



Northborough Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,
Welcome to the Autumn Term 2017.

A warm welcome back! We trust you all had a relaxing, fun holiday and are settling back into the routine of school life. It is lovely to see our pupils return and their enthusiasm for learning has already been a joy to see and hear. We would also like to welcome to our new foundation pupils who are already settling in to routines. They are making the most of their part time timetable this week, inquisitively exploring and discovering their new environment. As a school we have revised our existing creative curriculum and adopted the Cornerstones Curriculum, a nationally recognised approach for delivering outstanding learning opportunities for children.

The [Cornerstones Curriculum](#) is a creative and thematic approach to learning that is mapped to the 2014 Primary National Curriculum to ensure comprehensive coverage of national expectations. Our new curriculum will be delivered through [Imaginative Learning Projects](#), which will provide a rich menu of exciting and motivating learning activities that make creative links between all aspects of our children's learning. We will be adding more about the Cornerstones Curriculum to our website in the next week.

We are all looking forward to exciting times ahead!

Autumn Term Clubs

The club letter and booking form went out on Tuesday, thank you for returning them so quickly. Sorry to those of you who did not secure a cookery club place, we hope Mrs Sallis will have additional support during the second half of the term so that more children can take part. Between now and the second half of the term (after the October Half Term) we are busy working to set up club booking online via our school website. We would like all payments to be made online by BACS transfer directly to the club organiser (if the club carries a charge) now we are a 'cashless office'. We will provide more information as we get closer to launching this new process.

ParentPay payments

Please ensure payments for trips, residentialS etc are made via ParentPay by the dates outlined in the letters? If you foresee a problem with meeting the requested payment date, please let the school office know.

Being prepared.

Children need to arrive at school armed with all the things they need for the day. At the end of the Summer Term the office staff spent a lot of time delivering forgotten lunch boxes, water bottles, trainers etc. We understand things are forgotten from time to time, however we appreciate children making their best efforts to arrive prepared.

Forgotten items should be brought in before break (10.45-11am) and lunch (12.30-1.30pm) and we will deliver them as soon as we can.

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Medication.

If your child requires medication during the school day (for a pre-existing medical condition or for a short term illness) please complete a 'medicine administration form' available from the school office or the school website. All medication should be handed in and collected from the school office. Only prescribed medications will be administered. If you wish to speak to Mrs Gray about your child's needs please book an appointment at the office. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure all medications are in date. We will return all out of date medication and request replacements if necessary. Please DI NOT leave medication in your child's bag.

Accessing school to use the toilet.

Please do not be offended if we refuse you/ your child the use of the disabled toilet at the front of school. The toilet is not a public convenience and to be in line with safeguarding processes we feel the need to tighten up access to our school. Sorry for any inconvenience. Exceptions will of course be made for pregnant or disabled visitors.

Gate reminder.

School gates will be unlocked at 3.20pm each day and locked again by 3.40pm. We need to make the school secure again once parents/ children have left for the day when running after school clubs.

School Dinners.

We are pleased to confirm the cost of school dinners will remain at £2.10 per day. Dinner money accounts must be in credit before your child has a lunch. You can set email reminders in ParentPay once your account reaches an alert balance amount set by you, we strongly urge parents to do this to ensure accounts are managed. Dinners will not be provided if there is insufficient credit available.

Children in Foundation, year 1 and 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

Our Autumn Term menus can be found on the school website under 'parents' and 'menus'. If your child has a dietary requirement (ie lactose intolerant, vegetarian) please provide this information in writing so that it can be passed on to the school kitchen.

Christmas Pantomime.

We are delighted to inform you we have booked a whole school Christmas Pantomime. We look forward to seeing 'Snow White' at the Cresset in Bretton Peterborough on Thursday 14th December during the afternoon. A parental permission letter will be sent out early next week with more information. The cost of this trip will be £13 per child.

Parental consent/ permissions and emergency contacts

We will shortly send out annual permission forms and emergency contact information we hold on record for your child. It is important we hold the most up to date information for you should we need to contact you during the school day. Until this information is sent out, please can we ask you to inform us of any changes to mobile phone numbers, addresses etc if they have changed over the summer. This information should be provided in writing by emailing the school office. Thank you.

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Permission to walk home

We understand parents may wish to give children more independence at the start and end of the school day by allowing them to make their own way to and from school. If you give your child permission, please provide written consent outlining the arrangements e.g. 'they have permission to walk to the pub at the

top of the village to meet me' or 'they have permission to walk to their home address or to a friend's house'. This should only be for children in key stage 2.

Staff car park & parking

We would like to remind parents that the school car park is staff only unless; you have a valid disabled badge or the permission of the school to use the car park (exceptional circumstance only). We understand Church Street and Church View become congested at the start and end of the school day and we appreciate you parking with consideration for residents, other road users and most importantly our children.

Children should not run through the car park, please use the paths that run parallel to the school.

Parents Evenings.

Parents Evenings are a great opportunity for us to share with you your child's progress and for us to listen to your views. Online appointment booking (via the schools website) will be available from Thursday 29th September and close on Monday 30th October.

Photographs.

Our school photographers Tempest will take individual and sibling photographs on Monday 6th November during the school day. If you would like your child photographed with a sibling that does not attend Northborough Primary, please come to the main entrance at 8.30am on this day and they will be photographed before the start of the day.

Children in Need.

We support as many charities as we can through the course of the year. Children in Need is one that is close to our hearts because of all the life changing work they do to better the lives of children in this country and countries across the world. We recommend children bring to school a donation of £1 on Friday 17th November. Children should take money into class and it will be collected and sent to the office.

PTFA.

Our PTFA will send out their newsletter shortly detailing all the cake sale dates/ events for the year. Watch this space!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

The below dates will be added to the school calendar on the website. We will notify parents of any additional dates or amendments (if applicable) with as much notice as possible.

SEPTEMBER

- Foundation start school full time from Mon 11th
- Y5 Cake Sale. Fri 15th in the dining hall. Everyone welcome. Cakes 50p
- Y5 & Y6 National Space Centre trip. Wed 20th
- Y3 & Y4 Ancient Greek Day. Mon 18th (letter to follow)
- Foundation parents read/ write evening. Wed 27th 6pm
- Y1 & Y2 Great Fire of London Day. Wed 27th
- Y4 Stibbington residential deposit deadline. Fri 29th
- Online parents evening appointments open. Fri 29th

OCTOBER

- Prospective parent tour. Children starting school Sept 2018. Fri 6th 9.30-10.30am
- Foundation maths/ Tapestry parents evening. Wed 4th 6pm
- PTFA AGM meeting. Mon 2nd 5pm
- Y4 Cake Sale. Fri 6th in the dining hall
- Prospective parent tour. Children starting school Sept 2018. Fri 13th 9.30-10.30am
- Foundation 'family Friday' starts. Fri 13th 3.35-4pm and every week thereafter
- Image Theatre presents 'The Selfish Giant'. Fri 13th 1.30pm (no cost to parents)
- Harvest Celebration. Thur 12th (donation suggestions to follow)
- Y5 & Y6 Class assembly. Thur 19th 2.45pm

NOVEMBER

- Parents Evenings. Wed 1st & Thur 2nd
- Y3 Cake Sale. Fri 3rd
- Individual & sibling photographs. Mon 6th during the school day
- Y6 Proposed Construction Day. Fri 10th
- Children in Need. Fri 17th
- Y3 Gym & Dance Festival @AMVC. Wed 15th
- Foundation, Years 1, 2, 3 & 4. Flu vaccination. Tue 28th (NHS consent forms to follow)

DECEMBER

- PTFA Christmas Market. Fri 1st 5.30-7.30pm
- Prospective parent tour. Children starting school Sept 2018. Fri 8th 9.30-10.30am
- Life Education Bus. 6th, 7th & 8th
- Y4 Sportshall Athletics @ AMVC. Tue 5th
- Final Prospective parent tour. Children starting school Sept 2018. Fri 15th 9.30-10.30am
- Foundation Christmas production. Wed 13th 2.45pm
- Y1 & Y2 Christmas production. Tue 12th 2.45pm & Wed 13th 6pm
- Whole school panto at the Cresset. Thur 14th (letter to follow)
- Christmas Lunch. Tue 19th
- Proposed visit from Father Christmas (Foundation, years 1 & 2 only). Thur 21st

END OF TERM. Thur 21st

START OF SPRING TERM. Mon 8th

Thank you from myself and all the Staff at Northborough Primary.