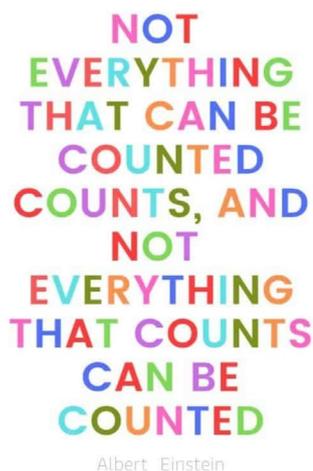


## News and events from Northwold Primary School



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Week Beginning: 04.01.2021

Day	Event
Monday	Staff Inset Day
Tuesday	Children return to school
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	PREVENT Parents' Coffee morning (9:15-10:15am online meeting)

Dear Parents /Carers and Children,

It has been a very difficult time for everyone over the past few months. The children have been fantastic in adapting to the changes and have continued with their learning after a long time away from the classroom.

As the Autumn Term draws to a close and the whole school community is looking forward to a well-earned rest, I would like to take this opportunity extend a special thank you to:

- all staff at Northwold for their support and continued commitment to the school, especially during these challenging times.
- the pupils for being resilient and coping with the changes that were implemented this term, especially when they were required to continue their learning from home.
- the parents for their support and words of encouragement, acts of kindness, gratitude and understanding this term.
- governors for their continuous support

It is the shared effort, commitment and support of all, that has helped us to keep the Northwold community safe and minimize the spread of COVID 19.

One of the highlights for this term was our wonderful Christmas Show online. The children performed extremely well and I am proud that they were able to adapt to presenting via an online platform.

Sadly we have to say goodbye to Ms Naz Dungaria Attendance Officer, who will be leaving Northwold this term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Naz for her dedication and commitment to Northwold over the past 15 years. We would like to wish her all the best with her future endeavours.

### Contact Tracing During the Christmas Holiday

We need families to keep us informed about any positive cases at the start of the holidays, as we are continuing with our contact tracing until Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Please do contact the school (via email sent in the letter this week), if your child tests positive with COVID 19 within 48 hours of last day they attended school. We will then follow the school's procedure and contact those who need to self-isolate. After the 23<sup>rd</sup> December you will need to follow the NHS Track and Trace guidelines.

Finally I would like to wish all the children, parents/carers, governors and trustees a happy festive season. We look forward to seeing you on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Please stay safe.  
Yours truly,  
Shelly-Ann Goulbourne

Get in touch

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### Diary Dates- Please look at the dates to find out about our end of term events

4<sup>th</sup> Jan. – Staff Inset Day

5<sup>th</sup> Jan.- Children return to school

8<sup>th</sup> Jan. – PREVENT Parents' Coffee morning (9:15-10:15am online meeting)

15<sup>th</sup> Jan.- Coffee Morning – E-safety (9-10am) (online meeting)

25<sup>th</sup> Jan.- Chinese New Year Assembly (Reception - online performance)

26<sup>th</sup> Jan.-Debating challenge – heats in classes

29<sup>th</sup> Jan.- Literacy Coffee morning (Parents welcome 9.00am- 10am,

### Reading Corner- Something to listen to or read this week

#### EYFS/ KS1

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

<https://www.freechildrenstories.com/why-the-cricket-chirps>

<https://www.storyjumper.com/book/read/46091886/Christmas-on-the-Farm#>

#### KS2

Reading Eggs online books

### Important Notice – Reporting a Positive Test Result during the Christmas Holiday

Please contact the school by emailing [smalabver-goulbourne@northwold.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:smalabver-goulbourne@northwold.hackney.sch.uk)

if you have received a positive test result for your child within the last 48 hours of the last day they attended school. This will allow us to contact all affected families who will need to self-isolate.

### Holiday Voucher Scheme for pupils eligible for FSM

Hackney Council has partnered with Edenred to provide meal vouchers during the Christmas holidays for all pupils eligible for FSM on roll at a Hackney school. The voucher will cover the two week break at £15 a week per child.

Thank you to all the parents who have redeemed their vouchers so far. Please follow the step by step guide sent via email to redeem your voucher if you have not done so already.

### Parent Survey Summary

Thank you for completing the Parents' Survey and for providing feedback. We had 114 parents who participated in the survey. We have reviewed the comments and have put measures in place to address the areas recommended for improvement.

The key strengths identified by parents are:

The school has high expectations for the children and they enjoy coming to school. An extremely high percentage of parents stated that their child is well looked after and feels safe at school.

The key area for improvement is "Communication." We are currently reviewing our policies and procedures and have addressed some of the areas for development and will continue to improve this area.

We look forward to continue working in partnership with parents/carers in the Spring Term.

### Nursery Spaces Available- Apply Now!

We still have spaces in Nursery for 2 and 3 year old children. Part time or full time applications are welcomed. Please contact Mrs Bhagwandas for further information.

### 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>

### Morrison's Best Class Competition Prizes for Bangladesh Class

Thank you to Morrisons for the lovely gifts for Bangladesh class and for the staff at Northwold.



## Parent Council Meeting Summary- December 2020

Parent Council met on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Some of the children from the Learning Council attended and did a fantastic job of contributing virtually by providing and update on what the children have been doing in school. They explained how the school takes a “composite and components” approach to teaching; which means children learn step by step (components) towards an outcome (composite) and explain how each step builds on each other (cumulative learning). The process helps them to embed their learning. The children also shared their views on the Recovery curriculum and the impact it has had on their learning. The Parent Council will be provided with an update on the whole school assessment data at the next meeting in the Spring Term. Overall, the school is focussed on identifying any gaps in learning and giving extra support ‘in the moment’ by completing live marking and feedback with the children. Some of the questions asked during the meeting included:

- What support is available around mental-health wellbeing for both staff and pupils during these times?
- What are the school’s priorities for this academic year?

The Parent Council would like to extend *Season’s greetings to all staff, parents and children.*

### Northwold Primary School Parent Council

#### *Class representatives*

The Parent Council is a group of parents with a representative from each of the classes at Northwold Primary School. We meet twice a term and provide input on learning and standards. We do this by looking at student books, observing teaching and looking at the school performance data. This year we hope to hear from the Learning Council, a group of children who are looking at learning.

If you have any curriculum, learning or standards matters you’d like the Parent Council to raise with the school or Academy, please let your class representative (see below) know or email

[Northwoldparents@gmail.com](mailto:Northwoldparents@gmail.com). We can’t address personal issues so please speak to the class teacher or a member of the senior leadership team if you have a question on these topics.

**We still need representatives for Reception (Walnut) and Year 6 (India) – please email the school office [office@northwold.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:office@northwold.hackney.sch.uk) if you are interested in representing these classes.**



Nursery, Elm – Nicola Drury



Reception, Cypress – Sangeeta Devi



Year 1, Ghana - Analecia Oarau-Francis



Year 1, Bangladesh - Rani Begum



Year 2, Barbados - Juliana Bando



Year 2, Poland - Victoria Thornton



Year 3, Spain – Rita Tesfaye



Year 3, Nigeria – Chibugwa Nnoruka



Year 4, Brazil – Sharyn Williams



Year 4, Jamaica – Allan Young



Year 5, Russia - Benedicte Okoli



Year 5, Turkey – Demetria Alibert



Year 6, China – Catherine Afolabi (Chair)

## Lunch Menu

### Week 3

Monday	Gnocchi with Tomato Sauce	Tuna Mayo Baguette	Cheese & Tomato Sandwich
Tuesday	Lamb Burger & Chips with Salad	Cheese & Salad Roll	Egg & Cress Sandwich
Wednesday	Vegetable Pasty	Chicken Mayo Sandwich	Cheese & Lettuce Sandwich
Thursday	Chicken Biryani & Yogurt Raita	Egg & Tomato Sandwich	Cheese Salad Sandwich
Friday	Fish Fingers & Chips	Cheese & Cucumber Baguette	Tuna Mayo Roll

**Yogurt or Fruit and Water provided daily as part of the lunch.**

## COVID Updates

### How you can help keep everyone at Northwold Safe



- ✓ Keep 2m apart when dropping off and collecting children.
- ✓ Only one adult should enter the site to collect their child or children
- ✓ Use the one way system in place in the school.
- ✓ Wear a mask while you are on site (if you are unable to because of medical reasons, please maintain 2m distancing when communicating with staff).
- ✓ Contact the school immediately if someone in your household becomes unwell with COVID symptoms.
- ✓

Please ensure that you contact 111 if your child or anyone in your household has any of the following symptoms:

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

For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the above symptoms please stay at home and arrange to have a test.

**COVID-19 test sites in Hackney and how to access them**

Testing capacity in the borough has been extended and there are now 5 testing sites:

Testing Site	Address	Opening times and dates
Bentley Road - Walk in	Bentley Road car park, Dalston, N1 4DB	8am - 8pm seven days a week
Hackney Central - Walk in	340 Mare St, E8 1HA	8am - 8pm seven days a week
Sandford Court - walk in	Bethune Rd, N16 5BB	8am - 8pm seven days a week
Stamford Hill - Walk & drive through	Yesodey Hatorah School, Egerton Road, N16 6UB	10.30am-3.30pm on the following days: November: 22, 29 December: 6, 13, 20, 27 Dec
Hackney Marshes - Walk & drive through	Hackney Marshes Leisure Centre, Homerton Rd, London E9 5PF	10.30am-3.30pm on the following days: November: 20, 23, 26, 30 Nov December: 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31 Dec