

News and events from Northwold Primary School



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Week Beginning 21.09.2020

Day	Event
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	R, Y2, Y6 Parents' meetings (6 -7pm parents with children in these classes are expected to attend this online meeting. Details will be shared via email.
Friday	

Letter from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe. It has been wonderful to have so many children return to school. The children are very excited to be back at school to continue their learning journey and see their friends. They have settled quickly into the new routines and continue to work with the adults in school to ensure that they keep themselves safe.

Thank you for your understanding and support with the new drop off and pick up arrangements. Adhering to our staggered pick up times will help to reduce the long queues and congestions at the entrance at the end of the day. Please be reminded that **ONLY one parent or carer** from each family should drop off and pick up their child/ren. In order to prevent the spread of the virus we are encouraging parents to wear a mask when they attend the school site.

This term we will be focusing on the Recovery Curriculum, ensuring that we support the children academically and emotionally to achieve their best.

The aim of the curriculum is to promote creativity, care and compassion wrapped in kindness. The children are encouraged to express their emotions through art and discussions. Last week they created their happy boxes and included things that made them happy.

This week they created a class worry box. The children will be able to write messages about their worries and concerns (if they have any) and put it in the box. This will be discussed with sensitivity and care to help alleviate the worry or concern that a child/ren may have.

As we approach the winter months, we are aware of further challenges and anxieties linked to differentiating between the coronavirus and the common cold/flu symptoms that might make your child unwell. Please note below a description of the coronavirus symptoms that you might find useful to differentiate between both viruses.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Click on this link to get more information-

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Get in touch

Tel: 020 8806 6352 | Fax: 020 8806 6315 | email: office@northwold.hackney.sch.uk

If any of the above are present, please follow guidance for household with possible or confirmed case of COVID infection.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

I would like to thank you for your continued support during these challenging times. Please stay safe.

Yours truly,
Shelly-Ann Goulbourne

Attendance Expectation-Department of Education Guidance

From the start of the Autumn Term 2020 pupil's attendance will be mandatory and the usual rules on attendance will apply.

These include:

- parents' duty to ensure that their child of compulsory school age attends regularly at the school where the child is a registered pupil
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.

Please ensure that you contact the school to inform us of your child's absence.

Swimming lessons for Year 4

Lessons for Year 4 children will commence after the October half term break. More details on the day and time of lessons will be provided before the half term break.

Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to free school meals. To find out if you meet the eligibility criteria please use the following link:

<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/apply-free-school-meals>

Parent Council

I would like to thank our current Parent Council representative for their support and commitment to the school.

We currently have vacancies for Parent Council representative in the following classes:

- Nursery- Elm
- Reception- Cypress
- Reception- Walnut
- Year 3- Nigeria
- Year 6- India

If you are interested in becoming the Parent Council representative for your child's class, please email the school at office@northwold.hackney.sch.uk stating your name, your child's name and class.

Extended Provision

Breakfast and Afterschool Club are in operation. After School Club operates from 3:30pm to 6pm daily and Breakfast Club from 8am to 8:55am. Children are placed in social bubbles which are led by an adult. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we will not be able to take children at short notice. If you are interested in your child/ren attending the clubs, please speak to the office for further details.

Diary Dates

24th Sept. - R, Y2, Y6 Parents meetings (6-7pm parents with children in these classes are expected to attend this online meeting. Details will be shared via email and text)

28th Sept – 22nd Oct – Reading Challenge: Children are set a target to read as many books as they can during the month of October and send in pictures)

30th Sept - Questionnaires to Parents

1st Oct. Y1, Y5 Parent's meetings (6-7pm parents with children in these classes are expected to attend this online meeting. Details will be shared via email)

2nd Oct. Phonics Coffee morning –online meeting. Details to be shared via email (9am-10am)