

# Northstead News

Newsletter 21

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear parents, carers and families,

I am writing to keep you informed of our plans for the rest of the summer term and for September 2020.

## **Wider Opening of School in the summer term.**

We now have the year six children at school full time and an increased number of Key Workers children and Vulnerable children, in small groups (or bubbles) of up to 12 children. The Governors and Senior Leadership Team have taken the decision that we do not have the capacity to open for any more year groups at this time.

## **Key Workers and Vulnerable Children**

We continue to be open for the children of Key workers and vulnerable children as usual.

**If you require a place for your child please can you book at least one day in advance so that we can ensure that we have appropriate staffing in school. If you arrive without booking a place we may have to turn you away.**

If you require a place for your child, please email us on [parents@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:parents@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk)

## **Transition meetings**

We are currently planning transition meetings for all classes. This will enable one parent/carer to attend school with their child to meet with their class teacher for next academic year. These meetings will take place in the last two weeks of term and you will be receiving a letter to inform you of the date and time. If you cannot attend at this time, you will be sent all the information provided.

These meetings will take place in the school hall and social distancing of 2 m will be in place.

## **Autumn Term 2020**

As you will have seen on the news, the intention is to reopen for all children in September, which is great news. However, we are waiting for further guidance from the DfE on how this is to be achieved. Obviously with 30 children in each class room it will not be possible to adhere to the 1 m distancing advice that was issued on Tuesday. Once the DfE have issued the guidance, hopefully by the end of next week, we will update you of our plans for September.

## **Staff Changes**

We have several staff changes this year. Miss L Standing and Mrs K Sunley are retiring at the end of the summer term. Miss Standing has taught at Northstead Primary School for 20 years and has been the Upper Keystage 2 Phase leader for the last 13 years. Mrs Sunley has taught at Northstead Primary School for 8 years most recently in Year 4. They are both dedicated and

highly valued members of the Northstead team and will be greatly missed by us all. We wish them both a long, happy and well deserved retirement.

Also leaving are Miss Donnelly, Mrs Harris and Miss Britton who are all starting Teacher Training in September. We wish both every success and thank them for their hard work and dedication as Teaching Assistants over the past years.

Mrs Leigh is also leaving to take up an exciting new post at Scargill House Christian Community in Kettlewell with Reverend Mike Leigh. We thank her for all her hard work over the past 8 years and wish them both every success in their new posts.

Many congratulations to Mrs King and Miss Smith who are both starting maternity leave next month.

In September we will be welcoming three new teachers, Miss Young, Miss Galinski and Mrs Valancius.

### **Class Dojo and Home Schooling**

It has been great to see all the fantastic work that you have been doing at home. We will continue to support you at home with weekly planning and on line support via Dojo.

In order for us to support your child in the best way possible for when they return to school, we need to keep in touch with every family.

**Please can you make sure that you 'check in' with you class teacher every week on Monday or Tuesday. Thank you.**

The weekly themes for the rest of this term are;

Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June – North Yorkshire  
Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> July – The United Kingdom  
Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July – Europe

### **End of Year School Reports**

You will receive an end of year school report for your child, although this will be a slightly amended format this year. These will be emailed to you on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

### **Summer Holidays**

The end of term is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020. We have not been informed of any plans for any summer opening, either as Childcare for Keyworkers or Summer School for other pupils. As soon as we know if there are any plans for summer opening we will let you know.

Remember we are still here to help, guide and support you through these challenging times. Please do contact us if you need any help, advice or support, either phone 362249, email [parents@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:parents@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk) or use Class Dojo messages.

Stay safe, be kind

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