



Northborough Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,
END OF AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 2017

A message from the Headteacher,

At the end of an eventful, but very productive term, I would like to thank all the children for their tremendous effort and you, the families, for supporting them. They have continued to progress very well both academically and socially. We have enjoyed a multitude of events such as: The Life Education Bus, Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 class assemblies, sports competitions at AMVC, the Year 6 construction day, a trip to the space centre, a moonlight walk for year 2 in the orchard, a visit from the Raptor Foundation (what an experience seeing a Barn owl flying around the main hall!), a crystal maze style literacy event, 'The Selfish Giant' theatre company, the year 1/ 2 recreation of the Great Fire of London, Christmas performances, a whole school trip to the panto, and finally, Christmas lunch and a special visit from Father Christmas. What an action packed term it was!

Ofsted visited us on Wednesday 6th December and confirmed that Northborough Primary School remains to be a 'Good' school. We have welcomed all the positive feedback from the Ofsted report, and will reflect on the next steps in order to continue to move the school forward. The report reflects the hard work of every individual involved in the school. I am very proud and privileged to work with such a dedicated and hard-working team. I would also like to thank all the children and parents who spoke with the inspector on the day; your contributions were very valuable. The full inspector's report will be sent home via a separate ParentPay message. It will also appear on our website by the end of the day.

Well done to Foundation for completing their first term at school! They topped it off with a fantastic Christmas nativity performance last week. Not to be outdone, Years 1 and 2 were equally as impressive with their performance of 'A Magical Christmas Jigsaw'. Thank you parents for your support with costumes and rehearsing lines. Finally, the children in both KS1 and KS2 ensured they filled St Andrews Church with their beautiful singing voices. Well done all!

We would also like to thank our hard working and dedicated PTFA for the time and effort they have put in to supporting the school. We have used some of the funds raised by the PTFA to pay for half the cost of the Life Education Bus; we have invested in 4 Hotwires sets for science; they paid for the Crystal Maze literacy day for Key Stage 2 and finally they treated all the children and staff to water and ice creams when we visited the panto. We couldn't do it without you!

We have welcomed new staff to the team: Mr Keeling in Year 1 and Mr English in Year 3. We would like to wish Miss Griggs and Miss Heron all the best in their new ventures. We also wish Mr Jones the very best for the future, as he also leaves this term.

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Just a reminder that school starts again for children at 9:15am on Monday 8th January 2018 and we will look forward to seeing you then.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Termly highlights!

Foundation

In Foundation Stage we have been busy learning about Celebrations including Diwali, Remembrance Day, Birthdays, Bonfire Night and of course....Christmas! The Nativity production was outstanding and the children were able to show how independent they have become. We are all extremely proud of them. The weather has lent itself to learning about Winter and changing seasons! We are delighted to say that the outdoor classroom in Foundation Stage remained open throughout! Thank you to Mrs Siggers for all her support in Foundation Stage, she will join year 5 from January supporting a pupil on a one to one basis. Best of luck Mrs Sagger.

It will be all change for 2018 when we will be learning about People Who Help Us. We have a number of exciting visitor booked but we do still need a paramedic. If you are one or know someone who can help, please get in touch. We would love the children to have the opportunity to see an ambulance!

Year 1



In Year 1 we were lucky enough to enjoy many highlights in the first half term including a tea party with the 'Queen', The Great Fire of London day and of course having our own Great Fire where we burnt down our own Tudor houses. We also enjoyed the theatre performance of The Selfish Giant. During this half term, we spent a fabulous day at Peterborough museum learning about old toys and comparing them to toys today. We have also been busy with our Christmas performance of The Magical Christmas Jigsaw, which we hope you enjoyed. Of course, with all of these 'fun' and enjoyable learning activities we have also had time to fit in some more traditional style learning.

Year 2

Year Two's fabulous Autumn
Term



Year 2 have had a fabulous term, with many exciting events to support our learning. We started the year with a visit to 1666 when the Great Fire of London was raging. We learned a great deal during our 'History off the Page' day. We then had our own Fire of Northborough so that we could see first-hand how a fire can so quickly spread.

Next we learned about nocturnal animals and wrote our own fact files about Barn Owls. We were inspired by Avril's homework about Deeping Lakes, so we left our fact files in the hides there for members of the public to use.

We came back after school for a fun time finding nocturnal animals in the orchard. If we found them all, we could have a yummy hot chocolate with cookies.

We also had a visit from the Raptor Foundation. Elliott bought 4 birds with him and we were lucky enough to hold Goliath, an African owl. We also had Spike, a Harris Hawk, flying over our heads. Wow!

To round up this wonderful start to the school year, we performed in our nativity play, 'A Magical Christmas Jigsaw'. How proud we were of you all!



Year 3



Year 3 have had a fantastic term! They have loved the topic *scrumdiddlyumptious* and have produced some excellent pieces of work through cooking, inventing and writing. Everyone especially enjoyed making their own chocolate bar!

They have all become confident in their maths, working on the four operations. I am extremely proud of how they have settled in to Year 3 and the amount of progress individuals have made. They are incredible children and I know they are going to continue to shine for the rest of the Year! Keep being amazing Year 3, I will miss you but wish you all the best for your future.

Miss Heron

Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed their '*Scrumdiddleumptious*' topic this half term! We had great fun designing and making our own bread rolls and writing recipes. One highlight of the half term was our trip to AMVC to take part in an indoor athletics tournament, which everyone really enjoyed and we won! It was great to finish the term with our assembly, with Year 3, showcasing our work, along with some great singing and dancing.



Year 5

Year 5 and 6 Victorian day was great fun. We took part in lots of different activities that made us work very hard and helped get an idea about living in Victorian times. Activities included sewing our names on a bookmark, cooking sponge cakes, crafts and Victorian handwriting. We both enjoyed the sewing with Mrs Pell because it was fiddly, but I did learn how to sew my name!

Victorian children must have worked very hard, which is why I would not have liked to have lived in Victorian times. It was very strict!

Emily and Oscar



Year 6

What a fantastic 2017 Year 6 have had, with our Year starting off with a journey into space and our fabulous trip to Leicester Space Centre. We learnt so much about the moon landing; producing great newspaper reports and creating amazing prints using space as their inspiration. Furthermore, we acted, sang and presented a wonderful assembly.



Next, we went back further into history, by Visiting the Victorian times, Mrs Pell was extremely strict and we all had to perform morning drills on the playground and stand up when an adult entered the room. Year 6 wrote very interesting and beautifully presented biographies of famous Victorians, in addition to non-chronological reports about schools. To complete our Victorian topic we experienced a Victorian Day, where we dressed up, cooked and even sewed our names on bookmarks.



We have also had the opportunity to learn rugby with coaches and visited Stamford Collage to learn brick laying; a fun packed two terms.



A note from the School Council.

This year we have a new School Council group;

Year 1: Leo and Grace

Year 2: Ted and Elsie

Year 3: Lucas and Freya

Year 4: Alex and Emma

Year 5: Oscar and Izzy

Year 6: Archie, Grace and Eva

The children above were chosen by their peers to represent the school as responsible role models and to be able to communicate clearly with others.

We deal with issues behind the scenes to improve our school. Currently we are working on something that we have had many requests to resolve; the portion sizes of the school meals. This was brought up as part of our school lunch survey.

We have meetings every week with Mrs Anniss, here we discuss and record ideas from the rest of the school; we make sure your voices are being heard. Through meeting with the PTFA, we are able to decide how we can spend the money we are allocated.

Further to this, we also have to talk with new candidates who want to work at our school; this is a very important part of our role. Another person we spoke recently to was the Ofsted inspector. He asked us about our responsibilities and how we are organised.

Our most recent meetings, have been about competitions for the playground for 2018, we are hoping to start these early next year. As you can see we have had a very interesting and busy two terms.

If there are any more issues you would like us to address, please inform a member of the school council. Remember we are here to help the school and the pupils.

Grace and Archie (Year 6)

A note from our Prefects.

Prefects have done many things this term such as: acts of kindness; awarding classes with the tidy cloakroom award; supporting children at break and lunch, as well as helping at the Christmas carol service.

For those people who do not know what the Prefects do, Prefects are here to help. We recognise people's good behaviour and when they achieve the four R's, (relationships, resilience, reflective and resourcefulness). Further to this, we are always checking to see if students learn, think and act correctly through their learning days; this is called following 'Norbert's Way'.

The tidy cloakroom award encourages children to tidy their coats on pegs and put their shoes away after playtimes, and ultimately keeping our school clean.

Leila (Year 6)

A note from our Sports Ambassadors.

This year so far, Northborough Primary School have participated in many different sporting events. Some of the sports that we have been involved in include football, athletics, hockey, basketball, table tennis etc. In addition to this, Year 6 have had the opportunity to learn new skills with fabulous rugby coaches. The children have loved these sessions.

Both KS2 & KS1 have achieved well in these sports, coming in podium finishes in many of the tournaments. What an achievement for a small village school! Through our partnership with Arthur Mellows, we have had the chance to try out many new sports and we are very grateful for these opportunities.

Year 4, yet again, won the indoor athletics/multi-skills this term, showing great team spirit, speed and agility. Well done!

These are some quotes from the Yr4 children;

Emma said, *'It was a great experience going to another school to compete against other children.'*

Mathew also mentioned, *'Even-though our school won! It was the taking part that counted.'*

Year 3, performed a fabulous dance at AMVC, which was choreographed by our dance teacher Miss Sinnott, we hear it was really great. We have also collected some quotes from the Yr3 children;

Lucas said, *'It was a good experience for people who want to build up their confidence!'*

Ruby said, *'It was also fun, watching other schools doing their performances as well!'*

Further to these exciting events, Year 5 and 6 footballers, also went to the Nene Valley Football ground (where Posh juniors train) to take part in a tournament. We did really well and achieved third place after some thrilling games.

As you can see, Northborough School has had great opportunities to develop our sporting skills and through this, we are showing we can achieve great results.

Keep reading our newsletters to see what we can achieve next term!

Will and Eva (Year 6 Sports Ambassadors)

Carol Services & Silly Songs

We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Knott who made a guest appearance at the Silly Song assembly on Monday and played the organ at both of our carol services this week. It was also lovely to have Mrs White at the Key Stage 1 service, Mrs White has been out of action since September following an injury to her foot, we look forward to welcoming her back to as soon as she has recovered. Finally, thank you to all the parents and family members for coming along to join in.

Christmas Market Success!

Another incredible evening had by all who attended our annual Christmas Market. We will be able to confirm in the New Year the total raised from the market, Christmas card sales, cotton bag sales and M&S Hamper sales. Thank you to our dedicated PTFA and supporting parents across the school, for your help planning, setting up, clearing away and donating!

Parent Consultation Evenings.

Parent Consultation Evenings will take place on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd 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 will go live the first week back in the New Year. The appointments for Year 6 will be 20 minutes.

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 co-operation.

Spring Term Menus.

We return to school serving Spring menus, these can be found on the school website under 'parents' and 'menus'. As always please ensure dinner money accounts are in credit.

Car park.

Please be reminded that our small car park is for staff only.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

JANUARY

- START OF THE SPRING TERM. Mon 8th
- Final prospective parent tour. Wed 10th 9.30-10.30am
- Sensory Circuits start. Tue 16th
- Foundation Athletics info/ parent question meeting. Wed 17th 6pm
- Foundation, year 1 & 2 bedtime stories evening. Thur 25th 6-6.30pm (info to follow)
- Year 5 Table tennis festival @ AMVC. Wed 31st 1.30-2.45pm
- Parents evening appointments go live on the website. Wed 31st

FEBRUARY

- Year 2 Cake Sale. Fri 2nd (in the dining hall)
- Year 3 Maths Impact parent workshop. Tue 6th 9.15am
- Year 4 Stibbington residential parent meeting. Thur 8th 5.30pm (children welcome)
- Class photographs. Mon 5th (during the morning)
- Half Term. 12th - 16th
- Parents Evenings. Wed 21st & Thur 22nd
- SOKE cross-country relays. Mon 26th 1.45-4pm (individual children to be notified)

MARCH

- World Book Day. Thur 1st (information to follow)
- Year 1 Cake Sale. Fri 2nd in the dining hall
- JMP Music demonstration to the children during assembly. Thur 8th
- Mother's Day Gift Shop. Fri 9th (information from the PTFA to follow)
- British Science Week. 9th - 18th
- Year 4 Stibbington residential. Mon 12th - Wed 14th
- SOKE netball & football tournament @ AMVC. Tue 20th 1.45-4pm
- Sports Relief. Fri 23rd (information to follow)
- School Disco. Fri 23rd Foundation, Y1 & Y2 - 5-6pm. Y3, 4, 5 & 6 - 6.15-7pm
- Year 5 Bikeability Training. Mon 26th - Thur 29th
- Peterborough Netball Finals @ AMVC. Tue 27th 1.45-4pm
- Year 6 SATs parent information evening. Wed 28th 6pm
- END OF SPRING TERM. Thur 29th

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

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