

NORTHSTEAD NEWS

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What a Start!



It has been an absolute pleasure to be in school during this first two weeks. We have set very high standards for the children and staff in terms of how we expect them to show excellence and responsibility in school and they are demonstrating this every day. The feel around school is very positive and the culture we are creating is one of high expectations, high responsibility and one of looking after each other in everything we do.

Staff Changes

We are pleased to welcome a number of new staff to our school this term:

Year 6 Teacher—Miss J Hatton

Teaching Assistant —Miss L Beaver

Office Administrator / Attendance — Miss C Knipe-Bates

We wish them every success in their time with us.

We also welcome back Mrs Wright as she returns from her maternity leave.

Also, Huge congratulations to Miss Phipps who got married during the summer and is now Mrs Clubley.

WELCOME

TO ALL OUR NEW FAMILIES!

New to the school?

Friends of Northstead invite you to our welcome event - get yourself a cuppa and get to know other new families.

Preschool age siblings are welcome to come along, and tea, coffee and cake will be available (donations welcome).

- Tuesday 27th September
- 2pm - 2.45pm
- School Hall (through the main entrance)

FoNS

Friends of Northstead School

FONS organise fundraising events for the school, helping purchase extra equipment, subsidise trips etc. We welcome new ideas and suggestions, so if you're interested in getting involved, come and have a chat!

Morning Arrivals

Many thanks to all parents and carers for the quick way in which you have adapted to the change of gate opening time to 8:35am. (School registration is at 8:45am) This is allowing clear lines of communication across school for our staff and is having a positive impact on teaching and learning in the classrooms.

Illness and Absence

Please telephone the school before 8:30am on the first morning of absence, indicating the reason for absence and the likely length of absence. We ask that you keep us informed about your child's illness if they are off for longer than a couple of days.

It is school policy that any child with a sickness bug should remain off school for 48 hours after their last dose of sickness to avoid the spread of infection.

Friends of Northstead School (FONS)

Welcome to our new FONS lead Gemma Abell. We had a great first meeting with Friends of Northstead School (FONS) this week in school. We have planned a series of events throughout the year for children and families to attend. Please look out for announcements over the coming weeks on class dojo.

School Meals Price Increase

Just a reminder that the price of school meals has increased to £2.70 per meal / £13.50 per week.

We have had reports of children being frightened by dogs outside of the school grounds on several occasions. While children are encouraged not to approach unknown dogs, some of our younger children and toddlers have accidentally come into contact with these dogs and had 'near misses'. Therefore, we ask that parents and carers no longer tie their dogs up and leave them unattended outside of school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



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A reminder that Northstead is a nut free school. This makes all areas of school a safe place for children with nut allergies.

Please could we ask that you remember this when sending your children with snacks, and with the content of your child's packed lunch.

Many thanks



Can we please request that all payments for school dinners / clubs / trips are paid for **in advance** using parentpay.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Harvest Festival assembles

We are having our Harvest Festival in school on Wednesday 5th October. Please feel free to join us and take part in the singing.

1:10pm —Y1/2 will be singing their favourite Harvest songs.
(Parents to enter school from 1:05pm)

1:45pm —Y3/4 will be singing their favourite Harvest songs.
(Parents to enter school from 1:40pm)

2:20pm—Y5/6 will be singing their favourite Harvest songs.
(Parents to enter school from 2:15pm)

All parents should enter through the main reception.

We ask, where possible if all children and staff can donate a tin, can or packet of food on this day.

This will be donated to the Rainbow Centre.

Jewellery in school

For reasons of health and safety we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school.

The exception to this rule is that children with pierced ears may wear studs, one per ear and these MUST be removed for any physical activity in school.

It is not permissible to cover earrings with tape.

If children are unable to take ear studs out themselves they should be left at home on PE / swimming days.

School staff are not allowed to remove or replace earrings.



Children's University has been taken over by Coast and Vale Community Action. Mr Hopper and Miss Hatton will be meeting them next week to see how this will now work in school. Look out for information coming home soon about this.



ClassDojo

We love using class dojo in school as a messaging service and to share news from our classrooms but recently we have seen an upsurge in parents/carers using the messaging system to contact teachers on evenings and weekends.

My staff need to switch off from their work and so I ask that you not to send them any messages after 5pm on a weekday and do not message them on a weekend. It is often the case that they are not in a position to action anything you have alerted them too. Please call or message between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday and help support the workload and wellbeing of my staff to enable them to be the best that they can be. Alternatively, call on 01723 362249 or arrange an appointment to come in and see your child's class teacher.

Last week, we sent you the Walking Home Alone guidance and Collection From School policies via email. Please can you make sure you are familiar with the content of these documents and support school by upholding the procedures documented. Thank you.

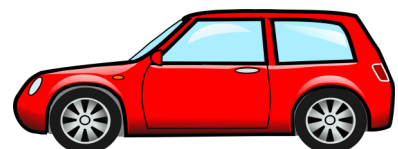


Please, please please park considerately

If you are parking on Maple Drive please do not park across residents' driveways, on the double yellow or hazard lines, or near to the car park exit where our children and families may be crossing the road.

Please be respectful of our neighbours and help to keep everyone safe.


Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Year 6 Pupils transferring to Secondary School in September 2023

Parents can apply for a secondary school place from 12th September 2022 and the deadline to apply is **31st October 2022**.


Please apply online www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions



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Contact Details

Please could you make sure that school are kept up to date with any changes in address / phone number / e-mail so we have your current details on our system.

Many Thanks



WEEKLY INFORMATION

We will now be sending out an information sheet each week, the first one of which is attached with this newsletter. We hope you will find this a useful reminder as to what is happening in school.

Upcoming dates for your diary

27th September—FONS Tea, Coffee and Cake afternoon for parents / carers new to Northstead.

10th and 12th October—Parent's Evening

7th November—The Reet Big Northstead Bake Off (Further details to be sent closer to the time).

21st November—Assessment week in school.

14th December—Carols with the Choir (1:30pm onwards)