



# Northborough Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

## **Autumn Term 1 Newsletter**

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

### **A message from Mr Mallott**

I hope you all had a fantastic summer break, spending time with family and friends. Whether you have been outside in the sunshine, taking up a new hobby or enjoying time at home or abroad, it is great to see you all again for the start of another school year.

I would like to send a special welcome to all the new families joining Northborough Primary School. It has been a pleasure to welcome the new children this week starting in Foundation with Mrs Holland, as well as our new Year 3 class teacher Miss Shaw and new Teaching Assistant in Foundation, Miss Jenkinson. I trust you will make them both feel welcomed.

As you know, on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 Northborough Primary School joined The Soke Education Trust. As part of our training day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, all the trust schools joined together, sharing good practice, networking, listening to a guest educationalist speaker (Professor Geoff Hannan), well as launching an academy-wide art project for this autumn term. Exciting times ahead!

The start of each new academic year is always very busy, so we greatly appreciate any support that you can offer, whether it is accompanying children on school trips, helping in classrooms or attending and helping at our fundraising events; your voluntary work is invaluable.

This year we are launching new names for each of our year groups. As a staff, we felt that the orchard is such a wonderful part of our school and wanted to celebrate this more. Therefore, we have named each class after a type tree found on the school grounds.

**Foundation - Oak**

**Year 1 - Elder**

**Year 2 - Holly**

**Year 3 - Sycamore**

**Year 4 - Hawthorne**

**Year 5 - Ash**

**Year 6 - Willow**

### **Harvest Festival.**

The Harvest festival is a celebration of the food grown on the land. Harvest reminds Christians of all the good things God gives them. This makes them want to share with others who are not so fortunate. In schools and in Churches, people bring food from home to a Harvest Festival Service. After the service, the food that has been put on display is given to people in need.

On **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**, we will celebrate Harvest at St Andrews Church in Northborough (unfortunately we are unable to invite parents/ carers along this time). We kindly ask families to donate something (i.e. long life goods such as milk, cereals, tins and/or toiletries.) All donations will be delivered to Peterborough Food Bank. This year children need to take their donations in to class at morning registration, donations will then be taken to the church when we visit during the afternoon. Each class will have an opportunity to add their donations to the offering. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity, as always, we very much appreciate your support.

### **Flu Vaccination Programme.**

The NHS schools immunisations team will be in school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to administer the recommended nasal flu vaccination, which is available to every child at Northborough School. More information and e-consent to be sent via ParentPay shortly. For more information in the meantime, please visit [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) and search for 'Children's Flu Vaccine'.

### **Parent Consultation Evenings.**

Parent Consultation Evenings will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October between 3.50 and 6.50pm. Parent consultations are an important opportunity for parents and carers to meet teachers to discuss pupil progress. Parents can book an appointment to see your child's class teacher via the schools website from 3pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Booking closes on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. One appointment slot per child.

### **Emergency Contacts & Parental Permissions.**

The emergency contact information we hold on record for your child/ren will be handed to you to check and sign at parents evening in October. Due to data protection, we are no longer able to send this home with your child. We kindly ask parents to check that the information is correct and up to date. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to make sure we hold the right information in the event of an emergency or if your child is unwell.

### **Non-Emergency Appointments.**

We appreciate it is not always possible to do so, but we strongly urge parents to make all non-emergency appointments i.e. dental check-ups and routine eye tests outside of school hours. We understand if your child is unwell, they may need to be seen by a doctor straight away. Parents should provide evidence of all appointments so any absence can be marked accordingly. Without supporting information such as a text message reminder, appointment card or letter, the absence will be noted as unauthorised.

### **Autumn Term Menus.**

We return to school serving Autumn Term menus, these can be found on the school website under 'parents' and 'menus'. As always, please ensure dinner money accounts are in credit (Year 3-6 only. Foundation - Year 2 are entitled to *Universal Free School Meals*). If you are in receipt of any

income-based benefits, please let us know and we can make the relevant checks to see if your child is able to receive the national Free School Meals provision.

If your child has a dietary requirement we need to be made aware of, please provide this information to the school in writing.

### **Poppy Appeal.**

On behalf of the Royal British Legion, Year 6 children will be selling poppies at break time and morning registration during October (exact date tbc). The Legion helps members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, veterans and their families and as a school, we are proud to support such a magnificent cause. To find out more about the work of the Royal British Legion, please use the following link:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate/how-your-donations-help>

### **Being prepared for the season's weather.**

We recommend parents send their children to school with the appropriate attire for the day's weather: a clearly labelled coat, wellington boots/outdoor shoes appropriate for playing on the field and in the orchard. Children will not be allowed to go on to the field when it is wet without a change of shoes; this is to preserve school shoes and the carpets. A water bottle (no juices, squashes or fizzy drinks) is required daily please.

### **Image Musical Theatre is coming back to Northborough School.**

We are looking forward to welcoming the Image Musical Theatre back to Northborough School on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October to perform Pinocchio to the whole school. During the light-hearted half hour rehearsal, some children are chosen and rehearsed into their parts while the rest of the audience is taught the choruses of four songs. In the interval, the actors and children are costumed and the show, lasting 1 hour, runs seamlessly with everyone taking part as rehearsed. Not only is this a special pre half term treat, it also kicks-starts a whole school creative writing opportunity, with teachers creating specific writing tasks following on from the show!

In the past, the school has been able to cover the full cost, unfortunately we are no longer able to do this therefore we kindly request the support of parents/carers. We would be grateful of a voluntary contribution of **£2 per child** to cover costs. Without sufficient support, we will not be able to offer this next year. A ParentPay item will be added to your child's account in the next week or so. Thank you once again for your financial support.

### **School Nurse.**

School nurses aim to provide advice and support on many health related issues such as: Care plans for:

- Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Epilepsy in school
- Bed wetting
- Growth reviews
- Hearing checks
- Head lice
- Medical worries
- Hygiene
- Exercise
- Healthy eating and other eating issues

- Smoking
- Relationship advise
- Observations assessments for referrals to other agencies

Our school nurse, Cassie, offers a drop in clinic for parents each half term. Until we have a confirmed date and you would like to speak to Cassie, please call the School Nursing Service, on 01733 746822.

### **PTFA Activity World.**

The PTFA have hired Activity World in Peterborough on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 6.15pm - 7.45pm exclusively for families and friends of Northborough Primary School. This is always a really popular event for children to get together outside of school to socialise with their friends. Adult tickets £1 each/Children's tickets £4 each. Payment via the PTFA bank account only.

Sort code: 09-01-51

Account Number: 62498306

Please make sure you use your child's full name as the payment reference. Thank you!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the PTFA by emailing:

[northboroughschoolptfa@gmail.com](mailto:northboroughschoolptfa@gmail.com)

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

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- After school clubs start week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup>
- Y2 Village Walk - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> moved from Monday 9<sup>th</sup>
- Whole school Harvest Festival at St Andrews - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> (donations please)
- Y5/6 Space Centre trip - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> (Please ensure payment is made ASAP)
- Orange & Green team - non-uniform - Friday 13<sup>th</sup>
- Parents evening appointments available to book - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> from 3pm
- Y5/6 Modern Slavery Workshop - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> (no cost to parents)
- Y1 hosted PTFA Cake Sale - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> in the dining hall 3.30-4pm (all cakes 50p)
- Y3 Music Hub - Ukelele tuition - Tuesday afternoons from 24<sup>th</sup> for 10 weeks
- Y5 Kingswood residential deposit due - Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

#### **OCTOBER**

- Y1/2 Great Fire of London Day - Tuesday 1st (letter to follow)
- Foundation reading/ writing parent workshop - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-6pm
- NSPCC Workshops - whole school - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>
- Y6 SOKE Basketball at AMVC - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>
- Image Theatre presents Pinocchio (whole school event) - Friday 11<sup>th</sup>
- Y2 hosted PTFA Cake Sale - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> in the dining hall 3.30-4pm (all cakes 50p)
- PTFA Activity World Evening - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 6.15-7.45pm
- Parents Evenings - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>
- SOKE Hockey Tournament at AMVC - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> (participating children only, letter to follow)
- Sunflower Seeds Halloween DISCO - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 4-8pm

- Y2 Tea Party - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> (time tbc)
- **Half Term - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> - Friday 25th October**
- Y2 Impact Maths parent workshop - Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30-10.30am
- Foundation Math parent workshop - Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>. 5-6pm

## NOVEMBER

- Individual/ sibling photographs - Monday 4th (during the school day)
- Y5 Rock n Roll Singing Day at the Cresset - Thursday 7th (letter to follow)
- Y6 Construction Day at New College Stamford - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> (letter to follow)
- Y3 hosted PTFA Cake Sale - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> in the dining hall 3.30-4pm (all cakes 50p)
- Laxton School Math Challenge - Monday 11th (participating children only, letter to follow)
- Y2 Raptor Foundation Visiting us at school - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> (letter to follow)
- Y3 SOKE Gym & Dance Festival at AMVC - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>
- 2020 intake prospective parent tour - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 2-3pm
- NHS Flu vaccinations (whole school) - Thursday 28th (e-consent to follow)
- PTFA Autumn Term DISCO - Friday 29th (Foundation-Y2 5-6.15pm. Y3-Y6 6.30-7.30pm)
- 2020 intake prospective parent tour - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 2-3pm

## DECEMBER

- 2020 intake prospective parent tour - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 2-3pm
- Life Education Bus - Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th (letter to follow)
- Y4 SOKE Sportshall Athletics at AMVC - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>
- PTFA Christmas Fair - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 4.30-7pm
- Y1/2 Christmas Shows - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm
- Y3/ 4/ 5 Christmas Show dates to be confirmed
- Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 17th
- **End of Autumn Term - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**
- **Start of Spring Term - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

## Carol concert dates to be confirmed.

Thank you,  
From all the Staff at Northborough.