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Welcome.

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as the new Headteacher of Northborough Primary School, and welcome you to what will be a busy and exciting year ahead.

From first impressions of the school and meeting with the children I was immediately impressed by the warm welcome. With my early collaboration with staff at Northborough, I have been impressed by their highly skilled and professional approaches to teaching and learning, as well as their dedication and commitment to all pupils.

I feel very proud to be the new Headteacher of Northborough Primary School, and to leading what I believe is a school with immense potential. I am determined to secure an outstanding school for the future. Furthermore, I have the very highest expectations of all the staff and pupils. It is my intention that we work together, to raise standards in every area, helping all pupils achieve their full potential.

I believe that every child can do amazing things and it's our job to help make this potential a reality. With an outstanding education, every child has the freedom to choose their own future.

I look forward to meeting with you all as parents over the coming weeks, and working in partnership with you to achieve a highly successful outcome for your child/ren.

Yours faithfully,
Mr S Mallott

Attendance, Absence & Lateness.

Regular attendance at school is essential to ensure uninterrupted progress and to enable children to extend their potential. We expect all children to attend every day, when the school is in session as long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so. One of our basic principles is to celebrate success. Good attendance is fundamental to a successful and fulfilling school experience. We actively promote 100% attendance for all our pupils. We believe that the most important factor in promoting good attendance is development of positive attitudes towards school and learning.

Parental Responsibility:

Parents have a legal duty to ensure that their child attends school regularly and arrives on time. Full attendance is essential to the all-round development of a child and they should be allowed to take full advantage of educational opportunities available to them by law. Poor attendance undermines their education and sometimes, puts pupils at risk. The school share the attendance percentage with parents at each parent's consultation meeting and more frequently where there are concerns. **It is the parents' responsibility to contact the school on the first day their child is absent. This is a safeguarding matter so that all parties know that your child is safe.** Pupils are expected to arrive between 9.05 and 9.15am, when the doors are open and children go to class. All pupils who arrive late must report to

the school office where they are registered, their meal requirements noted and the reason for lateness is recorded.

Illness and Medical Appointments:

When a child is unwell, parents should contact the school before 9.15am on the first day of absence informing the school of the reason for absence. When a child is absent, the class teacher will record the absence in the register. As part of our Safeguarding Procedures, the school office will endeavour to contact the parent or carer and other emergency contacts if no message has been received regarding the reason for the absence to check on the safety of the child.

- a) Every effort should be made to arrange medical appointments outside school hours.
- b) An appointment card or verification by the doctor/ dentist/hospital is required.
- c) If it is necessary for a child to be out of school for this reason, the child should be returned to school directly after the appointment.
- d) If your child is absent due to vomiting, they should not return to school for **the next 48 hours** after the last bout of sickness. This is to reduce the risk of infection to other children and adults at school.
- e) For more than three days of absence the school require a written explanation of why the child was absent. The school office will request this if it is not produced.
- f) Medical certificates are required for absence greater than five days.

Lateness:

Classroom doors open at 9.05am and registration begins at 9.15am. Children arriving after 9.15am must enter school via the main reception. Children arriving after 9.15am will receive a late mark. Please let Mrs Smith or Mrs Garford know if your child is having a packed lunch or school dinner so that the kitchen can be informed.

School Car Park

For the continued safety of our children during drop off/ pick up times, for the timely arrival of staff and the ease of access for our disabled pupils/ visitors we would like to inform you that the **school car park is for staff only**. We politely ask all visitors to adhere to this at all times.

Y6 SATs Results.

Tables below show SAT results for last academic year 2014 - 2015				
Percentage of children achieving Level 4+				
	Reading	Writing	Maths	SPaG
School result 2015	93%	90%	87%	73%
National Average 2014	89%	85%	86%	76%

Percentage of children achieving 2 levels progress			
	Reading	Writing	Maths
School result 2015	90%	93%	87%
National Average 2014	91%	93%	97%

SPaG = Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

PE clothes.

Children have been wearing a variety of sports clothing items during PE lessons. To confirm, children should wear the Northborough navy PE t-shirt or a plain navy t-shirt if you do not wish to buy the school one, black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms as well as trainers. We have placed an order and expect it to be with us early next week. A communication will be sent out to let you know when they are available. T-shirts priced at a very reasonable £4 each.

Being prepared for the changing weather.

We recommend parents send their child/ children to school with the appropriate attire for the day's weather. A clearly labelled sun hat, sun cream for hotter weather and wellington boots/ outdoor shoes fit for playing on the field and in the orchard. As you know children go out in all weather and we like them to be prepared. A water bottle (no juices, squash or fizzy drinks during the day please) is required each day.

Medicines.

If your child requires medicine please make sure you complete a medicine consent form which is available from the school office. If your child has asthma please ensure we have an up to date asthma card (avail from the school office). Medicine should not be left in children's bags for their and other children's safety. Thank you.

Y1 & Y2 Flu Vaccinations.

In the Autumn/Winter of 2015/16 the annual nasal spray vaccine will be available to children aged two, three and four year olds plus children in school years one and two as part of the NHS childhood vaccination programme. The school nurse is currently getting information packs ready for parents regarding programme and these will be delivered in the next few weeks. For more information in the meantime please visit www.nhs.uk and search for 'Children's Flu Vaccine'.

Parents Evenings.

The Parent Consultation Evenings are an important opportunity for parents and carers to meet teachers to discuss pupil progress. Appointment booking letters will be sent out in advance of the dates. We will do our very best to accommodate your preferred appointment date/ time

Harvest Festival.

The Harvest festival is a celebration of the food grown on the land. Harvest reminds Christians of all the good things God gives them. This makes them want to share with others who are not so fortunate. In schools and in Churches, people bring food from home to a Harvest Festival Service. After the service, the food that has been put on display is usually made into parcels and given to people in need. On Wednesday 30th September we will celebrate Harvest and kindly ask families to donate something towards a donation we will make to the Peterborough Food Bank. On the morning please leave your donations in the school hall. Thank you.

Dinner Money.

I would like to remind parents that dinner monies should be paid for in advance of your child receiving it. The best way to do this is by leaving dinner money credit on your child's ParentPay account. Each time your child has a meal the daily charge (£2.10) will be deducted. Please ensure your account is regularly topped up. We will not provide a meal without accompanying payment on more than one occasion. Children in Foundation, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to universal free school meals.

Northborough PTFA.

The PTFA at Northborough work extremely hard to help initiate or host exciting events at school. They will be meeting shortly to pull together an events calendar but for now the cake sale dates are below and a headline figure of the money raised last year will be announced shortly. I am keep to continue and support the work of the PTFA and invite you to join the team. As a school we are keen to listen to new ideas, ways of improving existing events or if you want to volunteer your time please get in touch. Please email the school office and we will forward your details on to the PTFA Chair Laura Meli.

ParentPay Activation - Foundation parents.

Foundation parents will shortly receive activation letters for their child's ParentPay account. I encourage parents to activate their accounts as soon as possible to ensure you receive regular important information from school.

Dates for your diary.

SEPTEMBER

- *TERM OPENS - Monday 7th. Welcome all.
- *Sensory Circuits starts - week commencing 14th. (T/ W/T) 9-9.15am (school hall)
- *Y3 Maths Impact Workshop - Wednesday 16th. 9.15-10.15 (school hall)
- *Y6 Cake Sale - 18th
- *Life Education Bus - 21st & 22nd
- *Y1 & Y2 Great Fire of London Day - Wednesday 23rd
- *Parents Evenings - Wednesday 30th Sept & Thursday 1st Oct. 4-7pm
- *Harvest Festival - Wednesday 30th

OCTOBER

- *Y4 Stibbington Residential parent meeting - Monday 5th. 6pm
- *Y5 Cake Sale - 16th
- *Phonics/ Reading Parent Workshop - Thursday 15th am. (Details to follow)
- *week commencing 19th KS2 Bedtime Stories - Spooky Stories
- *No Sensory Circuits - week commencing 19th.
- *Image Theatre presents 'The Jungle Book' - Friday 23rd
- *HALF TERM - 26th - 30th

NOVEMBER

- *BACK TO SCHOOL - Monday 2nd
- *Y3 Flag Fen trip - Monday 2nd
- *School nurse height & weight screening (Foundation & Y6 only) - Wednesday 4th
- *Y4 Stibbington Residential - 4th - 6th
- *Individual & Sibling photographs - Monday 9th (letters to go out closer to date)
- *Y4 Cake Sale - 13th
- *Y1 & Y2 Flu Vaccinations - Friday 13th
- *week commencing 16th KS1 Bedtime Stories
- *Y5 Proposed West Stow trip (details to follow)

DECEMBER

- *Christmas Bazaar - 4th
- *Christmas Productions: Foundation (date tbc) shortly
KS1 (Y1 & 2) date tbc shortly
- *Panto at the South Holland Centre Spalding - Tuesday 15th
- *Y6 production in June

*Y3, Y4 & Y5 production in July

*END OF TERM: Friday 18th