

## News and events from Northwold Primary School

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### Golden Achievement Pupils

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

Class	Pupils
N Mexico	Rosario Dixon
N Pakistan	Azra Garip
R Ireland	Jasine Buddah
R Somalia	Umayma Lasania
1 Bangladesh	Hafsah Ahmed
1 Ghana	Khalil McLean
2 Barbados	Yusuf Altun
2 Poland	Lily-Mae Johnstone
3 Nigeria	Anayah Ayache
3 Spain	Naira Dungaria
4 Brazil	Inayat Patel
4 Jamaica	Omer Adam
5 Russia	Angel Galooba
5 Turkey	Kijaune Barrett
6 China	Naiara Carrington-Alberdi
6 India	Maliha Mulla

### Important Notice regarding Parking Outside the School

A number of parents have approached the school with concerns about cars that are parked on Northwold Road from 3:15 pm onwards and are left with their engines running. This increases CO2 emissions, which has an impact on the children when leaving the premises. The school as well as concerned parents will be informing parking enforcement and extra patrols will be in place in the near future.

### Next Week at Northwold

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Day	Event
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pakistan Class's Coffee Morning – 9:00 am</li> <li>• Governor's Day</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 4 Trip to Unicorn Theatre</li> </ul>
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mexico Class's Coffee Morning – 9:00 am</li> <li>• Somalia Class's Assembly - 9:30 am</li> </ul>

### Birthday Celebrations in School Reminder

Pupils may bring in a birthday cake or fruits to share with the class. However, children are not permitted to bring in the following: balloons, sweets and party bags – we cannot host birthday parties at the school. We kindly ask that parents ensure that the cake is suitable for vegetarians and nut free. We thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

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## Summer Fair, Summer Fair!

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018

This year we would like to have the Summer Fair on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018, from 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm.

This means that children will be dismissed at 1:00 pm. It will be a dress down day for all pupils and staff.

A contribution of £1.00 for dressing down and entry to the fair.

If parents are interested in selling goods, we will be selling stalls for £20.00. No cooked food/cake/refreshment/sweets stalls will be allowed as the school will have their own.

Although we appreciate people coming to help out generally, we are looking for parent volunteers to help with the setting up and dismantling of the day. That will mean getting your hands dirty!

Please contact the office and speak to Shaida about stalls and volunteering.

## Easter Bonnets

It's that time of the year again! Please start preparing your Easter bonnets for the school parade on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018. We can't wait to see all of your wonderful and imaginative creations!

## Year 4 Inter-Class Debate Competition

"On Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March students from Jamaica class had their first inter-class debating competition, to debate about whether children should wear school uniform or not. We opposed to the moot. It was very nerve racking for us all. We didn't know how to approach the competition but we used our experiences from what we knew about not wearing uniforms. We embraced the argument that it gives you freedom of expression to wear your own clothes." Gloria

"My experience of being in a debating team was a fabulous experience. I got to bring my points to the table and I was given the opportunity to be heard. We won the debate as the opposition. It was really surprising. I felt that what we brought to the table was enough. I would love to be in a debating team again." Benjamin

"I felt very very serious about the debate. I felt very happy about our stance. I felt even better when it was announced that we won the competition." Edie

"I loved it. The feeling of winning can't be explained. It took a lot of preparation to get ready. We had to do a lot of research. I would love to do it again." Mark

"I felt ok when I won. It was very hard. It was a huge team effort. It was really fun standing up in front of the school. I think Brazil did well too, but we did even better. I would love to do it again."



## World Book Day Celebrations

On Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March Northwold celebrated World Book Day! Our World Book Day experience was a success. All the children recited their class poems very interestingly and everyone enjoyed doing something different. Many thanks for helping the children to learn the poems at home and for the efforts made with costumes.



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## Reception's Trip to the Unicorn Theatre

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, Reception went to the Unicorn Theatre to watch the production of Seesaw; a performance about children learning to play, share and look after each other. As we entered the theatre, the children were delighted to see a giant sandpit and a seesaw in the middle of the stage. They even got to play in the sand with the two actors at the end of the performance! The storyline followed two actors playing young children and we watched as the seasons changed and their relationship grew from strangers, rivals and eventually to friendship. The children related to the character's vivid imaginative play of space rockets and rabbit and they understood the message that it takes two to use a seesaw. A concept they were excited to share in class discussion!



## Important Notice – Changes to Text Message Service



Dear Parents/Guardian,

As a school, it is very important that our parents/guardians are informed of updates and changes at school in addition to the personal updates you will receive about your child's progress and wellbeing.

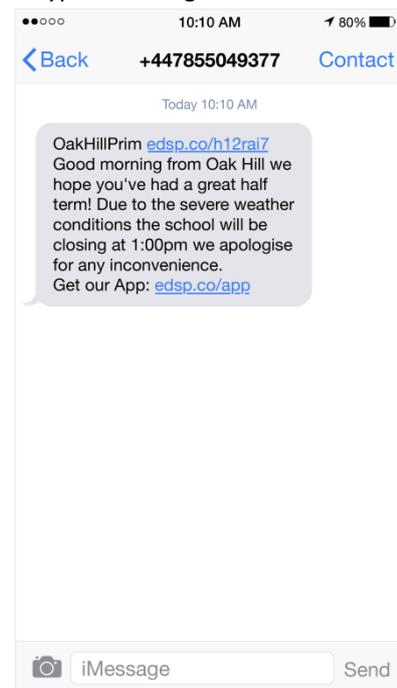
From the week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March, the text messages you receive from school will appear differently on your phone.

Our service provider, Teachers2Parents, are excited to introduce an additional new security verification measure to allow parents/guardians to check that the messages you receive are from school.

Much like telephone banking, you will continue to receive messages from a secure number with the school message ID now in the body of the message, accompanied with a link at the beginning of the message to click through to a Teachers2Parents verification page; confirming that the sender of the message is genuine.

This added security measure is another step forward to help reassure parents/guardians of the safety and wellbeing of your child at school.

A typical message will look like this:



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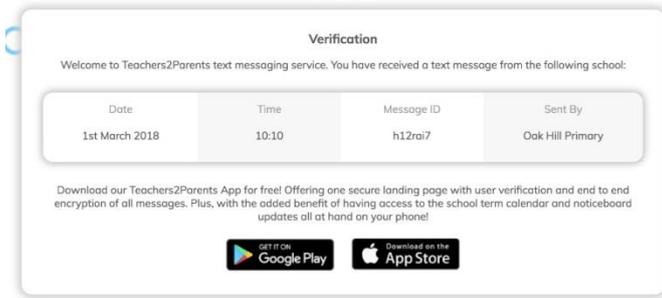
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When you click to verify the message, you will be taken to the following screen:



The changes to the text messaging service will not affect use of the Teachers2Parents App, as this continues to offer built in user verification and end to end encryption of all messages, plus you will still have secure access to term calendar and school noticeboard updates.

To take advantage of the Teachers2Parents app, please search and download 'Teachers2Parents' for free on iOS App store and Android smartphone devices.

We hope you agree, as we do, that this added security measure bolsters reassurance that any important communication about your child is safe and you can always be sure that it has been sent by our school.

For more information about Teachers2Parents, please visit: <https://eduspot.co.uk/product/teachers2parents/>

## 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 having fun and engaging with the children. **Please find below dates for the cake sale days:**

### Spring 2018

Year Group	Date
Year 5	Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2018

### Summer 2018

Year Group	Date
Year 6	Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Nursery	Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2018

## Class Coffee Mornings Spring 2018

Week Beginning	Class	
	Monday	Friday
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
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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		

## 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
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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## 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 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.

## Start Date in September 2018

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

## Term Dates 2017/2018

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

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