

News and events from Northwold Primary School



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Message from the Headteacher

We have come to the end of a long and successful term. The school community is looking forward to a well-earned rest. We have all worked hard to ensure that each child is given the best opportunity to succeed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, governors and parents/carers for their invaluable support this term, it has been much appreciated. I look forward to your continued support in the new year.

We have exciting projects, trips and other curriculum activities planned for next term and we are looking forward to the children returning on Monday, 8th January refreshed and eager to learn.

Finally, I would like to wish all pupils, parents, staff and governors a peaceful Christmas break and a Happy New Year.

My very best wishes to you and your families,
Shelly-Ann Goulbourne
Headteacher

Goodbyes

On behalf of the school community we would like to say thank you to Ms Cosh and Miss Watkins-Kowa who will be leaving us this term. Ms Cosh will be moving back to South Africa, whilst Ms Watkins-Kowa will leave due to the end of her contractual arrangement. We would like to thank them for their support, dedication and hard work and we wish them success in their future endeavors.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: School re-opens for the Spring Term on Monday, 8th January 2018, at normal time – 8:50 am.

School Fundraising Cake Sale

Thank you to all the parents who donated baked goods for the school cake sale on Tuesday. We managed to raise a fantastic amount of £268.09! The money raised will go towards booking coaches for the end of year school trips. We appreciate your continued support.

First Week Back – Spring Term at Northwold
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Day	Event
Monday	• First day of Spring Term – School opens at 8:50 am
Tuesday	• Bangladesh's Class Trip to Greenwich Observatory

Nursery Parents Applying for Reception Place for September 2018

Parents can apply for a reception class place from 1st September 2017 to 15th January 2018, by completing an on-line application form at www.eadmissions.org.uk.
PLEASE APPLY BEFORE 15 JANUARY 2018.

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Request for Leave during Term Time

In line with the Department of Education legal requirements, Northwold Primary School is unable to authorise leave during term time, except for the following circumstances:

- an immediate family member (parent/grandparent/sibling) is critically ill. Should you require leave for an immediate family member who is critically ill, you must produce official evidence to the school.
- immediate family (parent/grandparent/sibling) bereavement.

You will be asked to provide official medical evidence to support your request. You will also be asked to provide a copy of your booking for travel.

Please do not ask Northwold Primary School to authorise any other leave, we will not be able to authorise it.

School Packed Lunch Changes 2018

Please be informed that due to funding cuts, from 8th January 2018 we will no longer be able to provide all pupils with a free packed lunch for school trips. Only pupils who are officially entitled to free school meals (not Universal Free School Meals) will be provided with a free school pack lunch.

Many children are bringing in lots of food for their packed lunches. You have probably read and heard lots of discussions recently on portion sizes.

Your child will need:

- a sandwich or some other savoury snack like a samosa
- one healthy treat like a piece of fruit or a yoghurt
- a small bottle of water

The following foods are **NOT ALLOWED** in packed lunches at Northwold School:

- Sweets
- Chocolates
- Crisps
- Fun size bars
- Winders and other sweets which claim to have high fruit content.
- Any drink which is NOT water

Year 6 Debate Competition

On Thursday, 14th December, we had our very first debate competition. It was the 'Year 6 Inter Class Debate Finals'. The debate took place in the Middle Hall. The audience consisted of Years 4 to 6 children and the adults who work in those classes. The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) was also present.

The children on both teams were the lucky winners of the semi-finals (Ksanet, Naiara, Jesse, Mirabel, Cori-Ann, Iqra, Temitayo and Ngozi). They were all very impressive in the way they delivered their speeches. The judges consisted of Teaching Assistants, Teachers and members of the SLT. Mr Williams and Mrs Goulbourne got the audience involved during the break, whilst the judges deliberated.

It was a very exciting experience overall; we all enjoyed the experience. The winners were the opposition team. All finalists received a certificate and a prize. The winners had an extra treat of a tea party with the CEO, Alison Kriel.

Next term, the Year 4's and 5's will join in the competition by having their own inter-class debate. We want all our children to be confident speakers, as they learn to discuss complicated topics calmly, clearly, and competently whilst demonstrating the value of teamwork. During term time, my aim is to send out a motion for you to have rich discussions with your children, so they can enhance these skills at home too.

Here are some quotes from the finalists:

- '...I found out through social media, that people were slave-trading; this is when slaves get transported between countries to work for an unfair salary. Unfortunately, I did not find this out through mainstream news, even though the news is meant to tell people what is happening in the world...' **Naiara**
- '...Do we want to go back to sending letters? No! This is why I urge you to be patient with social media...' **Jesse**
- '...Social media has enhanced businesses, inspired minds (both young and old) and created opportunities for many...' **Mirabel**
- '...Thanks to social media, children are able to express their feelings. It is better for children to feel like an eagle flying than a baby bird cooped up in its shell...' **Ksanet**

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- '...Why put our future generation at risk of danger through the use of social media?' **Temitayo**
- '...Not all news on Social media is reliable...' **Cori-Ann**
- '...One of the main reasons children go missing is because of contacts they are making through social media, to people who are up to no good...' **Ngozi**
- '...Many health professionals have warned that social media, especially the current emphasis on body image and influence of the celebrity culture, have now spiralled to one of the top reasons many young people become anorexic and bulimic...' **Iqra**



Year 4's Trip to the Bank of England

On Monday, 18th December Year 4 went to the Bank of England. It was a real world experience for the students, as they expanded their knowledge and understanding of money.

'My experience of the trip to the Bank of England was enlightening and taught me even more interesting information about money.' **Judith**

'My trip was amazing and I learnt that fake money is worth nothing.' **Muhammad**

'I really enjoyed holding the golden bar. I learnt many different facts about money. It was so much fun. Can we go again?' **Elijah**

'I enjoyed learning about money, their value and the people who are on them. I discovered that gold bricks are actually real. I didn't know that. I really enjoyed my trip.' **Rhianna**



Jamaica Class's Trip to the Museum of London and Roman Amphitheatre – 15th December 2017

On Friday, 15th December Jamaica class went on a trip to the Museum of London and Roman Amphitheatre. The children learnt about the history of London and were given the opportunity to hold an ancient coin that was 2,000 years old!



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Twilight Training Dates for ALL staff – No Clubs

Please note that there will be NO clubs on the dates outlined below due to whole school staff training from 4 – 6 pm. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Dates
25.01.18
08.02.18
08.03.18
28.03.18

P.E. – Correct Kit and P.E. Day

On your child's P.E. day, your child will **come to school in their P.E. kit** (NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM) and wear it for the whole day. Your child needs to wear the school's

P.E. kit:

- Black school hoodie (with your child's name in house colour)
- House colour T-Shirt with your child's name
- Plain black jogging bottoms (Leggings, jogging bottoms in other colours or with logos are not acceptable)
- Plain black plimsolls or trainers

Important P.E Kit Reminder:

Pupils must wear plain and unbranded black jogging bottoms and trainers for P.E and Forest School.

The P.E. day for each year group is as follows:

Day	Year Group
Monday	
Tuesday	Year 3
Wednesday	Reception, Year 2, Year 4
Thursday	Nursery, Year 1, Year 5
Friday	Year 6

Forest School

All children from **Nursery to Year 4** will participate in Forest School. Forest School is an inspirational process that offers learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment. On your child's Forest School day, your child will come to school in their school P.E kit (NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM) and wear it for the whole day.

Pupils will be provided with a light rain jacket to be worn over their coats; however you will need to purchase wellington boots. Also, as winter approaches and the weather gets wetter and colder, please ensure that your child is warmly wrapped up, wearing warm coats, hats, gloves and thermal socks.

The Forest School day for each year is as follows:

Day	Year Group
Monday	Reception
Tuesday	Year 1 + Nursery Pakistan
Wednesday	Year 2 + Nursery Mexico
Thursday	Year 2 + Year 3
Friday	Year 4

Please note that children in Years 1 to 4 will be doing Forest School alternate weeks. Example: if Spain does Forest School this week Nigeria class will have Forest School the following week. Children are still expected to wear their full P.E kit on the day shown in the table above.

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Class Coffee Mornings

Spring 2018

Week Beginning	Class	
	Monday	Friday
08.01.18	No Coffee Morning	
15.01.18	India	China
22.01.18	Russia	Turkey
29.01.18	Spain	Nigeria
05.02.18	Brazil	Poland
HALF TERM		
19.02.18	No Coffee Morning	
26.02.18	Barbados	Ghana
05.03.18	Bangladesh	Jamaica
12.03.18	Ireland	Somalia
19.03.18	Pakistan	Mexico
26.03.18	No Coffee Morning	

Summer 2018

Week Beginning	Monday	Friday
16.04.18	No Coffee Morning	
23.04.18	Turkey	Russia
30.04.17	Nigeria	Spain
07.05.18	No Coffee Morning	
14.05.18	Ghana	Bangladesh
21.05.18	Jamaica	Brazil
HALF TERM		
04.06.18	No Coffee Morning	
11.06.18	Poland	Barbados
18.06.18	Somalia	Ireland
25.06.18	Mexico	Pakistan
02.07.18	No Coffee Morning	
19.07.18		
16.07.18		

Cake Sales!

A charity cake sale is a fun and delicious way of raising money for various worthy causes, so throughout the year we will be kindly asking for baked donations! It is a great opportunity to show off your baking skills, as well as having fun and engaging with the children.

Please find below dates for the cake sale days:

Spring 2018

Year Group	Date
Year 4	Thursday, 25 th January 2018
Reception	Friday, 2 nd March 2018
Year 5	Friday, 27 th April 2018

Summer 2018

Year Group	Date
Year 6	Friday, 18 th May 2018
Nursery	Friday, 15 th June 2018

Class Assemblies

Each class will do ONE assembly per year. It will be on a Friday. The assembly will start at 9.30 am and last up to half an hour. Below is the timetable for the whole year, so you can put the dates and time in your diaries. It really makes a big difference for children to see their family in the audience; we hope you can make the time for them.

Spring 2018

Week Beginning	Class
15.01.2018	Turkey
29.01.2018	Bangladesh
26.02.2018	Nigeria
12.03.2018	Ghana
19.03.2018	Somalia

Summer 2018

Week Beginning	Class
23.04.2018	Ireland
07.05.2018	Mexico
21.05.2018	Pakistan
11.06.2018	India
18.06.2018	China

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Topic Trips Booked 2017-2018- Spring Term

<u>Class/Year Group</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>What and Where</u>
Year 1 Both Classes- Separate Dates	Moon Zoom	Bangladesh Class- Tuesday 9 th January 2018 Ghana Class- Tuesday 20 th February 2018	<u>Greenwich Observatory</u> Discovery Day- Planetarium Show and workshop
Year 2 Both Classes- Separate sessions	Towers, Tunnels and Turrets	Friday 2 nd February 2018	<u>Leeds Castle</u> 'Badges and Banners' workshop and guided tour of castle
Year 3 Both Classes- Separate Sessions	Tribal Tales	Wednesday 28 th February 2018	<u>Stonehenge</u> 'Stones and Bones' workshop and guided tour of site
Year 4 Both Classes Together	Traders and Raiders	Monday 5 th February 2018	<u>Viking School Visits</u> All day interactive workshop-in school
Year 5 Both Classes- Separate Dates	Scream Machine	TBC	<u>Chessington World of Adventures</u> 'Design and Technology' Workshop
Year 6 Both Classes - Separate Dates	Frozen Kingdom	China Class- Tuesday 16 th January 2018 1- 3pm India Class- Thursday 18 th January 2018 1- 3pm	<u>WWF's Living Planet Centre, Woking</u> 'Penguins and Polar Bears' workshop

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Next Week's Menu Week 3

Please note that there are also different salad options on different days.

Monday	Nachos	Fajitas	Green Salad Tomato Slices Coleslaw
Tuesday	Vegetable Curry and Rice	Gnocchi	Green Salad Tomato Slices Carrot Sticks
Wednesday	Tuna Nuggets	Cornish Pasty	Green Salad Tomato Slices Cucumber Slices
	Chips Baked Beans		
Thursday	Chinese Fried Rice	Quesadilla and Corn on the Cob	Green Salad Tomato Slices Beetroot
Friday	Tuna with Pasta Twists	Turkish Potato Stew with Rice	Green Salad Greek Salad

Remember! If you don't like the food that's on offer we also do jacket potatoes with fillings: every day.

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

Term Dates 2017/2018

Spring Term			
First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 8 th January 2018 (Staff Inset Wednesday 3 rd January – Friday 5 th January 2018)	Monday 12 th February 2018 – Friday 16 th February 2018	Thursday 29 th March 2018	54 days (25 first half-term, 29 second half-term)

Summer Term			
First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 16 th April 2018	Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June 2018	Friday 20 th July 2018	64 Days (29 first half-term, 35 second half-term)

Term Dates for 2017-18

Below are dates for our 195 teaching days, including 5 days for the purpose of teachers' staff development (INSET). These days can be taken as INSET days or equivalent twilight sessions.

Academies, free schools and voluntary-aided schools are able to set their own dates but have been asked to set the same or similar dates in the interest of parents who may have children at different schools.

September 2018

Please note that the first day of Autumn term 2018 is Wednesday, 5th September 2018.

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