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Summer Term 2015 Newsletter

Welcome back.

Here we are in the second week after the half term break. The children have settled back into their learning routines and are raring to go!. As you will see from the diary dates, we have a lot of exciting events ahead. Last week our Year 5 children enjoyed experiencing life as an Ancient Greek for a day and next week we have the Year 2 Class assembly on Wednesday at 2.30pm followed by the Year 1 assembly on Thursday at 2.30pm. To be in the know - check out our new website.

Our NEW website.

After months of planning and weeks of updates and creative revisions I am pleased to announce the official launch of our new look website. On Friday 1st May it will be live.

We have taken on board valuable feedback from parents and staff and we believe we have addressed the majority of your concerns.

For example some of you said...

"Finding the information I want is too hard, pages aren't in the place you expect them to be". Our new homepage displays the entire websites content on the one screen, at a glance you are able to search more easily.

You also said...

"I often miss letters sent home or ParentPay messages, can't you add these to the website?" Yes we can, and we have. Under the parents section you should be able to find copies of letters and messages sent so that if you are ever in doubt about receiving information you can refer to our website going forward.

And finally, the most common comment received was...

"The websites information is out of date so I don't refer to it" going forward the website will be updated on a regular basis to ensure the information is as current as possible.

Please feel free to view our new website and I encourage you to refer to it on a regular basis to stay up to date with all that goes on in our busy school.

The warmer weather.

With the warmer weather on the way we advise parents to provide their child with a clearly labelled sun hat, sun cream and water bottle. Norbert logo sun hats and caps are now available from the school office. Sunhats £4.50 and caps £4 each. Please also be reminded that at

break time children should bring a piece of fruit with them if they wish, we do not allow crisps/ sweets/ chocolate coated snacks.

School car park.

For the continued safety of our children at the busy start and end of the school day I ask parents to use the schools car park with care and consideration. Please do not drive right up to the main reception to drop children off, not only does this delay the timely arrival of staff it is also very dangerous because of the lack of space to manoeuvre. Thank you.

Northborough's Got Talent. Friday 12th June. 6.30pm.

The children have been busy auditioning during lunch breaks for the Northborough's Got Talent variety performance on Friday 12th June. All I can say at this stage with the acts Mrs Pell and Miss Griggs have seen to date, you are all in for a great evening. Please come along and support not only the children that are performing but another PTFA hosted event where monies raised go towards subsidising some of the excellent additional educational opportunities we offer our children (e.g. the PTFA fund subsidises part of the cost of onsite visits like the recent Y5 Greek History Day) not to mention the ICT suite redesign. We will send a message via ParentPay when tickets go on sale.

ParentPay.

We now have over 90% of families successfully receiving communication from the school electronically, which is a fantastic achievement. Thank you for your support. The hundreds of pounds a year saved on paper can be better spent on resources for our children.

Prompt school trip payments.

Arranging and managing a school trip is no easy task and with so many in the pipeline for our children this Summer we ask parents to meet the payment dates set out in the first parent letter. ParentPay reminders and classroom door notices will be sent/ displayed as reminders. If for any reason you cannot meet the dates requested please let the school office or myself know and we will do all we can to help.

Dinner Money.

I would like to remind parents that children's dinner should be paid for in advance of them having it. The best way to do this is by leaving dinner money credit on your child's ParentPay account. Please ensure your account is regularly topped up. Lunches are £2.10 per day and our Summer Term menus can be found in the parents section of our new website.

Parent Open Afternoon - Thursday 21st May. 2-4.30pm.

Your children are deservedly proud of their learning and we would like to give you the opportunity to come into school during the "learning day" to spend time with your child and look at their work. We are therefore inviting all parents to attend our open afternoon on the 21st May. The classrooms will be open and staff available until 4.30pm.

Uniform Orders

If you wish to order uniform to be received by the end of the Summer Term you will need to collect an order form from the school office and have it returned by Friday 22nd May. We cannot guarantee orders received after this date will arrive before we break for the summer (17th July). Payments can be made by cash or cheque, cheques made payable to 'Northborough School Fund'. Thank you.

Medicines

If your child requires medicine please make sure you have completed a medicine consent form which is available from the school office. Medicine should not be left in children's bags for their and other children's safety. Thank you.

Dates for your diary.

MAY

*Assemblies: (collection from classroom doors as normal please)

- Y1 class assembly - Thursday 7th May 2.30pm - 3.30pm
- Y2 class assembly - Wednesday 6th May 3-3.30pm
- Foundation - Wednesday 20th May 2.30pm - 3.30pm

*Y6 SATS week: 11th - 15th May

*Y2 Nocturnal animal afternoon - Monday 11th May

*Y5 Kingswood residential: 11th - 13th May

*Y6 parent meeting re Derbyshire: Tuesday 19th May. 6pm

*Parent Open Afternoon - Thursday 21st May. 2-4.30pm

*Uniform order deadline - Friday 22nd May

*Half Term: 25th - 29th May

JUNE

*No sensory circuit's week commencing 1st June

*Y6 Derbyshire Residential: 1st - 5th June

*Sept 2015 new intake parent meeting - Tuesday 2nd June. 6pm (new parent letters to follow)

*Foundation Cake Sale: Friday 5th June (after school)

*Northborough's Got Talent: Friday 12th June 6.30pm

*Y1-Y5 Assessment week - 15th - 19th June (Avoid taking children out of school this week)

*Music Evening: Thursday 18th June 6pm

*Father's Day Gift Shop: Thursday 18th June (during the school day)

*Training Day - Friday 19th June

*Y3 proposed Stibbington Evacuation Day: Monday 22nd June

*Y2 proposed trip to Fineshade Woods: Monday 29th June

JULY

*Sports Days:

- KS1 (Foundation, Years 1 & 2): Tuesday 7th July. 9.30-11am
- KS2 (Years 3 - 6): Wednesday 8th July . 9.30-11.30am

*Y6 production - Thursday 9th July. 6.30pm

*Mufti Day: Friday 10th July

*September intake taster sessions: 7th, 8th & 9th July (letters to parents)

*Summer Fayre: Saturday 11th July

*Class Swap days: Monday 13th July (children spend time familiarising themselves with their new classrooms, class teachers and TAs)

*Y6 Leavers assembly: Friday 17th July 9.30 am

*Y6 Leavers BBQ: Thursday 16th July

*END OF TERM: Friday 17th July

*BACK TO SCHOOL: Monday 7th September. We welcome Mr Mallott as the new Head. I am sure that you will make him feel welcome as he settles into his new role.

Best wishes

Mrs C A Moss