



Northborough Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Spring Term 2 Newsletter

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

A message from the Headteacher.

Welcome back to a very warm unseasonable start in the spring term, we hope you all managed to have a restful half term break.

Class Dojo

Hopefully everybody is accessing Class Dojo successfully and seeing the rewards based on our values popping up on your devices. This will continue to strengthen communication between home and school, sending regular notifications and pictures celebrating children's learning.

As said before, every time a child receives a Dojo linked to our values they also gain a gold coin for their colour group. These coins are totalled up at the end of each week and the colour groups are celebrated in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. These coins over time will amount to an overall winning colour group. Previously we have applauded the overall winning team and feel that an extra reward needs to be given. Each winning group at the end of each half term will receive a non-uniform day, wearing a hint of their colour and a 15 minute afternoon play. This will instil resilience, teamwork and competition in striving to demonstrate the schools values Perseverance, Relationships, Integrity, Dream and Embrace.

Also this term please watch out for the 'Bronze 50' and 'Silver 100' Dojo certificates arriving at home very soon, we are all so proud of the children's ongoing achievements and attitudes to learning.

If you have any queries trying to access or use Class Dojo on your home device please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself.

Conferencing

Staff and children have researched ways in which we can accelerate progress and consolidate understanding even further, so we have introduced conferencing at the start of last term.

Children and staff both agreed that feedback and reflection is one of the most powerful ways to move on in learning. Conferencing happens every Friday afternoon and involves teachers meeting individually with children for 20 minutes where they review their learning, working through any misconceptions and discussing next steps in learning.

Each child will have a conference at least twice a half term.

Whilst the class teacher is meeting children in the afternoon, the rest of the class are given a project linked to their topic. This project will consist of several carefully planned tasks by the class teacher, where the child will independently research and produce a piece of work. This project will span across

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home and school learning and the finished project will then be shared with the class at the end of the half term.

If you would like any more information regarding conferencing please speak to myself or your child's class teacher.

Book Week & World Book Day.

There is great excitement and anticipation for the National World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. We encourage children to come to school dressed as either a fiction or non-fiction character of their choice. If your child is reluctant to dress up, please do not worry, we appreciate not every child is comfortable to do so. They might prefer to bring in a 'prop' which makes reference to their chosen character/ favourite book.

If you would prefer to donate a book to the school instead of dressing up, we would very much welcome this. Fun reading activities will take place throughout the week and children will receive a book voucher at the end of the school day on Thursday 7th March.

As part of Book Week we would like to re schedule Bedtime stories for Tuesday 5th March 6-6.45pm. This is for children in Foundation, Year 1 and 2. Apologies for the short notice, we hope you can all come!

Reading Buddy Scheme - thank you!

A warm welcome to our new Reading Buddies! Reading Buddies will help the school with keeping the library in good order, helping children select and return books etc. They will also listen to children read on a regular basis which we hope will be a valuable and rewarding experience for the children. We can't wait to get started

Comic Relief.

On Friday 15th March, we will support Comic Relief, a worthy charity to support for all the amazing work they is to support children in this country and across the world.

Instead of just non-uniform we thought the children would enjoy a 'Mad Hair, Crazy Clothes' theme in exchange for a recommended donation of £1 per child. Why not come to school in your **pyjamas, a summer hat, odd socks, and a scarf... with green hair!** Go mad! The money will help people in the UK and around the world. To find out more about where your moneys goes,

visit <https://www.comicrelief.com/what-your-money-does>

A massive thank you in advance for your support!

Mother's Day gift shop.

The PTFA Mother's Day gift shop will take place on Friday 29th March during the afternoon. For new parents, this is a special opportunity for children to treat you to something lovely from the PTFA stocked gift shop. In order for your child to be included, please send £6 (per child) payment to the PTFA account by Friday 8th March. Please make sure you use your child's full name as the payment reference. Thank you!

Northborough School PTFA

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the PTFA by emailing: northboroughschoolptfa@gmail.com

Summer Term Swimming.

We are again fortunate to have been offered qualified swimming tuition by The Deepings School to take place at the Deepings Leisure Centre. A slight change to the schedule this year. Swimming will be offered to children in Years 3, 4 and 5. Lessons will commence on Tuesday 5th June (in the morning) for 6 consecutive weeks.

Children will be accompanied to and from the sessions and accompanied throughout by class teachers and teaching assistants.

We will request a voluntary contribution of £10 (per child) to cover the cost of coach transportation. This is £5 per child cheaper than in previous years. The full cost of swimming tuition will be covered by the school's PE budget.

Permission letters and payment information will be provided later in the Spring Term. Thank you.

Year 5 Bikeability Training.

Children in Year 5 will benefit from Bikeability training during March. The Bikeability award scheme is the National Standard for cycling which aims to encourage more children to cycle. The course is designed to equip cyclists with the knowledge, skill, and on-road experience to make a journey safely and confidently by bike on local roads. If you are not able to transport your child's bike to and from school during training week, the children will be responsible for bringing their bikes into the dining hall at the end of each day. During the day bikes need to be left (preferably locked) in the bike shed at the front of school. The children are responsible for looking after their helmets and bike lock key.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

MARCH

- Foundation, Year 1 & 2 Rescheduled Bedtime Story evening. Tue 5th 6-6.45pm
- World Book Day. Thur 7th
- Cross Country event at AMVC. Fri 8th (ParentPay sent to participating children's parents/carers)
- British Science Week. 8th - 17th
- Science Workshops. Mon 11th and Tue 12th
- School nurse/parent clinic. Mon 11th 9.30-12pm (appointments can be made by contacting the school office)
- Y4 Stibbington residential. 11th - 13th
- No Sensory Circuits. Tue 12th and Wed 13th on as normal Thur 14th
- Y6 mock SATs week. Week commencing Mon 11th
- Police visiting Foundation linked to their 'People Who Help Us' topic. Tue 12th
- JMP Music Demonstration assembly. Thur 14th
- Comic Relief. Fri 15th
- Year 1 cake sale. Fri 15th 3.30-4pm in the dining hall
- First responders visiting Foundation linked to their 'People Who Help Us' topic. Wed 20th
- SOKE netball and football tournament. Wed 20th
- Y1 Phonics screening parent meeting. Wed 20th 5.15pm (for approx. 20-30 minutes). ParentPay message with more information to follow
- Y5 Magic of the Musicals day/ evening concert at the Cresset. Thur 21st
- Y4 Stibbington presentations to parents/carers. Fri 22nd - 2.30pm

- PTFA BAGS2SCHOOL collection. Tue 26th
- Y5 Egyptian craft afternoon with parents. Tue 26th from 2.30pm
- Y6 SATs parent information evening. Wed 27th at 6pm
- Mustard Seed assembly. Thur 28th
- Y5 Bikeability training. Mon 25th - Thur 28th
- PTFA Mother's Day Gift Shop. Fri 29th (during the afternoon)
- School D-I-S-C-O. Fri 29th (tickets will go on sale in a week or two)
- Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2: 5-6pm
- Years 3, 5 and 6: 6.15-7.30pm

APRIL

- Class photographs. Mon 1st (during the morning)
- SOKE netball and football finals at AMVC. Tue 2nd (if we qualify)
- Y1 Superhero afternoon with parents/ carers. Fri 5th at 2.30pm
- **END OF SPRING TERM. Fri 5th**
- **Easter Holidays**
- National Primary offer day. Tue 16th
- **START OF SUMMER TERM. Tue 23rd**
- Sunflowers Cake Sale. Fri 26th
- Y3/4 proposed History off the Page - Viking Day. Mon 29th (letter to follow)
- Y2 multiskills festival at AMVC. Tue 30th
- Y5 Kingswood residential parent mtg. Tue 30th at 5.30pm

MAY

- Foundation class trip to Moor Farm. Wed 1st
- **May Bank Holiday. Mon 6th (school closed)**
- Y3/4 SOKE orienteering challenge. Tue 14th (letters to participating children)
- Y6 SATs week. Mon 13th - Thur 15th
- Y5 Kingswood residential. Mon 13th to Wed 15th
- Y6 Derbyshire residential parent meeting. Thur 16th at 6pm
- School Census. Day. Thur 16th
- Foundation cake sale. Fri 17th
- The Happy Chick incubator arrives in Foundation. Mon 13th - *eggcellent news!*
- School Census Day.
- Hatched Happy Chicks leave Foundation. Thur 23rd
- **HALF TERM. Mon 27th - Fri 31st**

JUNE

- Y6 Derbyshire Residential. Mon 4th - Fri 8th
- Swimming starts for Year 3, 4 & 5. Tue 4th for 6 consecutive weeks
- **STAFF TRAINING. Mon 17th (school closed)**
- Foundations summer trip to Rutland Water 'Habitat Day'. Tues 4th
- Queen Mother's handwriting awards closing date. Mon 10th
- Year 6 cake sale. Fri 14th
- Father's Day Gift Shop. Fri 14th
- Y1 Multiskills Festival at Peakirk cum Glinton. Thur 20th
- September 2019 starters. Parent information evening. Wed 19th at 5.30pm
- Current Foundation and September 2019 starters Teddy Bears Picnic. Fri 21st at 12pm
- Y6 Derbyshire residential parent assembly. Thur 27th 2.45pm

- Whole School Sports Morning. Thur 27th 9.30-1.30pm. To conclude with our annual family picnic/ BBQ 12.15-1.15pm

JULY

- Class swap morning. Wed 3rd
- SOKE Athletics at AMVC. Thur 4th 9.30-12pm (letters to selected children)
- Sport's Personality Celebration and Awards. Thur 11th
- End of academic year school reports sent home. Fri 12th
- Non-uniform in exchange for Summer Carnival donations. Fri 12th
- School Annual Summer Fete. Sat 13th from 12-3pm
- Y6 Summer Production dress rehearsal. Mon 15th at 1.45pm
- Y6 Summer Production evening performance. Thur 18th at 6pm
- Kings Maths Challenge. Thur 18th (letters to selected children)
- Y6 Leavers Party. Mon 22nd 6-8pm
- Y6 Leavers parent assembly. Wed 24th at 9.30am
- **END OF SUMMER TERM. Wed 24th**

START OF AUTUMN TERM 2019. Wednesday 4th September.

Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 summer term class trip dates are to be confirmed.

We are also working hard to add 'Northborough's Got Talent' to the summer calendar. We will announce a date as soon as we can!

Thank you,
From all the Staff at Northborough Primary.