



Northborough Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

End of Autumn Term Newsletter

Dates for your diary are at the end of the newsletter.

A message from Mr Mallott

What a magnificent close to a fantastic Autumn Term of learning. I hope you all agree the children from EYFS to Year 5 put on wonderful, heartfelt performance of 'Everyone Loves a Baby', 'Lights, Camera, Action 2 – The Sequin' and 'Cinderella Rockefeller'. We would like to thank all parents supporting the children on and off the stage. Once again, the children showed true grit and perseverance, working together learning lines, remembering songs and actions on stage. Well done to all we are so proud of your achievements!

This year, the children have attended many AMVC Soke sports competitions. Year 3 danced to the music of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', linked to the topic of 'Scrumdiddlyumptious', Year 4 attended indoor athletics and Year 6 attended a basketball competition.

The police have supported the school by talking about staying safe online and procedures when they are out and about, for example, in the park. Year 2 have been on a trip to Deeping Lakes to leave guides they had written in the bird hides, as well as having visits from the Raptor Foundation. Year 6 construction day was a huge success; a very practical hands on experience from surveying to bricklaying and plumbing.

Thank you to all who attended EYFS parent workshops for reading and maths, as well as Year 2's Impact maths workshop. We hope to host more of these for other year groups during the Spring Term.

Trust ambassadors

We are pleased to announce our trust ambassadors: Emma and Alex from Year 6. As part of The Soke Education Trust, each school elects two Ambassadors. The job role as a trust ambassador is to work together with the other school ambassadors, reviewing the school's curriculum, enrichment and collaborative projects.

They have already been scripting and filming for the 'Take One Picture' art project we completed this term. Each school's ambassadors have presented and showcased their schools artwork, making a film about all five schools art journey and rationale.

Northborough's General Elections- Democracy rules!

In light of the general election, pupils had the opportunity to vote democratically (on the day of the national elections) for a change to the timetable on Christmas Lunch day. The School Council collaborated and decided on five options the children could vote for. Isaac in Year 6 created voting slips and ballot stations were set up in school. The school council counted all votes and this was announced in Friday's celebration assembly. It was decided, by a large majority, that they wanted to go to the park for the afternoon and have hot chocolate. A logistical challenge after Christmas lunch, but as a staff we honoured their decision and had a fabulous time!



Advent

Year 5 have been busy this Advent. Preparing to shine a little light in the dark days and helping members of the church congregation to decorate the church for Christmas. Year 5 lead KS1 in their Carol service and asked them to think about different types of light. We all had a lovely afternoon together as part of the village community. Year 6 did brilliantly by sharing their learning while leading KS2 in their Carol service; explaining how the Bible makes Jesus' role on Earth clear for Christians.



Poppy Appeal

On behalf of the Royal British Legion, we would like to thank you for supporting such a worthy cause. We await news of the amount raised at Northborough School.

Important note - Working together

We continue to operate an open door procedure and advocate parents to speak to their class teacher if they have any concerns or require clarification on school operations. If you feel that a concern in the classroom has not been resolved by working closely with the class teacher, then we ask that you speak with either Mrs Hussey or Mrs Jackson as a next step. If these channels have been used effectively, and you still wish to find a resolution then we ask you speak with the Headteacher. Most concerns are easily addressed working closely with the school and class teacher.

We ask that you speak with the school directly regarding any concerns. Please do not use social media.

PTFA THANK YOU!

Thank you once again to the small and dedicated PTFA team for all their hard work during the autumn term. Wow, they pack a lot in – take a look!

Event/ Activity	Raised by PTFA	PTFA Contributions
Books from Father Christmas		£213
Year 2 cake sale	£74	
Year 1 cake sale	£106	
Life Education Bus		£1590
BAGS2SCHOOL	£76	
Christmas cards	£208	
Canvas bags	£106	
Activity World evening	£75	

Image Theatre 'Pinocchio' *		£57
Great Fire of London *		£42
Christmas Raffle Tickets	£269	
Christmas Market	£1731	
TOTAL	£2345	£1902

- The PTFA fund outstanding contributions from parents

All the above would not be possible without your continued support so from all the children and staff at Northborough School – THANK YOU!

We would like to take this opportunity to ask if there are any parents willing to help support the PTFA, planning shopping and running events.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the PTFA by emailing:
northboroughschoolptfa@gmail.com

Important update on parking outside the school

Once again, we ask parents to respect the local residents and abide by the Highway Code when dropping off and picking up at school. Recently I have met with the Parish council, Highways authority and the police reviewing the current situation and looking at possible solutions to elevate issues during busy periods of the school day. Communication via the highways authority will go out early spring with these updates.

From everyone at Northborough School – *We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

General notes:

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent Consultation Evenings will take place on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February between 3.50 and 6.50pm. Parent consultations are an important opportunity for parents and carers to meet teachers to discuss pupil progress. Parents can book an appointment to see your child's class teacher via the schools website from 12pm on Thursday 16th January. Booking closes on Monday 10th February. One appointment slot per child.

Emergency Contacts & Parental Permissions

We still have a handful of the annual emergency contact forms outstanding. We will contact you in the New Year if this applies to you. It could be outstanding because it was not handed to you at parents evening, you did not attend an appointment or you attended a SEN review meeting. Due to data protection, we are no longer able to send this home with your child. We kindly ask parents to check that the information is correct and up to date. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to make sure we hold the right information in the event of an emergency or if your child is unwell.

Attendance & Fines

We appreciate it is not always possible to do so, but we strongly urge parents to book special events such as family holidays during the designated school holidays. If your child needs to be absent (medical appointments are approved with supporting appointment evidence) leave should be requested in advance by completing a 'leave of absence request form' available on the school website or from the school office.

Please be advised that Peterborough City Council now issue penalty notices if the leave of absence has been declined by the Headteacher. The amounts payable are per child, per parent of £120 if paid within 28 days but reduced to £60 per child, per parent if paid within 21 days.

Reporting your child's absence

If your child is unwell, please make sure their absence is reported before morning registration by calling the school office (01733 252204 option 1) or by sending an email to office@northborough.peterborough.sch.uk. All non-emergency appointments i.e. dental check-ups and routine eye tests outside of school hours. We understand if your child is unwell, they may need to be seen by a doctor straight away. Parents should provide evidence of all appointments so any absence can be marked accordingly. Without supporting information such as a text message reminder, appointment card or letter, the absence will be noted as unauthorised.

Spring Lunch Menus

Spring term menus are now available on the school website under 'parents' and 'menus'. We will endeavour to send menus out weekly via ParentPay along with the Tuesday favourites day menu.

Dinner money accounts should be in credit please (Year 3-6 only). Foundation – Year 2 are entitled to *Universal Free School Meals*).

If you are in receipt of any income-based benefits, please let us know and we can make the relevant checks to see if your child is able to receive the national Free School Meals provision. If your child has a dietary requirement, we need to be made aware of, please provide this information to the school in writing.

Outdoor shoes and coats

We recommend parents send their children to school with the appropriate attire for the day's weather: a clearly labelled coat, wellington boots/outdoor shoes appropriate for playing on the field and in the orchard. Children will not be allowed to go on to the field when it is wet without a change of shoes; this is to preserve school shoes and the carpets. A water bottle (no juices, squashes or fizzy drinks) is required daily please.

Lost property

Clearly labelled items have been returned to the correct classes. Everything else will be kept for 1 week in to the Spring Term, after which time it will be sent to charity for recycling.

School Nurse

School nurses aim to provide advice and support on many health related issues such as: Care plans for:

- Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Epilepsy in school
- Bed wetting
- Growth reviews
- Head lice
- Medical worries
- Hygiene
- Exercise
- Healthy eating and other eating issues
- Smoking
- Relationship advise
- Observations assessments for referrals to other agencies

Our school nurse, Cassie, offers a drop in clinic for parents each half term. Until we have a confirmed date you are welcome to contact the School Nursing Service, on 01733 746822.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

JANUARY

- **STAFF TRAINING DAY – Mon 6th**
- **START OF THE SPRING TERM. Tue 7th**
- Final prospective parent tour. Thur 9th 2-3pm
- After school clubs start week commencing Mon 13th
- Sensory Circuits start. Tue 14th
- Y1 phonics parent meeting. Tue 14th at 4pm (letter to follow)
- NHS - Your child's worries parent workshop. Thur 15th 9.30am (now full)
- School Census. Thur 16th
- Parents evening appointments go live on the school website. Thur 16th at 12pm
- Class photographs. Mon 20th during the morning
- Y5 parents/ children open invitation to meet Mrs Lee. Fri 17th straight after school until 4.30 pm in the Year 5 classroom
- KS1 Bedtime stories. Wed 22nd at 5.30pm (letter to in the New Year)
- AMVC Sports Ambassadors Conference. Wed 29th 12.15pm – 3pm

FEBRUARY

- PTFA Spring DISCO. Fri 7th .Foundation, Y1 & Y2 – 5-6pm. Y3, 4, 5 & 6 – 6.15-7pm
- SOKE Orienteering. Tue 11th - 10.30-12.15pm (selected Y3/4 children – letter to follow)
- Parents Evenings. Wed 12th and Thur 13th
- Y4 Cake Sale. Fri 14th – 3.30-4pm (in the dining hall)
- **HALF TERM. 17th – 21st**

MARCH

- Y5 Table tennis festival at AMVC. Wed 4th 9.45-11am
- Y4 Stibbington residential parent meeting. Wed 4th at 5.30pm (children welcome)
- World Book Day. Thur 5th (information to follow)
- British Science Week. 6th - 15th
- MAT/ Additional Cross Country. Thur 12th at AMVC 9.45-12.15pm 15pm (selected Y3/4 children – letter to follow)
 - Sport Relief. Fri 13th
 - Y5 Cake Sale. Fri 13th 3.30-4pm (in the dining hall)
 - SOKE netball & football tournament at AMVC. Wed 18th 1.45-4pm (individual children to be notified)
 - Y5 Bikeability Training. Mon 23rd – 26th (letters to follow)
 - Y4 Stibbington residential. Wed 25th – Fri 27th
 - Y6 SATs parent/ children information evening. Wed 25th at 6pm
 - Mother's Day Gift Shop. Fri 27th during the afternoon
 - Peterborough Netball/ Football finals at AMVC. Tue 31st 1.45-4pm

APRIL

- Y4 Stibbington residential presentations to parents. Thur 2nd at 2.45pm
- **END OF SPRING TERM. Fri 3rd**
- EYFS class trip to Moore Farm 29th (letter to follow)

Our school calendar is ever expanding. Should we have any additional dates, we will notify you with as much advanced notice as possible.