

Northstead News

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Friday 4th September 2020

Welcome back!

Dear parents, carers and families,

Autumn Term 2020 starts on Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 8.45 a.m.

Firstly, I hope that you have had a good summer and managed to enjoy some days out when the sun has been shining. We have all been very busy getting the school ready to welcome your children back on Tuesday 8th September 2020. I hope that you and your families enjoy our latest staff video, 'Let's get ready to rumble!'

Secondly I would like to thank all those staff who have been working so hard over the summer, especially the domestic team, to make sure that the school is so clean and ready for the new school year.

In July, I sent out the 'Information for Parents for September' leaflet, which gave you all the details you need for the start of the new school year (this is also on the school website, on Class Dojo and attached). The key information is that all the children from Year 1 to Year 6 will start back full time on Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 8.45 a.m. Please arrive from 8.30 a.m. with Year 1 and Year 2 entering school via the KS1 entrance next to the dining room and Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 entering via the KS2 entrance (Scout hut end). Only one adult to accompany a child, maintain a safe distance and follow the one-way system. There will be plenty of staff on duty to help show you the way.

There is a separate transition plan for the new starters in Early Years – you will have been sent details if you have a child starting in EYFS this September.

Uniform and Water Bottles

We expect all children to be in normal school uniform on Tuesday. If you need a new tie these will be on sale at the front of the school from 8.20 a.m. and again from 2.30 p.m. They cost £2.00 each – please bring the correct change. Your child will need to bring a full water bottle to school every day – school ones are available to buy at £1.60 each. Again please bring the correct change.

Book Bags etc

In order to minimise the risk of cross contamination between home and school, children will not be bringing book bags to school. All children have been provided with their own set of pens, pencils, rubbers, rulers, glue sticks and scissors and a pencil case, which they will keep on their own desk. Their school reading book will also stay at school. We will keep this under review.

School Dinners

A hot school dinner will only be available for children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2, which will continue to be free for all Infant children. Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will need to bring packed lunch to school every day. These will be supplied by the kitchen to all children who are eligible for Free School Meals.

PE Kit

On days when children have outdoor PE they will need to come to school in their Outdoor PE kit.

Maple Drive Road Works

The council are still working to replace the pavements on Maple Drive which will have a major impact on anyone travelling by car. If at all possible please walk to school or at least park several streets away and walk the last 5 minutes. Please make sure that you set off in good time so that you are not late for school.

School Safety Rules

Please see attached the updated School Safety Rules. Please read these with you children before coming to school next week. If you are dropping your child at school please adhere to the social distancing rules, parents and other adults may wear face coverings on the playgrounds and outside school.

Contacting School

If you need to talk to somebody at school please either phone, email parents@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk or message your teacher on Class Dojo. We will not be having face to face appointments with parents and carers, all contact will be via telephone or email until further notice.

The Jungle Club (Before and After School Care)

The Breakfast and After school clubs, The Jungle Club, restart on Tuesday 8th September – please use the form on the website to book a place if needed.

New staff

We welcome five new staff in September. Mrs Valancius teaching in Year 5, Miss Galinski and Mrs Swales teaching in Year 4 and Miss Young teaching in Year 2 and Miss Tomlinson who has joined our office team.

Stay safe, be kind.

Jim Lidgley

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