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End of Spring Term Newsletter

Dates for your diary are at the end of the newsletter.

A message from the Headteacher.

Dear Parents and carers,

Another packed spring term bursting with enrichment from Moors Farm trips, Stibbington residential, world book day and celebrating wins at the SOKE cluster sports to name but a few, not to mention THE SNOW!

Three, two, one, Activate! The sounds of the instructor during last week's celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). We were fortunate enough through the generous donation of the PTFA to host the engineer from the TV programme Robot Wars. The children and staff were a buzz with enthusiasm over the two days meeting the famous Matilda and Lancelot. The children were set a challenge to create their very own remote control robot to battle! A full write up and pictures will follow early in the Summer Term.

Staffing structure after Easter

We are looking forward two experienced teachers starting with us in September; Miss Parsonage in Year 1 and Miss Jones in Year 3.

The school has advertised for a new Deputy Headteacher with class teacher responsibilities ready to start in September.

Ms Diver will continue as before working four mornings. Mr Day's teaching commitments will be covered by Mrs Cuthbert and Mrs Helyar. Mrs White will also continue to teach in as normal.

In Year 1 Mr Keeling, the long-term supply Teacher is sadly no longer with us. However, we have an experienced teacher Mrs Gerrard, who has covered the class this last week, and will continue in the summer term.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support during these transitions.

We hope you all have a fantastic Easter break and look forward to welcoming you all back in the summer term.

Mr Mallott

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Medical Notice

As we are now near the season of school trips, residentials and outdoor learning, inhalers and medication must be in school. They need to be in date and ready for use. Please bring all medication to the office so the correct forms can be signed and then given to the designated members of staff with the medication.

Can you also please inform the office of any changes in your child's health or medical conditions so again the paperwork can be kept up to date. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Highlights from class!

Foundation.

People Who Help Us has continued to capture all our imaginations. A trip from a paramedic gave us the opportunity to sit in an Ambulance and explore lots of equipment. Farmer Sam came to school with his magnificent tractor, a sack of potatoes and lots of grain to compare. The children were so excited by Farmer Sam's visit that it inspired our trip to Moor Farm. We became People Who Help when we raised money for Sport Relief. We had some stimulating discussions about where our money might go to help people less fortunate than ourselves.



Year 1.

Our topic this term has been 'Superhero's'. We have discussed what our special powers are. We discovered that some of our powers are the same as our friends and some are different but no matter what we are good at, we are all special in our own way.

In maths we have looked at shape and money, the children are very good at working out what coins they need to buy sweets from the sweet shop!

We have also been learning about the Easter story and even acted out our very own wedding. It has been a very busy term. Wishing you all a very Happy Easter from everyone in Year 1.





Year 2.

Year 2 have had our noses to the grind stone. We even wrote about this fab event we had during STEM week! We stopped to have some fun too though! What a great afternoon it was! Our favourite part was when Mr Mallott and Mrs Holland had a battle. We also found evidence of aliens in the orchard! Who'd have thought it!



Year 3.

Year 3 "Let it Flow"

This term our topic has been all about Flow. We have been researching rivers of the world and finding out where a river comes from. Also, we have been writing about how it would feel to be trapped underwater in a canoe. We learnt about the water cycle. We had a day were we worked in Year 5 during our Alien Invasion week. We also have found some strange things going on we think the Aliens are watching us. Also, we were set the task of floating paper boats.

I would like to thank all of my parents and carers for their continued support and the Easter Hats were brilliant.

Happy Easter to you all.

Year 4.

Year 4 had a fantastic time on their three-day Stibbington residential trip. As part of their 'Flow' topic on rivers, we visited the River Nene and carried out some fieldwork investigation into the speed of the water, which involved dropping apples and dog biscuits into the water! We also visited enjoyed pond dipping at the Stibbington Nature Reserve, where we used identification keys to find out the names of the many creatures we caught. On the third day the children enjoyed learning to work together on various team challenges.



Year 5.

Bikeability

On the first day, we brought our bikes in and learnt how to do the A, B, C, D check. A stands for *Air in your tyres*, B stands for each *brake*, C stands for *chain* and D stands for *dangling*.

The first thing we did with our bikes was going round and weaving in and out of cones on the playground. Next, we tried to take one hand off the bike and give high fives to our instructors, Steve and Mary. After that, we learnt and tried how to use all of our gears, which everybody found fine. Then, we learnt to control the gears. We also learnt to control the brakes when we were going very quickly. We all loved and enjoyed our first day, learning to control our bikes ready for the road.

On our second day, we first went on to the playground and learnt how to do a snake on our bikes. Second, we went on the road and did the snake. Thirdly, we went on the pavement and then Steve demonstrated what to do if a car was behind you. Then we practised U-turns. After that, we rode back to school.

From the Pupils in Year 5

Year 6.



On Tuesday 15th March, we were lucky enough to have a visit from one of the creators of Robot Wars. Year 6 had a chance to design and build our own robots with motors and remote controls. Once we had built our robots we battled our way to victory, with Crusher 3000 the overall winner. It was a fantastic opportunity and inspired many of us to tinker!

Mrs White

After Easter Year 4 and Year 5 will be studying faiths who consider supporting charity work as very important. It has become a tradition that these classes then do something to raise money for the Mustard Seed Project; as active learning they will remember and enjoy.

Hopefully it will encourage them to think of others as they "grow" in the future and we will grow Nasturtium seeds to sell after school! Date to be arranged and advised early next term.

There is also an Easter Arts and crafts workshop at St. Andrews on Good Friday (it is usually at 2pm). I know that parents and children will be very welcome and I know pupils have enjoyed going along in previous years.

Best Wishes for a very Happy Easter from Mrs White.

Parent Governor Vacancy.

We have extended the closing date for the vacant Parent Governor position. If you are interested in joining the team, we would love to hear from you. Closing date for applications is Monday 21st May. Thank you.

Cize it Up 'Aerobic Dance'

Unfortunately, this calls will not continue in the Summer Term. Apologies for any disappointment.

Swimming.

We are again fortunate to have been offered qualified swimming tuition for children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 throughout the Summer Term. The lessons will take place during Tuesday afternoon for Years 1, 2, and Wednesday mornings for Years 3 and 4 at the Deepings pool starting Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th June for 6 consecutive weeks. Children will be accompanied to and from the sessions and accompanied throughout by class teachers and teaching assistants. Permission letters and payment information will be provided when we return from the Easter Break.

Sport Relief.

On Friday 23rd March, the children of Northborough Primary took part in several sport activities to raise money for Sport Relief. We are delighted to inform you we raised over £300. Don't worry if you've not had time to make your donation yet, the payment item is still listed on your child's account. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Parking the double yellow lines.

Again, we politely ask parents/ carers not to park on the double yellow lines outside the front of school. We are shocked that parents continue to do so as this risks the safety of our children. Unless you can display a valid badge this is a motor offence.



RAISING MONEY FOR THE DEAF HEALTH CHARITY SIGNHEALTH

SIGN2SING.

You may have heard from your child that they are learning sign language at school. This is because we are practising to take part in sign2sing, a fundraising activity organised by the Deaf Health Charity SignHealth, which helps to give deaf children and adults a brighter, healthier future. For the event, the children are learning a specially written song "Friends Forever" with signs.

About sign2sing: During February and March 2018, hundreds of schools across the UK are taking part along with businesses, choirs and community groups. At Northborough School, the event will be taking place on Monday 26th March during assembly time. **We politely suggest that each child donates £1. A payment item has been set up to your child's ParentPay account. Please do not send children to school with cash. Thank you.**

Learning the song and signs: You can learn the song and signs along with your child and find out more about the event on the sign2sing website: www.sign2sing.org.uk

Thank you for supporting this exciting challenge and helping to make a difference.

September 2018 starters.

National Primary offer day is on Monday 16th April. From this date parents have two weeks to either accept or decline their place. Admission information and settling in dates are available on our school website under 'about us' and 'admissions'



Ready, Steady, READ!

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we will be running a **sponsored read** between Friday 30th March and Friday 13th April as a Half Term Challenge. The project is being organised in conjunction with our local **Usborne Organiser, Nicola White**, and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school.

In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in **EXTRA FREE BOOKS** to the school. **So for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books!**

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read anything with words (for example comics, recipes, magazines) for as long or as little as they like.

Should you wish to support our sponsored read, please find enclosed a sponsorship form for your child. A reading log, to record the minutes they have spent reading, will be given to them in class.

After the sponsored read, please send all the sponsorship money that your child has raised to the school by Friday 20th April.

Cheques should be made payable to Nicola White.

Please support our sponsored read so that your child has more books to read, share and enjoy.

For more information, contact **Nicola White (07792512414)** or visit us online:

<http://org.usbornebooksathome.co.uk/TheWhiteHouseBookShop/events-in-schools/events-in-schools.aspx>

Lost Property

The lost property box is overflowing. Everything with a name in has been put on the child's peg however still have a huge amount that is unnamed. We will put it out at the front of the school on the first Friday after the Easter break. Unclaimed items will be put in the BAGS2SCHOOL collection. Unfortunately, we have nowhere to store it.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Summer Term

APRIL

- **START OF SUMMER TERM. Tuesday 17th April**
- Ready, Steady, Read sponsorship deadline. Fri 20th
- Lost property at the front of school. Fri 20th
- SIGN2SING. Mon 23rd (during singing assembly)
- Y5 Kingswood residential parent meeting. Wed 25th at 5.30pm
- Foundation cake sale. Fri 4th

MAY

- **May Bank Holiday. Mon 7th**
- Y2 Multiskills Festival at AMVC. Tue 8th
- Y6 Derbyshire residential parent meeting. Thur 11th at 5.30pm
- Y6 SATs week. Mon 14th - Thur 17th
- Y5 Kingswood residential. Mon 14th - Wed 16th
- The Happy Chick incubator arrives in Foundation. Mon 14th - *eggcellent news!*
- School Census Day. Thur 17th
- Youth Dreams Project WORLD CUP. Thur 24th
- Hatched Happy Chicks leave Foundation. Fri 25th
- Y5 Kingswood residential parent assembly. Thur 24th at 9.30am
- **HALF TERM. Mon 28th - Fri 1st June**

JUNE

- Y6 Derbyshire Residential. Mon 4th - Fri 8th
- Swimming starts for Year 1 & 2: Every Tuesday afternoon from the 5th for 6 consecutive weeks
- Swimming starts for Year 3 & 4: Every Wednesday morning from the 6th for 6 consecutive weeks
- Foundation class' summer trip to Rutland Water 'Habitat Day'. Tues 5th
- Y3 & 4 Really Roman Day at Peterborough Museum. Mon 11th
- Y6 Derbyshire residential parent assembly. Thur 14th at 2.45pm
- Year 6 cake sale. Fri 15th
- Father's Day Gift Shop. Fri 15th
- Y1 Multiskills Festival at AMVC. Mon 18th
- September 2018 starters parent information evening. Wed 27th at 6pm
- NHS Height 7 Weight screening. Foundation & Year 6. Tue 26th
- National Sports Week. Week beginning 25th
- Sports Day. Thur 28th
Foundation, Years 1 & 2: 10am - 12pm
Family picnic/ BBQ 12.15-1.15pm
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: 1.30-pm
- Non-uniform in exchange for Summer Carnival donations. Fri 29th
- Summer Carnival. Sat 30th

JULY

- End of academic year school reports sent home. Week commencing 2nd
- Class swap morning. Wed 5th

- SOKE Athletics at AMVC. Thur 5th 9.30-12pm (letters to selected children)
- Kings Maths Challenge. Thur 12th
- Sport's Personality. Thur 12th
- Y6 Summer Production. Thur 12th at 6pm
- Y6 Leavers Party. Wed 18th from 6-8pm
- Y6 Leavers parent assembly. Fri 20th at 9.30am
- **END OF SUMMER TERM. Fri 20th**

START OF AUTUMN TERM. Thursday 6th September 2018

Year 1 and 2 Summer trip dates to be confirmed.

Thank you,

From all the Staff at Northborough.