

NORTHSTEAD NEWS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year!

I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed some quality time with your families. It has been great to see all the children again and hear about what they have enjoyed doing over the Christmas holidays. We are now looking forward to an exciting 2019 and all that it may bring.



We also welcome the children who have recently started at Northstead and hope that they settle in quickly. We extend a warm welcome also to new members of staff, Mrs Mustoe and Miss Muirhead who join us as Teaching Assistants, and also to our new Breakfast Club staff, Mrs D'Souza, Miss Moroney, Mrs Pawson and Miss Marshall (who will join us after her maternity leave).

Attendance and Absences

Can we please remind you that it is really important that children arrive on time for school and that all absences are accounted for.

Please telephone the school before 8.45am on the first morning of absence indicating the length and reason for absence. It is school policy that any child with a sickness bug should remain off school for 48 hours.

Could I please also remind parents of the need to ensure that all children arrive at school on time. The school day begins at 8.45am, and children from Year 1 upwards can arrive from 8.30am and come straight into school. Children in EYFS continue to line up on the playground and will enter school with their teacher at 8.40am.



Could I please ask all parents to continue to support the school and their child's education by ensuring a first rate attendance. A poor attendance could have a detrimental effect on your child's education.

After School Clubs

Hidden Horizons, Choir Club, and Stephen Joseph Theatre Club will all begin from next week.

Please note that sports clubs will not start until February.

Please keep an eye on Class Dojo, where further details of clubs will be posted once they are finalised.

Thank you.

Breakfast and After School Club

Our new Breakfast Club and After School Club started very successfully this week.

Mrs Murphy is the Co-ordinator for both clubs. Please pick up a form from the noticeboard in the main entrance if you would like to book a place on either club.

Shanghai Teacher Exchange

Next week we welcome two Maths teachers from Shanghai who will be working in our school for two weeks as part of the fifth China-England exchange. The teachers, Chen Jiajun and Lu Yong, will be based in our Year 3 and Year 4 classes and teachers in the region, as well as our own staff, will have the opportunity to observe their lessons to gain a greater understanding of teaching for mastery.

National School Breakfast Programme

Our school has joined the government's National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP) which is being delivered by the charities Family Action and Magic Breakfast.

As a NSBP School we are pleased to offer a healthy school breakfast bagel, available to all, and enjoy the benefits that brings, with children settled and ready to learn at the start of the day.

As from Monday 28th January, all children will be offered a toasted bagel in their classrooms from 8.30am. If you do not want your child to be offered a free bagel, please inform the school office before Friday 25th January 2019.



**We need
YOU!**



Parents/Carers of Infant Pupils

**NORTHSTEAD SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP
ON THURSDAY NEXT WEEK!**

On **Thursday 17th 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:

Sandwiches*:

Jacket Potatoes*:

*all come with salads, coleslaw etc.

Sausage Roll

Cheese, Ham, Egg, Tuna

Various fillings

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!