

NORTHSTEAD NEWS

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HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the Spring Term to all of our children and families. We have seen some fantastic learning taking place across school already this term - Spiderman even came to visit year one to launch their superheroes topic! Later this half term we will be holding an 'Adopt an Artist' curriculum day in school - the results of which you will be able to see as we will be inviting you into our very own art gallery soon after. We are also holding a poetry festival during this term which will be during the 2nd half term.



Young Voices



Well done to all the children who attended the Young Voices event. Their behaviour was exemplary, they were an absolute pleasure to take. We know the parents who attended were so proud of them as they have said so or sent us messages.

The whole day was amazing - even though very full on and exhausting. The staff were privileged to spend a wonderful and memorable day with such a wonderful group of children who performed with enthusiasm and totally loved it.

Thanks also to all the staff who gave up their time to attend—it was a late night!

School Uniform

As per our school prospectus, we ask all parents / carers to ensure their child(ren) are dressed in the correct uniform with correct school shoes also worn.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Parking

Please be considerate of our neighbours and other local residents when parking on Maple Drive and close to school. We have had reports of incidents where residents have been unable to remove their car from their property due to cars being parked in front of drives. We work hard to support the local community so please park responsibly. Thank you.

Lost Property

We continue to be inundated with lost property which is not labelled. This includes all kinds of uniform and bags, coats, shoes, trainers, football boots, lunchboxes and drinks containers.

We urge all parents to name any item that your child brings into school.

Slips and Money

Several parents / carers are not paying money on time for dinners, trips etc which is causing a lot of additional work for our staff to complete. We urge all parents to please stick to deadlines and to ensure any dinner accounts are always in credit.

We also ask that all slips are returned promptly for the exact same reason of allowing our staff to use their time more efficiently in school rather than chasing up slips.

Morning Punctuality



Gates to school open at 8:30am and close at 8:45am as all children should be in their classrooms before this time for their learning to begin. Please ensure your child(ren) arrive into school before 8:45am in order for a smooth transition into school to take place and so our gates are closed promptly—therefore allowing staff to return to classrooms to work with children.

Parents/Carers of Infant Pupils

NORTHSTEAD SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP TOMORROW THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY

On **Thursday 16th January**, please encourage your child to stay for a school dinner. We receive funding based on the number of infant meals we serve on this day. As always there is the daily choice:

Hot Dinner:	Sausage, Chips, Beans
Sandwiches*:	Cheese, Ham, Egg, Tuna
Jacket Potatoes*:	Various fillings
*all come with salads, coleslaw etc.	

If your child does not normally have a school dinner, please encourage them to give it a try on this day, you can always send in a snack if you are worried about what they may or may not try.

Meals are free for all infant pupils so you will save money as well as benefitting the pupils at our school. Thank you for your support!

FONS

During this half term, FONS will be holding a family quiz evening. Further details of this will be sent out as soon as they are all clarified. So do you know your Ancient Greeks from Ancient Egyptians or your Herculeum from your Hercules? Get a team together and get involved.

Mr Lidgley

Mr Lidgley will be back at work full time on Monday 10th February as headteacher of the school.

He will be working in school before this on certain days, however Mr Hopper and Mrs Wilson will continue to act as headteachers until the 10th February.



ChatterBug
Speech and Language Therapy

On Wednesday 22nd January 8:30-9:30am, Kate Hemingway (ChatterBugs Speech and Language Therapist) will be doing a drop in session for any parents who have concerns or questions regarding their children's, speech, language and communication needs. During this time Kate will be available to discuss any questions or queries parents have about their child's speech-language and communication needs and provide specialist information and advice. No appointment is needed to attend the 'drop-in' session.

- SPORTS CLUBS-

The following sports clubs will be taking place:

Mondays	8—8:30am—Y4/5 Multi Skills
	3—4:00pm - Rugby to start soon—details to follow
Tuesdays	8—8:30am—Y1/2 Multi Skills
	3—4:00pm—Y5 Indoor Cricket
Wednesdays	8 8:30pm Y5/6 Multi Skills
Thursdays	3—4:00pm—Y3/4 Netball
Fridays	8—8:30am—Gymnastics (invitation only)
	3—4:00pm Y5/6 Indoor Athletics (team only)
	After School—Nigel Carson Football—contact direct / not through school

Children have been told about these clubs in assemblies and in individual classes. Anyone who missed a letter, please contact Mrs Waller/their teacher/school office to request one.

Communication about whether children have a place at the club, about cancellation of the club or other information will be sent by ClassDojo.

Bikes and Scooters in the Playground

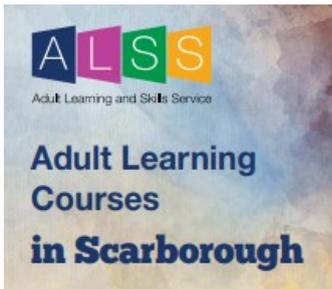


We again write to all parents / carers to inform them that a child has been hurt in the playground at the end of the day because of an older child riding their bike recklessly in the playground.

We ask that all parents / carers speak to their child about the importance of following the rule of staying off their bikes and scooters before they exit the playground.



Last week, we relaunched TT Rockstars in school and reset all children's scores to zero. As you read this the children are involved in a TT Rockstars battle where it is Girls v Boys. We encourage your child to spend a few minutes a day practicing on TT Rockstars - particularly on garage mode.



There are a number of adult Learning courses available through North Yorkshire Adult Learning.

If you are interested please head to their website:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/adultlearning

Job Vacancy



We currently have a vacancy within school for a Before School Club Assistant.

If this is something you may be interested in then please check the school website for details and an application form.