

News and events from Northwold Primary School



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**Upcoming School INSET days**

The school will be closing at midday on 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November for staff training (INSET). There will be no dinner and no playcentre on those days. Please ensure you collect your child promptly at 12.00pm. Thank you.

**Golden Achievement Pupils**

Congratulations to the following pupils for being the golden pupil of the week for this week:

Class	Pupils
N Mexico	Percy Babirye
N Pakistan	Reice Ernest
R Somalia	Martha Bromfield
R Ireland	Naira Dungaria
1 Bangladesh	Inayat Patel
1 Ghana	Salman Alibhai
2 Barbados	Obinna
2 Poland	Dakarai McKenzie
3 Spain	Olasubomi Akande
3 Nigeria	Ksanet Efrem
4 Brazil	Lina Lahouaoui
4 Jamaica	Hajar Parouty
5 Turkey	Nashayna Ellington
5 Russia	Kayliem Newell
6 China	Shania Jackson
6 India	Indiyah Ebanks

**Governors' Day**

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September, the whole school governing body spent the day in school, seeing our whole school day in action. They spent the morning in different classrooms, met with the School Council and joined us in the playground at lunchtime. We'd like to say a special thank you to them for spending the day at Northwold.



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## Free School Meals

From September 2014 all children aged between 5 and 7 years are entitled to a Free School Meal. However it is important that we continue to identify all children who are entitled to make a claim for Free School Meals.

If you receive one of the following benefits or tax credits and make a successful claim for Free School Meals we will get £1300 in additional funding for your child:

- ✓ Income Support
- ✓ Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- ✓ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ✓ Child Tax Credit if your annual income is no more than £16,190 and you do not get Working Tax Credit
- ✓ The guaranteed part of Pension Credit
- ✓ Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act - (NASS / Refugee Council letters must be shown as proof of support)
- ✓ Working Tax Credit 4 week run on payment

We use the extra funding to ensure there is no gap in the levels of achievement between children who are entitled to Free School meals and children who are not. Some of the ways in which we use the money is by supporting children who have English as an additional language, providing extra teachers

so that children are taught in smaller groups and by providing targeted one to one tuition.

The School can still receive this additional funding if you receive Free School Meals and choose to provide a packed lunch.

If you would like to make a claim or have any questions, please contact the School reception so that together we can continue to provide the very best education for your child.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

**There are two vacancies on the governing body for Parent Governors. Any parent with a child on the register of this school (including the Nursery) may stand as a candidate by completing the nomination form and returning it to the school office. You may nominate up to 2 candidates and you may nominate yourself if you wish.**

Governors play an important role in supporting the school and in making decisions about the service provided for your children. For example, they are responsible for:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helping to establish the aims and policies of the school and how the standards of education can be improved</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helping to draw up the school's development plan</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helping to decide how to spend the school's budget</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selecting the headteacher/deputy headteacher</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The appointment, promotion, support and discipline of staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linking the local community with the school</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drawing up an action plan after an OFSTED inspection and monitoring how it is put into action</li> </ul>	

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All these tasks are shared between members of the Governing Body.

It is essential that parents are fully represented on the governing body so we do ask you to consider this matter carefully. You do not need to be an "expert" in education and you will receive support from the other governors. Training is offered to help you understand your role and responsibilities but it is not compulsory.

The term of office for parent governors is 4 years but you may resign at any time, and you will be able to complete your term of office, if you wish, if your child leaves the school.

**Please come to the school office for a nomination form. The deadline for nominations is 4pm, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014.**

If we receive more than one nomination then it will be necessary to hold an election by ballot so that all of our parents can choose who will represent them on the governing body.

There are some circumstances that make people unable to be considered as school governors. These are shown on the nomination form.

## Wednesday Coffee Mornings

Mr Williams will be leading our second coffee morning meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October between 9.00 and 10.00am. He will be showing you our new calculation policy and how you can help your child with their maths at home.

## Saturday School

Saturday School for Year 6 will start on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October. A letter will be sent to parents with more details.

## Holiday Music Course

For the first time, Northwold Primary is hosting the Hackney Music Service's Holiday Music course, this coming half term. The three-day course is great value for money. Please ask in the Office for more details and an application form.



*is proud to present its 13<sup>th</sup> Autumn Term*

# HOLIDAY MUSIC COURSE 2014

*This year we will be at a brand new venue:*

## NORTHWOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

**28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> October (during half term)**

*This course offers a range of musical activities for children in years 3 - 9 and Creative Music Making for years 1 & 2.*

*Activities will include:*

*Guitar, Strings, Brass, Woodwind, Percussion, Samba, Steel Pans and Singing as well as general musicianship.*

For more information and an application form please contact:  
Hackney Music Service 020 7241 7408 or [musicservice@learningtrust.co.uk](mailto:musicservice@learningtrust.co.uk)

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## Next Week's Menu

Monday	tuna and pasta twists	potato gratin
Tuesday	cheese and lentil flan	broccoli and cherry tomato cheese
Wednesday	spicy black bean burger in a bun	spicy bean stew and rice
Thursday	vegetable lasagna	seasonal vegetable soup & a roll
Friday	quiche	chick pea enchilada
	baby potatoes peas	

Baked potatoes and seasonal salads are also available.

Every day, for dessert, there is fruit and yoghurt.

## Term Dates for 2014-15

### Autumn Term 2014

First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2014*	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2014	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2014	73 days (38 first half-term, 35 second half-term)

### Spring Term 2015

First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2015	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2015	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	55 (30 first half term, 25 second half term)

### Summer Term 2015

First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2015	67 (29 first half term, 38 second half term)

**Total number of days = 195**

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