



# Northborough Primary School

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## Summer Term 1 Newsletter

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

### A message from the Headteacher.

Last term was a mix of heightened emotions from trips such as the multi-skills festivals, the Youth Dreams Project World Cup football tournament the Year 5 Kingswood and Year 4 Stibbington residential. In Foundation, the arrival of eggs and hatching of chicks, as well as the Year 2 and 6 SATs! Once again, the children have been an absolute pleasure and represented the school to the highest of credit in achievement and behaviour.

We would like to say well done to both Year 2 and Year 6 pupils who have finally finished their SATs after all the hard work. Year 6 had extra booster sessions (even in the Easter holidays!) and homework classes, which they have been attending throughout the year! A Governor supporting with the monitoring of the Year 6 SATs noted how focused the children were, and said they were a credit to the school.

Exciting times ahead with the final few weeks of this academic year!

### Red slips

Whilst we operate a positive and supportive behaviour system in school, on occasions some children continue making the wrong choices and will receive a red slip. The 'Red Slip' system forms part of our behaviour management policy. Pupils who receive a 'Red Slip' may have either been underlined or double underlined, depending on their response to instruction or the severity of the incident.

We have recently been trialling sending 'Red Slips' home on the day of any incident, with the action from the school noted. This is so that parents are informed regularly as to what has happened and how the school has actioned the said incident. If a pupil received more than two 'Red Slips' in a week then parents are contacted by the school. This is so that we can work in close partnership with you in supporting pupils making the right choices.

### GDPR

As you may be aware; there are a new set of data regulations that came into force at the end of May 2018. We are currently modifying some of the parental permissions we hold for your child/ren and over the following weeks/months will be making necessary changes to some procedures, website content, etc.

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### **Lost property**

We are experiencing a high volume of lost property, especially as the warmer weather begins. Jumpers, swimming kits, water bottles to name but a few. If the item is clearly labelled it will be returned, however the majority of property is unnamed, which makes it difficult to return. Please could we stress the importance of children taking charge and looking after their property, supported by names clearly marked on labels. Thank you.

Mr Mallott  
Headteacher

### **A message from our Student Council.**

In a previous newsletter, it was suggested that children should not have any chocolate in their packed lunch. School council pointed out that children who have school dinners do have a pudding, which sometimes is chocolatey. We take pupil voice seriously, so have amended the recommendation to packed lunch children only having one piece of chocolate or sweet dessert.

School dinner children are monitored to make sure they have eaten enough savoury food before they eat the pudding, and this will be the case with packed lunch children too. Thank you for your support, and thanks to the school council for pointing this out to us.

## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM CLASS!**

### **Foundation.**

Early Years enjoyed a spectacular day at Rutland Water. We set off in a coach on a warm spring day heading for the Anglian Water Education Centre at Egleton. After depositing our lunch boxes, some of us went pond dipping. We were so lucky to find mature Crested Newts, dragon fly larvae and newtpoles! Some of us went log rolling to find, one creature in the woodland habitat. We found young newts that were hiding in the damp, dark gaps under the logs. We found herbivores, carnivores, and some detritivores (snails and slugs!).

After lunch, we walked to the bird hides and looked at the birds on the water with our binoculars. We saw coots with their young and lapwing geese. As we walked back to the Centre, we had a scavenger hunt. We collected our bits and pieces and came back to school tired and happy...

The next day we wrote our own scavenger hunt list and Mrs Holland laminated them so we could take them home to enjoy with our families.

### **Year 1.**

The children have enjoyed our Brazilian Topic. We "kicked off" the term with football and multi-skills, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

In English, the children investigated Brazilian and English footballers and created a non-fiction booklet about Ronaldinho and Beckham. We looked at Brazilian and English geography and used Beetbots to navigate our way around maps.

We created lots of artwork this term around the Carnival theme. These included hats, tambourines, shakers, drums and flags. Additionally, we baked Brazilian cake and made

traditional English jam sandwiches. At the end of our topic, we recreated a "Brazilian Carnival" with music and dance for parents to watch. It ended with a whole school Conga. What a fantastic day!

### Year 2.



Year Two started off the term with a strange happening. Mrs Jackson had some strange visitors one dark night, that cackle-laughed down the chimney, threw berries everywhere and tapped on the windows. Perhaps it was something to do with us reading our instructions about how to be a naughty gargoyle to the gargoyles on St Andrew's church.

Every one worked incredibly assessment week and we could of them.

Many thanks for making sure well rested and ready to



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they were all tackle the

an icecream too!

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They certainly have earned a trip to the seaside, and maybe

### Year 3.

What a busy term we have had! We have had battles with the mighty Romans taking on Boudicca's Celts. We have celebrated the Royal Wedding in style (superb flags created from scratch) and have seen Year 3 and 4 working together to create an array of small sided games for others to play. The children have rose to all of the Challenges I have set them and we have been having extra play times due to their good behaviour. Culminating in the Year 3 and 4 orienteering event in which our children were a credit to our class and to our school.



Overall, it has been a very productive term the children have enjoyed researching about the Romans and they used books to find information! (not just the internet!!). The children have been busy making their Roman Fact files and have enjoyed making their Roman v Celts Top Trumps card. Thank you again to all of my parents who have supported their children through their homework challenges and for finding the time to hear your child read as much as you can as it has paid dividends!

Have an enjoyable half term and I look forward to working with you and your children next half term.

#### Year 4.

Year 4 have enjoyed learning all about Romans and Celts this term. We have designed and made shields, made mosaic patterns and painted portraits of Queen Boudicca. Some children built some amazing model Roman villas for their home learning. We enjoyed learning about Roman gladiators and battles between Celts and Roman soldiers in Britain. We wrote and performed some wonderful rousing speeches and soliloquies to prepare for battle! Next week we are looking forward to rounding the topic off with a visit to Peterborough Museum to study some artefacts first hand.



#### Year 5.



Year 5 had a fabulous time last half term on the Kingswood residential trip. We stayed at Overstrand manor, and as well as visiting the beach, carried out loads of fantastic activities at the Kingswood centre.

Oliver said, "Kingswood is an amazing place to visit if you want to step out of

your comfort zone and challenge yourself."

Charlie's favourite was the outdoor lazer.

"Shoot people with lazer guns in the forest. You will have an amazing experience in your teams, and wear a head band and go for it."

Milly summed it up by saying,

"Overall, Kingswood is an amazing place that you should visit."



## Year 6.

This term, Year 6 have been preparing for SATs. The process was hard work and has taken a lot of time to accomplish. The SATs have been our biggest challenge so far, bringing us to the next level.

Walking in for our first day of SATs was the worst, as we did not know what to expect even though we had taken mock tests just a few weeks before. Everyone was nervous and scared but we all managed to overcome our fears. The tests were not as bad as everyone had thought. At the end of the day, SATs are not life changers. Try your hardest and you will go far.

Mrs Pell read us a lovely poem to show how proud she was of us.

We can only hope for the best results for our next chapter in our life - secondary school!

Thanks to Year 6 for their thoughts. We are very proud of all the Year 6 children, you have done an amazing job!

## Parent Governor Vacancy.

We are still looking for a parent governor to join our busy yet rewarding team. If you are interested in joining the team, we would love to hear from you.

## Parking the double yellow lines.

Again, we politely ask parents/ carers not to park on the double yellow lines outside the front of school. At times this becomes incredibly dangerous.

## Cycling along the narrow path to school.

We have spoken to the children today about how they biking to school along the narrow path at the back of the school. Unfortunately, a cyclist struck a younger child and we want to avoid this sort of accident happening again. If your child cycles to school, please remind them to take care, we value your support.

## Fundraising initiatives... once again a huge success!

### **SIGN2SING.**

Our SIGN2SING fundraising activity was a great success, thanks to the generosity of our school community the school raised £130

### **Ready, Steady, READ!**

The ready, steady, read sponsored read in conjunction with Usborne books raised an incredible £409!! We cannot wait to receive our new books, well done to our fantastic readers!

### **Sports Relief**

Sports Relief was another huge success, thank you once again, as a school we raised £359.



### **Summer Carnival. Saturday 30th June 1.30-4pm**

#### **NON-UNIFORM DAY DONATIONS:**

Children are welcome to wear non-uniform on Friday 29th June, in exchange for donations towards the Carnival. The PTFA relies heavily on your donations and we would be extremely grateful if you could bring the following items in to help us make the Carnival a big success to provide additional funds for all our children.

We have requested certain things from each year so we avoid duplications.

We would like to request the following from each class:

- \* Foundation & Year 1 - Lollies, sweets like haribo etc, chocolate and biscuits
- \* Year 2 & 3 - chocolate, tombola prizes, unwanted gifts, smellies etc
- \* Year 4, 5 & 6 - Soft drinks cans, alcoholic drinks i.e. beer bottles, wine etc

#### **CUDDLY TOY CLEAR OUT:**

One of our most popular stalls is the teddy stall so please feel free to have a good clear out. We are sure we can find each and every one of them a new home.

#### **HELP!:**

As ever our events take a great deal of planning and preparation. If you can spare some time on Friday we will be busy preparing stalls, raffles, tombola etc in the school hall. Please come along and help. Also, if you would like to hold a stall or have any suggestions for the carnival, please contact us with your ideas! [northboroughptfa@gmail.com](mailto:northboroughptfa@gmail.com)

**All donations to be handed into the school office  
No later than Wednesday 27th June. Thank you**

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

##### **Summer Term**

##### **JUNE**

- Swimming continues for Year 1 & 2: Every Tuesday afternoon
- Swimming continues for Year 3 & 4: every Wednesday morning
- NSPCC workshops. Parent workshop. Thur 14th 2.30-3.30pm
- Year 6 cake sale. Fri 15th
- Father's Day Gift Shop. Fri 15th
- Y1 Multiskills Festival at John Clare, Helpston. Tue 19th (during the morning)
- Y6 Derbyshire residential parent assembly. Thur 21st 9.30am
- September 2018 starters parent information evening. Wed 27th at 6pm
- NSPCC sponsorship deadline. Wed 27th

- 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: 1.30-3pm (more info to follow via ParentPay)
- September 2018 starters teddy bears picnic. Fri 29th 12-1pm in the pavilion
- Non-uniform in exchange for Summer Carnival donations. Fri 29th
- Summer Carnival. Sat 30th 1.30-4pm

## JULY

- Y2 class trip to Old Hunstanton. Mon 2nd
- Class move up day. Wed 4th
- SOKE Athletics at AMVC. Thur 5th 9.30-12pm (letters to participating children)
- County Netball finals. Thur 5th (letters to participating children)
- Y6 Bourne Grammar induction to Year 7. Fri 6th (parents to contact secondary school for timings)
- Y6 The Deepings induction to Year 7. Wed 11th (parents to contact secondary school for timings)
- Premier Education watch in week: Tue 10th for participating children in Y3-6. Wed 11th for participating children in Y1 & 2. Both 4.10pm
- Y2 parent drop in afternoon. Wed 11th 2.45pm onwards (year 2 classroom)
- Kings Maths Challenge. Thur 12th (letters to participating children)
- Sport's Personality. Thur 12th
- Y6 Summer Production dress rehearsal. Fri 13th 2.15pm (parents unable to attend the Mon 16th evening performance welcome)
- Y6 Summer Production. Mon 16th at 6pm
- Y6 Leavers Party. Wed 18th from 6-8pm
- Y1 class trip to Ferry Meadows. Wed 18th
- Y6 Leavers parent assembly. Fri 20th at 9.30am
- **END OF SUMMER TERM. Fri 20th**

**START OF AUTUMN TERM. Thursday 6th September 2018**

Thank you,  
From all the Staff at Northborough.