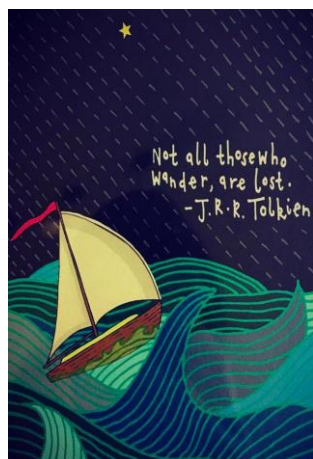


News and events from Northwold Primary School



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Week Beginning 28.09.2020

Day	Event
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Questionnaires to Parents
Thursday	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)
Friday	Phonics Coffee Morning –online meeting. Details to be shared via email (9am-10am)

Letter from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

First, let me thank you for your support and understanding as we respond to the challenges faced during these unprecedented times. We are aiming to protect everyone while we continue to educate our pupils during these challenging times.

Thank you to the parents who joined the Reception, Year 2 and 6 meeting last night. I hope you found the session useful. We will be having a session for the Reception parents who encountered technical difficulties and were unable to join the meeting. A text message will be sent with a new date and time. Next Thursday 1st October we will be having Years 1 and 5 Parent Meeting. A link will be sent to you the day before the meeting.

I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Please stay safe.

Yours truly
Shelly-Ann Goulbourne

Zebra Crossing

Our lollipop man will be away for a few weeks. We are trying to get someone to cover in his absence. We are therefore asking parents to be extra vigilant when using the zebra crossing.

Google Classroom

In order to access your child's google classroom account, please ensure that you add your child's account if you currently have a google/gmail account on the device that you are using. You will not be able to access your child's google classroom if you are not logged into their account. Below is an example of a child's account details

Email address -

john.brown@northwold.arboracademytrust.org

Password- Primary2?

Your child's class teacher will send your child's account details. Please ensure that you keep it in a safe place.

Secondary Transfer

WHO? Apply if your child was born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010.

WHEN? Apply before 23 October 2020. Offer day is 1 March 2021.

HOW? Apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk . Follow the step-by-step instructions in this guide.

ACT NOW! Get more information from education.hackney.gov.uk/secondaryguide.

Get in touch

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

Attend an online information session using your smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer. Visit education.hackney.gov.uk/secondarybriefngs for more information.

You can access the guide by clicking the below link.

<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/sites/default/files/document/secondary-admission-leaflet.pdf>

Safeguarding

Gaming is a great way for children to relax, socialise and have fun. Children can play on a number of different devices and can also talk to other players using headsets. There are a wide variety of games children like to play and to find out more about the different games click on this link <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

However there are also risks associated with playing games that are online which can include bullying, trolling, scams, in game purchases and talking to people they don't know. Please be aware of the games they are playing and who they are playing with. Talk with your child about their choice of games to have a better understanding of their usage and above all ensure the use of games are time restricted.

Get Caught Reading

In the month of October, we are setting children a target to be caught reading as often as they can. When they are caught a picture will be taken of them and sent to their class teacher.

These will then be used as part of a display showing off our wonderful reader.

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.

Parent Council

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.

COVID 19 Updates

The below links contains important information and guidance about COVID 19

Stay at Home Guidance

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/906663/20203007_Easy_read_household_isolation_v3.1.pdf

Coronavirus safer travel to school

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/917341/coronavirus-safer-travel-easy-read-guidance.pdf

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>

Diary Dates

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)

5th Oct. Walk to school month begins

WB-5th Oct. Debating challenge – heats in classes

8th Oct. Y3, Y4 Parent's meetings (6-7pm parents with children in these classes are expected to attend this online meeting. Details will be shared via email)



Test and Trace

23 September 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
 1. a high temperature: any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)

2. a new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours

3. a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal

- Your child **does not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.
- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.
- If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Yours sincerely,



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