

NORTHSTEAD NEWS

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What a Half Term!

Well, what a half term! From planning for all children to be in as normal one day, to lockdown the next! As it stands, we are continuing with the same remote learning provision until at least March 8th. We await the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday 22nd February in regards to wider school reopening but in the meantime will continue to provide the very best remote learning provision possible for children at home and the support and care for any children who need to attend school to allow their parent/carers to carry out their critical worker role in the community.



Thank You Everyone



May we take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff at school to say a massive thank you to all the parents and carers of Northstead children for all that they are doing, either at home supporting their children or in their critical worker role to support the community. Together, we have been able to achieve so much this term and by working together have been able to ensure our children continue to stay safe. Learning from home, without your friends around you is difficult and we commend all parents/carers for all the hard work they have put into this.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to say an enormous THANK YOU to all the teachers of Northstead. Their commitment to remote learning provision, their adaptability, their communication, their resolve, their unwavering passion to make a difference to the lives of our children is phenomenal and is one that as Deputy Headteachers we are very proud of. However, without the support of our inclusion team working at home, and our army of teaching assistants in school, teachers would not be able to provide as much support to our remote learners. A humongous THANK YOU to each and every one of them for their resolute commitment to our school and the children who are attending. They've adapted amazingly as a team and have been able to provide the care and support children in school need.

Finally, a gigantic THANK YOU to our office and IT staff, our building supervisor, our cleaners, our lunchtime staff, our kitchen staff and our breakfast and after school club staff, who without, we simply wouldn't be able to run our school. From answering the door one hundred times a day to gritting the playground for two hours every morning this week, our team of ancillary staff have, as they always are, impeccable at keeping our school running and keeping it safe for all who attend.



Reporting a positive Covid Case over half term

If your child has been attending school and then develops symptoms of CoronaVirus on Saturday 13th or Sunday 14th February, and a positive result comes back thereafter, you must contact school on parents@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk so that we can assist NHS test and trace. The parents email will be checked regularly during these two days. Please do not use any other method of communicating school to inform us of a positive result. Should your child develop symptoms from Monday 15th February, you **do not need to contact school but should instead follow the advice from NHS test and trace.**

If your child or someone in your bubble has to isolate, which means that your child cannot return to school on Monday 22nd February (either in school or completing remote learning), please email school as soon as possible.

Covid Winter Grant Vouchers

If you are in receipt of free school meals, please look out for your half term voucher this Thursday or Friday. The half term voucher is via an alternative provider and requires actions to be taken immediately as any issues with them will have to be dealt with whilst school is open. (The school office closes at 3:30pm on Friday for the half term break).



Staff changes

Please note that Miss Johnson will be leaving 3SJ to commence her maternity leave on Friday 5th March. We wish her and her partner all the best for a relaxing time with their baby when it arrives. Following appointment in December, we will be welcoming Mrs Wiles to our Northstead staff team to take over from Miss Johnson. Mrs Wiles is an experienced teacher, who has already worked in school on a number of occasions and we look forward to working with her full time in school. I am sure you will make her feel very welcome to the Y3 team. I know she is excited about zooming the children of class 3SJ during week commencing 1st March.

Free Breakfast!



Please come and collect any bagels and cereal from the school office. We are over-run with bagels and boxes of cereal in school and as per the dojo sent earlier this week, it is available to collect from the school office for any parents.

Miss Richardson rocks the radio!



Listen out for Miss Richardson who is being interviewed this week by BBC Radio York and This is the Coast about our request for materials to enable us to redesign our outdoor area in EYFS. She's nervous, but we are sure she'll be amazing!

Thank You

Finally, a huge thank you to Domino's Pizza (Scarborough) who this week delivered to school 17 large pizzas and to Morrisons who delivered a mound of chocolate bars as a thank you to our wonderful staff working in school. Also, thank you to Sainsbury's who have delivered fruit to school for the children throughout this lockdown. We appreciate each and every donation into school and can't say thank you enough for the support they provide to our staff and our children.



Please be aware that school is closed over half term to all pupils.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing half term!

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