



# Northborough Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

## **END OF AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 2016**

The Judges scores are in... from Mr Mallott it's a 'Ten' (and for those of you that didn't see year 1 and 2's production of 'Lights, Camel, Action!' it was a Strictly Come Dancing take on the nativity.

What a fab-ul-ous end to the Autumn term with the array of Christmas productions from Foundation to year 5. The children have worked incredibly hard and we are extremely proud of their efforts.

We would like to thank all parents for your continued support at home with home learning, as well as getting your children ready for the end of term productions.

We would like to say a huge thank you and fair well to Mrs Knott who has supported the school for the last 32 years. Mrs Knott will be retiring at the end of this term. We celebrated her time with us during our Carol service at St Andrews Church yesterday. We wish her well and Mrs Knott will continue to support the school for some of our upcoming events next year.

We would also like to say thank you to Mrs Ramm who will be stepping down at the end of this term, as 1:1 Teaching Assistant in Foundation. We are grateful that she will continue to support the school for any TA absence, should it arise.

We have a bumper packed Spring Term ahead, please see dates for your diary.

### **Christmas Market Success!**

Another incredible evening had by all who attended our annual Christmas Market. With the money raised on the night, class tea towels, Christmas cards and the Christmas Hamper raffle sales we raised an incredible £1851. Thank you to our dedicated PTFA and supporting parents across the school, for your help planning, setting up, clearing away and donating, without your help these events wouldn't be possible.

### **Special Visitor.**

Foundation, year 1 and year 2 had a very special visit from Father Christmas on Monday. It's always a real highlight to the festive season at school. Unfortunately, he didn't have time to stop and see the children in Key Stage 2 but he did leave each and every one of them a gift.

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### **Northborough Prefects.**

At Northborough Primary School we continue to provide many opportunities for young people to develop leadership skills. In January, following elections that will be held at the end of this year, we look forward to launching the 'Prefect' system. This role will sit alongside the school council, supporting the school values. We will entrust these pupils with responsibilities according to their strengths and abilities in each year group.

The Prefects will have the potential to influence the school environment and the behaviour of their fellow pupils by becoming advocates for positive change in the school community. It has been proven that when children actively participate in leadership in school life, their ideas and opinions are listened to as well as valued. As a result, they feel respected and encouraged to make further contributions.

We would like to thank all the children who have applied for the posts in the school, we have been very proud with the strong pupil applications received. It has made the decision very difficult.

We are delighted to announce our school 'Prefects' are:

Year 6: Martha, Haydn, Hannah and Lilley

Year 4: Ella J, Ella D, Emily C and Hasini

May we also thank Mrs Annis and the school council who have worked hard to develop the prefect role.

### **Spring Term Menus.**

We return to school serving the Autumn Term week 2 menu for the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January we begin to serve our Spring Term menus. Please visit our school website for more information.

### **Parent Consultation Evenings.**

Parent Consultation Evenings will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February between 3.50 and 7pm. Parent consultations 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 your very best to accommodate your preferred appointment date/ time.

### **Spring Term Clubs.**

Spring Term Clubs will begin the second week back into the term. w/c 9<sup>th</sup> January. Club booking forms and letters will be sent home on the first day back to school. We are delighted to introduce our new 'Musical Theatre' club which will be ran by Premier Performing Arts on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Children will have the opportunity to sing, dance and act and parents/ carers will be invited to a performance to showcase everything they have learnt at the end of the term.

### Pause for thought!

Following a very minor incident earlier in the term where a pupil of the school was hit by a moving vehicle we would like to ask everyone to be vigilant as they drive to and from school. The car park, as we consistently state is not open to parents unless you need to access the disabled space. This is not for convenience; this is for the safety of all our children.

### Time Keeping.

Classroom doors open at 9.05am. Every effort should be made to arrive for when the doors are opened so that teachers can make a prompt start to our learning day. Thank you for your cooperation.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

#### JANUARY

- START OF SPRING TERM. Wed 4<sup>th</sup>
- Sensory Circuits start. Tue 10<sup>th</sup> at new time 8.45am
- Foundation Cake Sale. Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 3.30-4.30pm in the dining hall
- PTFA Committee Meeting. Tue 17<sup>th</sup> at The Pack Horse 7pm (committee members and class reps)
- Young Voices at the O2 Arena. Wed 18<sup>th</sup> - *best of luck everyone!*
- Y4 residential parent meeting. Mon 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm
- Valentines disco tickets on sale. Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Y6 Tudor Day at Peterborough Cathedral. Fri 27<sup>th</sup>

#### FEBRUARY

- Sunflower Seeds Cake Sale. Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> - in support of their new building project!
- Class photographs. Mon 6<sup>th</sup> during the school day
- Valentines Discos. Thur 9<sup>th</sup> Foundation, Y1 & Y2 - 6-7pm  
Y3, 4 & 5 7.15 - 8.30pm
- The Beatles Singing Day at the Cresset. Wed 15<sup>th</sup> - letter to relevant children in the New Year
- Parents Evenings. Wed 15<sup>th</sup> & Thur 16<sup>th</sup> 3.50-7pm
- Dogs Trust Workshops. Mon 27<sup>th</sup>

#### MARCH

- World Book Day. Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> children to come dressed as their favourite book character
- School nurse visit to Foundation to talk about routine height and weight screening. Thur 9<sup>th</sup>
- Foundation height and weight screening. Tue 14<sup>th</sup>
- Y5 Bikeability Training. Mon 16<sup>th</sup> - Thur 16<sup>th</sup>
- Y6 SATS parent info evening - Wed 29<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm
- Y5 residential parent meeting - Thur 30<sup>th</sup> 6pm
- Y4 Stibbington residential. Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Wed 15<sup>th</sup>
- Mother's Day Gift Shop. Fri 24<sup>th</sup> during the afternoon
- Comic Relief. Fri 24<sup>th</sup>

- Northborough's Got Talent. Fri 31<sup>st</sup>
- END OF SPRING TERM. Thur 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Our school calendar is ever expanding. Should be have any addition al dates to add we will notify with as much advanced warning as possible. Thank you1

From all the staff and children at Northborough Primary School we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.