



# Northborough Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,  
**News & Summer Term dates for your diary.**

We have already had a busy start to our Summer Term. In addition to the usual curriculum timetable, our children have enjoyed a wide range of enhancement activities and sporting events.

## WINNERS!

There is no stopping us now. The children have shown great sporting commitment and their hard work has really paid off. As a school we came first in the Soke Netball and Football tournament which took place at AMVC in March. The netball team then went on to have further success as the Regional winners just before Easter. The football team still have the next round to go in June. However, that is not our only success! We also came first as a school in the Cross-Country relay race which took place on a very cold Saturday morning in March. The cross-country boys and girls then went on to take part in the individual cross country race at Ferry Meadows in April where Alex (Y6) came first in the boys race and Lilley (also Y6) came second in the girls race. As you can see a lot to be proud of. Come on Northborough!

## BIG LOTTERY FUND.

We are delighted to finally be able to announce back in March our 'Big Lottery Fund' bid was successful and we went forward with our plans to install a new outdoor gym. We secured £10,000 worth of funding to enhance our outdoor provision and the children are absolutely delighted with it.

Did you know:

- The Big Lottery Fund is the largest funder of community activity in the UK. It puts people in the lead to improve their lives and communities, often through small, local projects.
- It is responsible for giving out 40% of the money raised by National Lottery players for good causes.
- Last year it awarded £583 million and supported around 12,000 projects across the UK for health, education, environment and charitable purposes.
- Since June 2004 it has awarded over £8 billion to projects that change the lives of millions of people.

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### **SATs Booster School.**

Thank you to all the children who gave up time during their Easter break to attend booster classes. We hope it gave them a confidence boost ready for this week as they sit their examinations. Best of luck year 6, we know you will do your very best!

### **Rotary Art Competition Winners!**

We are really proud of all the children who submitted entries to the Rotary Young Art Competition this year. Their artwork proudly hangs on display at the Tesco in Market Deeping. We are thrilled to announce we WON the overall school prize (£50) and Lilley (Y6) came second place overall out of the Key Stage 2 entrants. She has won a £25 cash prize.

### **Attendance.**

If your child is absent from school due to illness parents must return an absence form (available from the school office or on our school website) outlining the reason for absence. As per our school attendance policy, absence must be followed up with written documentation regardless of whether a call has been made to the office on the day of absence.

Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility to make the school aware of their child's absence before registration on the day of illness. You can do so by calling the school's telephone number and selecting option 1. To reiterate any absence due to illness must be reported to the school on the day and followed up with written confirmation. We appreciate your cooperation.

### **Manners Matter.**

We would like to remind parents that it is their responsibility to supervise children on the school grounds at the start and end of the school day. At no point should children be kicking/throwing balls, using the playground equipment, running/ scooting into the car park or running around parked cars. We have received comments about the manner in which children are conducting themselves and it has not gone unnoticed by staff. Our children know that in school 'manners matter' and we appreciate parents helping us continue this message outside of school.

### **Raising money for St. Andrews & Mustard Seeds.**

As part of their learning about other faiths believing it is important to give to charity year 4 and 5 are raising money to preserve St Andrews; as they value it as a special place in Northborough and for the Mustard Seed Project as they want to help others. Please come to their second hand toy sale on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 3.30-4pm in the Pavilion (weather permitting).

### **Swimming.**

We are fortunate enough to be able to offer swimming lessons to children in years 1, 2, 3 and 4. A detailed permission letter was sent out via ParentPay as well as a printed copy to parents last week. We kindly ask parents to return the signed permission slip with urgency. We politely ask parents to make a contribution towards the transport cost only, this being £15 per child. The cost of the swimming tuition will be paid for by the school. Children will also have to wear a compulsory swimming cap. You can purchase these easily enough on the high street but

we do also sell swimming hats from the school office for £2.50 however we have very limited stock.

The class' weekly swim day will swap around wc 3<sup>rd</sup> July as the year 2 trip clashes with the year 1 & 2 swim day. Please make a note of this change so children come to school with their swimming kit on the right day.

- Year 1 & 2 will swim on Wednesday on the 5<sup>th</sup> July instead of the Thursday this week only
- Year 3 & 4 will swim on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July instead of the Wednesday this week only

### **Sport's Day.**

Again this year we plan to have a whole school sports day. Years 3-6 in the morning followed by Foundation years 1 & 2 in the afternoon. We have had to move the classes around slightly from previously advised due to the swimming schedule. Parents are welcome to join us for the session your child/ren is taking part in and at lunch parents are welcome to bring along a picnic or purchase something from the BBQ to enjoy with their children. Lunch 12.30-1.30pm.

### **Sport's Day t-shirts for just £1.**

Shotbowl our school uniform provider (based in Market Deeping) have kindly offered to supply team colour t-shirts for Sport's Day for just £1 each. We hope this provides parents with an affordable and convenient solution to purchasing their child's team colour top ready for Sport's Day. If you wish to order more than size for your child, please do so as we cannot guarantee we will receive this price again.

By the end of this week we will add a 'sports day t-shirt' tab to the uniform page on our school website. Parents will need to complete the template (which will be set out a little like the parents evening booking page) with your order requirements e.g. child's name, class, t-shirt colour and size. Once received orders will be compiled and placed in bulk. Payment should be sent into school in a clearly labelled envelope. If your order has been placed online and we do not receive accompanying payment by the deadline below, we will not place the order. Due to admin time, we will not chase payments.

- Online order & payment deadline: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June
- T-shirts delivered to school: week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> June

Parents cannot order/ pay for t-shirts directly with Shotbowl. We have negotiated the price based on the school coordinating orders and payments on this occasion.

### **A BIG thank you to our PTFA.**

We would like to say a big thank you to our PTFA for their contribution towards supporting many events already this year. From the Valentines discos, Northborough's Got Talent (what a success) to the Mother's Day gift shop back in March and for the monthly cake sales. They have agreed many financial requests from the school so far this year, with many more to go before December. Without our school communities support we couldn't afford to offer our children the amazing 'extras' we do.

Such as...

- Subject Revolution days. The children had a fantastic time and really rose to their maths challenges!
- 14 Digital Cameras, cases, SD cards. 2 for each class. One for the teacher and one for the Teaching Assistants.
- This term they will also cover the cost of the Y6 visit to the Royal Shakespeare Company when they are on their residential. As well as PE tops for all our new Foundation children in September. The cost of water and ice cream for the panto trip and 50% of the cost for the 3-day Life Education Bus visiting us in December.

### **Active Kids Vouchers.**

If you shop in store or online at Sainsbury's, you can earn Active Kids vouchers for the school. For several years now we have been lucky enough to receive enough vouchers to replenish our well used sports equipment. The deadline to hand in vouchers is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Please keep shopping and handing them in, we really do appreciate your support.

### **Dinner money.**

Parents must ensure their child's dinner money is paid for in advance of them registering for it. We cannot provide a lunch for accounts owing more than one dinner.

### **Cashless Office.**

From September 2017 the school office will not accept cash/ cheque payments for school dinners and trips under any circumstances. Our governors support the school's decision and agree that it is acceptable to ask parents to make payments online. If you do not have access to a computer/ internet, please let the office know and we can arrange time for you to come in and use a school computer.

If you have not activated your child's account, please do so before September.

### **Warm Weather.**

Hopefully with warmer weather on its way we advise parents to provide their child with a clearly labelled sun hat and a water bottle each day (water only). We also ask parents to apply a generous layer high factor/ all day sun cream. As a school we cannot apply sun cream for children and we ask them not to bring it into school.

Children will be told to play in the shade of our orchard at break and lunch on very hot days.

Norbert branded sun hats and caps are available from Shotbowl in Market Deeping.

### **Christmas Pantomime.**

We are delighted to inform you we have booked our bi-annual whole school Christmas Pantomime which will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. We look forward with anticipation to watching Snow White at the Cresset. A detailed letter will follow in the Autumn Term.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Diary dates can also be found on our school website.

### MAY

- SATs week. Wc 8<sup>th</sup>
- NO sensory circuits wc 8<sup>th</sup> and wc 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Y5 Kingswood residential. Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - Wed 10<sup>th</sup>
- Y2 Multiskills festival at AMVC. Tue 9<sup>th</sup> 11.45-2.30pm
- Y6 residential parent meeting. Thur 11<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm
- Foundation class to wear yellow for 'Chick Celebration' Fri 12<sup>th</sup>
- Y3 Stibbington Evacuation Day. Mon 15<sup>th</sup>
- Y4/5 Used Toy Sale. Tue 16<sup>th</sup> 3.30-4pm
- School census day. Thur 18<sup>th</sup>
- Foundation class trip payment deadline. Fri 19<sup>th</sup>
- Foundation class trip to Rutland Water. Tue 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Y5 Kingswood parent assembly. Thur 25<sup>th</sup> 2.45pm
- Y6 Derbyshire residential. Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fri 26<sup>th</sup>
- HALF TERM 29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June

### JUNE

- Y6 residential parent assembly. Thur 8<sup>th</sup> 2.45pm
- Y6 Cake Sale. Fri 9<sup>th</sup>
- Y6 Safety Challenge at Dogsthorpe Fire Station. Tue 13<sup>th</sup> 11.45-2.30pm
- Foundation class assembly. Thur 15<sup>th</sup> 2.45pm
- Father's Day Gift Shop. Fri 16<sup>th</sup>
- Online order & payment deadline for sports day t-shirts: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>
- **TRAINING DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED. Mon 19<sup>th</sup>**
- September intake parent meeting. Wed 21<sup>st</sup> 6pm
- Sport's day t-shirts delivered to school: wc 26<sup>th</sup>
- Y3/4 bikeability 1-day course. Fri 30<sup>th</sup>
- September intake teddy bears picnic. Fri 30<sup>th</sup> 12pm

### JULY

- Class Swap Morning. Wed 5<sup>th</sup>
- Y6 settling in at AMVC. Wed 5<sup>th</sup>
- SOKE Athletics @ AMVC. Thur 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30-12pm
- Y2 Old Hunstanton Trip. Thur 6<sup>th</sup>
- NO sensory circuits. Wed 12<sup>th</sup>
- Sports Day. Wed 12<sup>th</sup>

Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	9.30am - 12pm
Parent Picnic & BBQ	12.30-1.30pm
Foundation, Y1 & Y2	1.45-3pm

- Reserve sports day encase of bad weather. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> (same times as above)

- Y6 Summer Production. Thur 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm
- Sports Personality. Fri 14<sup>th</sup>
- School reports sent home. Fri 14<sup>th</sup>
- Summer Carnival. Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 1.30-4.30pm
- Y6 Leavers Party. Wed 19<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm (instead of Thur 20<sup>th</sup> as previously advised)
- Y6 Leavers Assembly. Thur 20<sup>th</sup> 9.30am
- **END OF TERM Thur 20<sup>th</sup>**
- **AUTUMN TERM STARTS. Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

Dates to be added in due course:

- Year 1 class trip and the Y5 trip to the Mosque

**Last but by no means least.**

At the end of this term we will wish Mrs Baker our wonderful caretaker a fond farewell as she takes her well-deserved retirement. Mrs Baker has been the silent heart of our school for over 30 years, always going above the call of duty to help and support school life. We will miss her enormously.

However, before she leaves she has the important job of handing her duties to Mr Pickering our newly appointed caretaker. We welcome Mr Pickering to our team and wish him the very best of luck.

A huge thank you from all the Staff at Northborough for your ongoing commitment to our school.