twilight sessions

Academies, free schools and voluntary-aided schools are able to set their own dates but have been asked to set the same or similar dates in the interest of parents who may have children at different schools.

Term Dates 2019/2020

Spring Term 2020			
First Day	Half-Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 6 th January 2020 <i>children return on Wednesday 8th January 2020</i>	Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February 2020	Friday 3 rd April 2020	60 days (30 days first half term and 30 days second half term)

Summer Term 2020			
First Day	Half-Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 20 th April 2020	Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May 2020	Friday 17 th July 2020	61 days (24 days first half term and 37 days second half term)

INSET Dates

20th April- *children return on Tuesday 21st April 2020*

Parents' Evening Dates

Please find below, the dates for this academic year's Parents' Evenings.

Spring: 26th March 2020

Summer: 25th June 2020

Cake Sales!

A cake sale is a fun and delicious way of raising money for the school, so throughout the year we will be kindly asking for baked donations! It is a great opportunity to show off your baking skills, as well as having fun and engaging with the children.

Please find below dates for the cake sale days:

Spring Term 2020

Year Group	Date
Reception	Friday 27 th March

Summer Term 2020

Year Group	Date
Year 6	Friday 15 th May
Nursery	Friday 12 th June

Term Dates 20/21

Term	Dates
Autumn <i>Thursday – 3rd Sept – Friday 18th Dec. 2020</i>	Thursday – 3 rd September INSET Friday - 4 th September INSET Monday 7th September - Children return to school Friday 23 rd October INSET
Autumn Half Term	<i>Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October</i>
Spring <i>Monday 4th Jan – Thursday 1st April 2021</i>	Monday 4 th January 2021- INSET Tuesday 5th January 2021- Children return to school
Spring Half Term	Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February 2021
Summer Monday 19th April – Friday 23rd July	Monday 19 th April – INSET Tuesday 20th April - Children return to school
Summer Half Term	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June
Last day of the term	Friday 23rd July 2021