

News and events from Northwold Primary School



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Week Beginning: 15.02.2021

Day	Event
Monday	Half Term Holiday begins
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Half Term Holiday ends

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year we look at our priorities for the school. This year we have been focusing on our curriculum. We want to ensure that it challenges the children and prepare them for the future. It is paramount that we focus on pupil and staff well-being especially during these unprecedented times. It is important that we keep staff and pupils safe and in attendance so that learning is continued whether on site or via remote learning regardless of lockdown or self-isolation.

As we continue to deliver the curriculum during school closure, we have adopted our approach to ensure that we continue to provide a good quality education to our children. Currently our main priorities are underpinned by two principles:

- Keeping staff and pupils safe and in attendance (wellbeing)
- Continuity of learning at home and school regardless of lockdown or self-isolation (remote learning)

This academic year our key priorities are:

1. Deepen the most able pupils' exposure and experience to a wider range of 'The Arts' through greater opportunities to appraise, appreciate and curate a wide range of art forms including artefacts, techniques and methods.
2. Expand and deepen how technology is used to design new products linked to construction, architecture, engineering and agriculture.
3. Explore prose, poetry and drama to deepen understanding: plays and seminal world literature considering historical periods, forms and authors, including high-quality works from English literature, both pre1914 and contemporary– including Shakespeare.
4. Develop our recovery curriculum to support emotional and mental health.
5. Address the unconscious and conscious bias and 'truth' in our curriculum.

As we navigate through these unprecedented times we are making adjustments to ensure that our remote learning provision supports the delivery of the above key priorities.

Thank you for your continued support. Please stay safe and have a restful half term break.

Yours truly
Shelly-Ann Goulbourne

Half Term: 15th February – 19th February

The school will not be open to vulnerable children or key worker children during the February half term. The school will reopen on **Monday 22nd February** to key worker and vulnerable children only.

Free School Meal during the Half Term Break

The school will be distributing FSM vouchers to families who are entitled to free school meals. Please ensure that you check your email to claim your voucher.

Q & A Parents' Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Q& A Parents' Coffee Morning. I hope that you found the session useful. If you were unable to attend the session and you have any questions, please email the office and put in the subject box- Q & A and someone will contact you to provide an answer to your question.

Remote Learning Work

We are asking parents to email photos of work completed at home to celebrate their child's accomplishment. The work can be linked to any area of the curriculum- english, art, geography or maths. Please email photo to your child's class teacher and we will include the photo in the newsletter.

Key Worker

School has been directed to remain closed to all children, with the exception of vulnerable children and children of key workers. If you are a keyworker and need your child to attend school, you need to give us:

- 48 hours' notice – this will allow us time to prepare and ensure we have capacity.
- provide a letter from your employer confirming your key worker status or your ID badge.

Safeguarding

Please find below a useful link to the NSPCC to support you in keeping your child/ren safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

Vocab Lab

- 1.) **Gratuitous** - unnecessary and unwarranted
- 2.) **Gratuitous** - given or done free of charge

Example

- 1.) The **gratuitous** behaviour of the inmate caused an immediate lockdown.
- 2.) Some solicitors may provide **gratuitous** legal services.

Can you use the word (**gratuitous**) in your own sentence? Which context will you use it in?

Reading Corner- Something to listen to or read this week

Story

Open Very Carefully

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

Mr Williams' Maths Challenge

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/585/Stone-Age-Stu-Subtraction>

Artist of the Week

Wassily Kandinsky



The objective is for children to find out more about the artist and create a piece of work similar to that of the artist. What material and techniques did the artist use? What subject matter did the artist depict? What was the artist's signature style?

COVID Updates

How you can help keep everyone at Northwold Safe?

If your child currently attends school as a keyworker or vulnerable child, please contact the school immediately if they become unwell.

- ✓ 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.

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

