



## Second Half of Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome to our action packed newsletter. We have so many exciting things to tell you about before Easter.

### Parent questionnaire.

Thank you to all those that took part in the parent feedback survey which took place at the parents consultation evenings. We received some constructive comments as to how we can improve the school further of which we are reviewing as a team. Your feedback is invaluable, so thank you.

### Internet Safety.

One question responded to with concern was 'Do you feel that your child knows how to stay safe online?'

We are holding an **E-safety Day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**, where children will be focusing on keeping safe online. We are fortunate to have an E-safety company speak to the whole school and work with children during the day. We would like to invite you to a parent workshop after school on that day, where parents will be supported in keeping children safe online. We will also have tea, cake and biscuits as refreshments for you and hope as many as possible can attend.

In the meantime we would like to direct parents to the following website for advice:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> **Think U Know** - This contains internet safety advice for those aged from 5 to 16, along with parents and teachers areas, this site is produced by CEOP (the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre). We advise that parents use this site as a means to support you and your child staying safe online.

If there are any questions related to this site, please don't hesitate to speak to either Mr Day or Mr Mallott.

### Investing in our school.

Following events organised by the PTFA and supported by parents, we have managed to purchase some fantastic new resources for our school.

***The Great Northborough Bake Off!*** We are eagerly awaiting the imminent delivery of our mobile cook station; this will be a huge investment in teaching food technology in the classroom. Children will be able to experience a wide variety of cooking skills linking with topic work cooking foods from around the world.

***Read all about it!*** Following the revamp of the library the children have welcomed the purchase of new library books for the school. We have managed to purchase books supporting readers in reception all the way to year 6. Our children are delighted with the new titles and we all thank the PTFA and parents support for their generous donations, it has and will make a huge impact on the children's love for reading and experiences in cooking in the classroom.

### Our Library.

We have now completed the library refresh which began last year by replacing the ICT equipment, desks and chairs. And since Christmas we have designed a woodland themed reading corner complete with a Norbert designed rug and extra-large bug bean bags. We hope you like it as much as we do!

### WORLD BOOK DAY!

We will celebrate World Book Day at Northborough on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March; children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character. If your child does not want to dress up the day will be a normal uniform day.

### Bikeability PLUS.

Thank you to everyone that took part in the Bikeability PLUS launch day. We hope you agree it was great fun! And a huge well done to all the children for putting such great effort into the Foundation balance bike sessions, non-riders and Y6 bike fix courses. The instructors were incredibly impressed with the determination shown and each and every one who took part should be proud of their efforts.

### Y5 Bikeability.

We wish our year 5's the very best of luck as they undertake their formal Bikeability training in two weeks' time. The course will give them the confidence and skills to cycle safely on the road.

### Parent Governor Vacancy.

We would like to invite expressions of interest from any parents or carers of children registered at the school for the position of parent governor now that Mrs Swepson has decided to step down. The Governing Body works with the school on planning, developing policies and keeping the school under review. Governors need to be able to dedicate some time to their role, and typically to attend two governing body meetings a term, as well as being prepared to serve on one of the governing body's committees. The Local Education Authority provides a training programme to help and support governors in learning about their role and responsibilities and governors are expected to attend relevant training.

A formal letter will be send to the oldest child in each family this week, if you are interested in putting yourself forward please do so by **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March.**

### Northborough's Got Talent.

We are excited to announce that it is now not long before Northborough's Got Talent takes place. From the auditions we know that the children have been practising hard so we know it will be an enjoyable evening for everybody involved.

Tickets will be on sale to families of non-performing children from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March and cost £2 per ticket. Initially tickets will be offered to families of performing children but because we have the two nights we hope many more of you will join us. It is a great opportunity for children thinking about taking part in future years to be inspired to take the next step and perform!

We will have a bar during the night which will offer alcoholic beverages and soft drinks as well as a tuck shop for children. All proceeds from this event will be going towards outdoor learning equipment. Parents are politely reminded that children taking part are expected to perform at both nights. Thank you!

### A HUGE well done to our Cross Country Runners!

Congratulations to the cross country runners who took part in the SOKE Relay race on the 27<sup>th</sup> February. Both teams WON their races, not only that they BEAT the course records. What a fantastic achievement for Northborough - we are very proud of the children for taking part.

### **BOYS RACE**

	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>RECORD TIME</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
<b>1</b>	Northborough	32.07 <b>Course Record</b>	2016
<b>2</b>	Barnack	32.13	2016
<b>3</b>	Longthorpe	33.02	2012 & 2015

## **GIRLS RACE**

	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>RECORD TIME</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
<b>1</b>	Northborough	36.20 <b>Course Record</b>	2011
<b>2</b>	William Law	37.16	2006
<b>3</b>	Longthorpe	37.35	2011

### **Children's Health.**

We have been suffering across the school with a selection of illnesses, from sickness and diarrhoea, Chickenpox, Hand, Foot and Mouth and more commonly high temperature/ flu like symptoms. It goes without saying that children who are fit and well should be at school. If they are not parents are politely reminded that they must phone or email the school office prior to morning registration with the reason for your child's absence. Thank you.

### **Dinner Money.**

Thank you for acting on previous reminders about regularly topping up children's dinner money accounts. We are having fewer issues with this process with parents using ParentPay often so that the account avoid being in debt.

Lunches are charged at £2.10 per day and should be paid for in advance.  
Children in Foundation, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to universal free school meals.

### **Revised Cake Sale dates.**

The year 1 cake sale and the Northborough's Got Talent dress rehearsal dates clash therefore we have rearranged the cake sale dates as follows:

- Year 1 - 15<sup>th</sup> April
- Foundation - 6<sup>th</sup> May
- Year 6 - 10<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 5 - 8<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 4 - 16<sup>th</sup> September
- Year 3 - 7<sup>th</sup> October
- Year 2 - 4<sup>th</sup> November

### **ACTIVE KIDS Vouchers.**

We are delighted to be taking part in the Sainsbury's Active Kids scheme again this year. You can collect vouchers when you shop in Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations or for groceries online, then donate them to school and we can exchange them for lots of lovely new equipment for our children! Please ask friends and family to donate their vouchers too.

Sainsbury's Active Kids scheme is a great initiative from which Northborough has benefitted hugely over the past few years. Please pop your vouchers in collection box which is situated at the main reception or send them in with your children and they will make their way to the office via the register box. Please send in vouchers until the 8<sup>th</sup> July. Thanks you.

### **Sports Relief 2016.**

This year we plan to raise money for Sport Relief 2016! As one of the UK's biggest fundraising events, Sport Relief brings the entire nation together to get active, raise cash and change lives.

The best bit is, the money raised by the public is spent by Comic Relief to help people living incredibly tough lives, both at home in the UK and across the world's poorest countries.

We will also be using Sport Relief as a teaching opportunity so that our students can learn about the issues children across the world face, and how the money we raise can help them. Children are invited to come to school in sportswear on **Friday 18th March** in exchange for a charity donation. The PTFA will their best to match what has been donated.

### PTFA successes!

So how do the PTFA and the events you support help our school?

Here's how:

Value	What was raised and how was it spent?
£5,000	Re-design of library and ICT suite
£3,000	New library books
£112	PE t-shirts for new Foundation children
£90	Medals at Northborough's Got Talent 2015
£195	New walkie talkies for lunchtime supervisors
£600	General support to school to subsidise financial gaps in trips
£450	Theatre production
£70	Christmas tree and decorations
£212	Gifts for children at Christmas from a special you know who!
£35	Children's drinks at the panto
£50	Year 6 cake sale - money spent on games/ resources chosen by the class
£70	Year 5 cake sale - money spent on games/ resources chosen by the class
£100	Year 4 cake sale - money spent on games/ resources chosen by the class
£70	Year 3 cake sale - money to spent on games/ resources chosen by the class
£100	Year 2 cake sale - money spent on games/ resources chosen by the class
£50	Charity donation to Macmillan coffee morning
£3,082	Mobile cook station
£100	Charity donation to Children in Need
£2,000	Christmas Market
£100	Christmas Film Night
£330	Valentine's Disco

Some places of work offer £ for £ 'employment match funding' this is where a company will match the money raised at an event if its staff member takes part. We already benefit from this very generous support from an existing family thanks to Barclays and wonder if there were any more parents who work for an organisation that might offer the same support. If so we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch via our Northborough PTFA Facebook page.

Our grateful thanks to our wonderful PTFA team for all their continued hard work and commitment and for all of you who support the events above!

### Easter Colouring Competition.

Due to Northborough's Got Talent taking place in March we won't be able to fit our Easter Egg Hunt celebrations in therefore we would like to invite children to take part in a 'Design your own Easter Egg' competition. It can be decorated any way your child likes, e.g. glitter, fabric, pens, crayons, sequins etc. Entries need to be returned to class by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March. If you would like your picture returned after the competition, please circle RETURN. Entries will be judged by an independent adjudicator.

- Children will be given an egg template to take home this Friday.
- There will be one winner from each class.
- Prize - A LARGE CHOCOLATE EASTER EGG!

**Payment reminders for trips:**

Parents are politely asked to meet the payment dates outlined below. If you are unable to meet these dates please let the school office know immediately.

**Y5 Kingswood - total £160**

Payment Amount	Payment Date	Payment ref on ParentPay
£30	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	Deposit
£33	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	Instalment 1
£33	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	Instalment 2
£32	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Instalment 3
£32	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	Instalment 4

**Y6 Derbyshire - total £245**

Payment Amount	Payment Date	Payment ref on ParentPay
£30	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	Deposit
£43	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	Instalment 1
£43	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	Instalment 2
£43	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Instalment 3
£43	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	Instalment 4
£43	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Instalment 5

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**MARCH**

- \*Northborough's Got Talent dress rehearsal - Fri 11<sup>th</sup> 3.30-5.30pm
- \*World Book Day Celebrations - Fri 11<sup>th</sup> March - dress as your favourite character
- \*Class photographs - Mon 14<sup>th</sup> (during the school day)
- \*SOKE Netball & Football at AMVC - Thur 17<sup>th</sup> 1.45-4.30pm approx.
- \*Northborough's Got Talent night 1 - Thur 17<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm
- \*Space4Dialogue Workshop at Sacrewell - Thur 17<sup>th</sup> all day (selected y4's & Y5's - letter to follow)
- \*Northborough's Got Talent night 2 - Fri 18<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm
- \*Sports Relief 2016 - Fri 18<sup>th</sup>
- \*Cross Country Championships - Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> (during the school day)
- \*Y5 Bikeability - Mon 21<sup>st</sup> - Thur 24<sup>th</sup>
- \*END OF SPRING TERM - Thur 24<sup>th</sup>

**APRIL**

- \*Y5 Kingswood residential parent meeting - Thur 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm
- \***START OF SUMMER TERM** - Tues 12<sup>th</sup> - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> was previously advised on the last newsletter. This was an error.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Mr S Mallott  
Headteacher