

# NORTHSTEAD NEWS

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## Headteacher's Message



As I approach the end of my first half term as Headteacher of Northstead, I'd like to say a massive, enormous, gigantic and humongous thanks to each and every member of staff at Northstead. This half term, just like many others over the past few years has seen significant periods of staff absence resulting in a workforce being sometimes pulled from pillar to post to support our children and to support each other. Only by pulling together and supporting each other have we been able to plan and deliver so many exciting lessons and opportunities for the children right across school. Our support staff in particular have been so flexible and supportive, often moving from one classroom to another or one year group to another at short notice to support children with their learning or their personal development. Their skills, talent and work ethic makes me very proud to be their headteacher.

I want to say a big personal thanks to Mrs Mainprize, our school business manager. As a new Headteacher, she is passing on so much useful and important information to me in terms of many different areas of leading and managing the many different aspects of school leadership e.g. finance, health and safety, premises management, human resources management to name a few. When qualifying as a teacher, this information is sparse and so having a talented individual like her to support me has been very pleasing. THANKS JO!

As you read this, I will be returning from a day at Peat Rigg, the residential centre we visit in year 6. The children will have taken part in abseiling, archery, bushcraft, canoeing, climbing and caving (as well as many other things). Children staying over for 4 nights and being looked after every minute of the day requires a team of people to give up their own time and sometimes time with their own family to ensure children have the best experience possible on a residential trip. They don't do this for any other reason than to ensure children have the most memorable experience possible. So many, many thanks to Mrs Linsdell, Mrs Waller, Miss Galinski, Mrs Gunstone, Mrs Osburn, Mrs Crow and Miss Smith. They weren't asked to go, they volunteered! Please give them a big thanks when they get off the coaches upon their return.

On news of residential, you may have noticed that we have not advertised details of a Y4 residential this year. We have taken the difficult decision to scale back the residential offer we have historically provided at Northstead. The financial climate at present, the rising charges from residential centres and coach transport means we have decided to now only offer a residential in Year 6. This was not an easy decision to make but one which we hope families will understand.

We hope you enjoy this bumper edition of our newsletter. We will now only publish two newsletters per half term with other details shared via email and through class dojo (Headteacher weekly update).

Wishing everyone a relaxing half term holiday.

Mr S Hopper





A huge well done to our new starters on a fantastic start to their Northstead journeys!



EYJP



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# The Trojan Horse Design Competition

Congratulations to Neli from 5ES for winning the Trojan Horse design competition!

Neli's design won a workshop with the Animated Objects Theatre Company for her class.

5ES built part of a Trojan Horse sculpture that was taller than a double decker bus! It was displayed at Bridlington Spa at The Trojan Horse exhibition.

Well done to all of year 5 who entered!





## **Beeday—Wednesday 2nd November**

During our first week back after half term, we are launching a new computer program called Spelling Shed across KS1 and KS2.

Spelling Shed provides your child with games to play which are linked to the spellings they are learning in school.

As part of our launch, we are having a 'Beeday' on Wednesday 2nd November. KS1 and KS2 children and staff are invited to dress as a bee or in yellow and black clothing for the day. Children will learn how to use the site and can challenge their friends if they choose to.



## **MSA Vacancy / Lunchtime Play Leader**

Do you have the strength, the heart, the skill to be a lunchtime play leader?

Do you have excellent communication skills, patience and understanding?

Do you understand the power of relationships?

Do you want to work at Northstead as a lunchtime play leader to enable children to engage in purposeful play on our KS1 or KS2 playground?

If so, please get in touch with Mr Hopper (Headteacher) for an informal chat and to discuss the recruitment process.

Hours of working being 12 midday to 1:15pm, Monday to Friday, term time only.

**As nights are a lot darker at 4pm, we kindly ask that all children attending an after school club run by school, including those in Years 5 and 6, must be picked up by an adult after half term.**

**Children will NOT be allowed to walk home alone from Monday 31st October.**



## Age UK—Shoebox Appeal



We will again be supporting Age UK in their ‘Everyone should have something at Christmas’ shoebox appeal.

In the last few years we have sent so many wonderful boxes to those in need and we hope you can support this cause again this year.

Please send in your empty shoe boxes, wrapped in Christmas paper if you can. The list of items we would love you to donate has been sent out on class dojo. The shoe boxes are given to elderly people in our community and will be collected towards the end of November. Any spare Christmas wrapping paper will be gratefully received too.

Please give your items to your child’s teacher or send directly to me in Year 6 from after half term.

Many Thanks in advance,

Mrs Waller

Year 6 Teacher

## FONS school Disco

A big thank you to our wonderful FONS team for organising the school discos this week—the first ones in over 3 years! A fantastic total of £594.00 was raised for school funds. Thank you to all our families who supported this, and also to the staff who stayed behind to help on the night.

## 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





# Northstead *Seek to Learn* Community Primary School



Is your child due to start Primary School in September 2023?

Applications are now open from

12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Come and take a look at **Northstead School Early Years**

Our ~~Autumn~~ term Open Day is on

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Visits 9.15am-10am / 10.15am-11am / 5.30pm-6pm

Please contact the school to book a place

Tel: 01723 362249

Email: [admin@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk)



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## **Children due to start Primary School in September 2023**

Parents can apply for a primary school place from 12th October 2022 and the deadline to apply is **15th January 2023**.

**National offer day is 19th April 2023**

Please apply online [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions)

## **Year 6 Pupils transferring to Secondary School in September 2023**

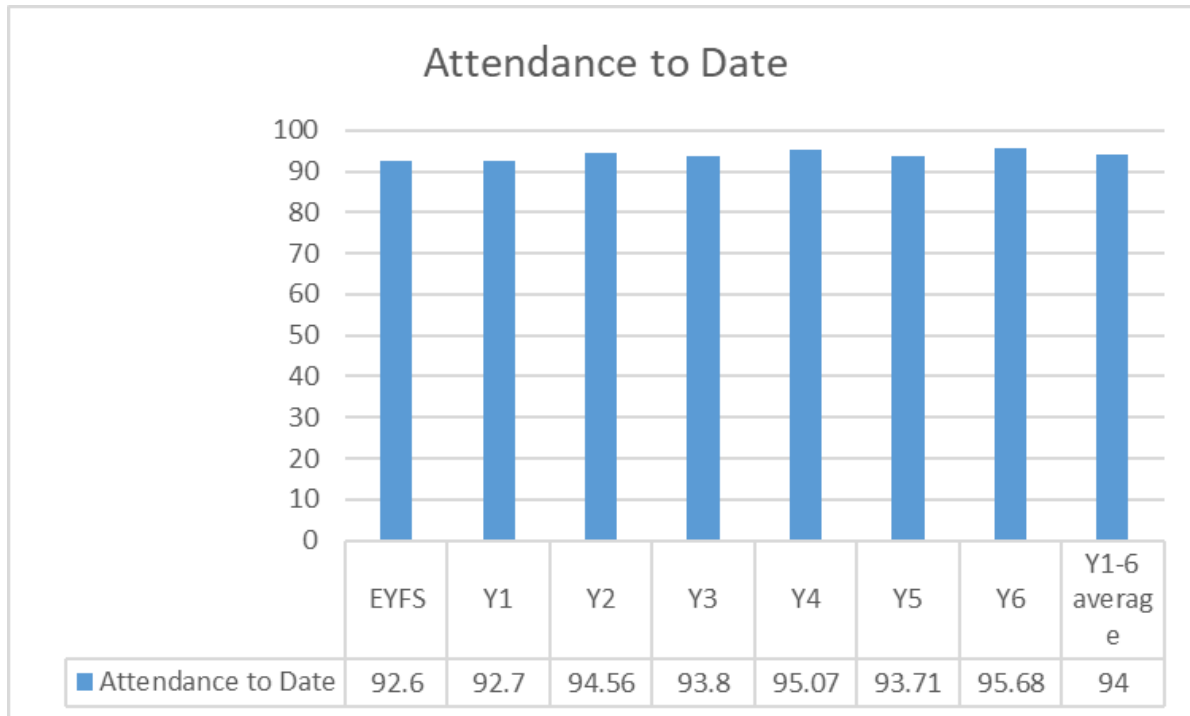
Parents can apply for a secondary school place from 12th September 2022 and the deadline to apply is **31st October 2022**.

**National offer day is 1st March 2023**

Please apply online [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions)



After starting off so well, attendance has dropped significantly in the last few weeks. We know everyone is doing all they can to ensure their child is in school everyday. Well done to year 6 who have the best attendance this half term.



Give your views...

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views/survey/15929>

Please take a few moments of your time to complete the Ofsted parent view for our school. This was previously sent out just prior to the last inspection by Ofsted in October 2021.

Thanks for taking the time to do this. Your views are important to us as a school.

We do not receive any information in regards to personal opinions on this, so please if there is anything urgent you wish for us to know about, please contact someone in school.

Mr Hopper  
Headteacher



Scarborough Library presents

# a DeTeCtIve MYSTeRY event foR chiLDREn age 7-11



**Sweet  
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**with GAbriella Gordon**

**Monday 24th October  
10:30 till 11:30**



Based on  
Gabriella  
Gordon's book  
"Sweet Crime,  
Sweet Justice"

**Investigate sweets!**

**Analyse foot and finger prints**

**Explore crime profiling**

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## **HALLOWEEN LITTER PICKS**

**The Little Litter Pickers in association with the voluntary group Keep Scarborough Tidy will be holding the following events:**

• **MONDAY OCTOBER 24 – CAYTON BAY BEACH  
10AM-12 NOON**

• **TUESDAY OCTOBER 25 – SOUTH CLIFF  
10.30AM-12.30PM**

• **THURSDAY OCTOBER 27 – PEASHOLM PARK  
10AM-12 NOON**

• **SATURDAY OCTOBER 29 – RAINCLIFFE WOODS  
10AM-12 NOON**

**NOTE: EVERY CHILD WHO COMPLETES AT LEAST ONE  
EVENT DURING THIS HALLOWEEN WEEK, WILL RECEIVE:**

**A GOODY BAG CONTAINING: ANIMAL THEMED COLOURING  
BOOK : MINI ACTIVITY BOOK : PUZZLE : JIGSAW : SWEETS**

**Further details are available from our Facebook page  
'Keep Scarborough Tidy'**

**\* YOU MUST REGISTER by sending an email to  
keepscarboroughtidy@yahoo.com**

**\* Use the same email if you have any questions.**

**We look forward to meeting you.**



# - SPORTS NEWS -

## Football News

Our boys and girls football teams represented us at the annual 7-a-side Scarborough Schools football tournament and thoroughly enjoyed their time playing football together. We didn't end up winning either tournament but the children chosen represented the school brilliantly showing excellent teamwork, dedication and resilience.



Well done to them all and a big thanks to Mr Armstrong for volunteering his own Saturday morning to enable the girl's team to participate.

Gallows close centre have been in touch and have provided us with an updated weekly activity programme list for both children and adults.

The details are attached with this newsletter.

They are also offering free packed lunches all through half term.



FREE Packed Lunches for all children in receipt of free school meals

Throughout the October Half Term Holidays



Available to collect Monday - Friday 11am - 1pm

## Upcoming dates for your diary

- 2nd November      Y1-Y6 Beeday
- 7th November—    The Reet Big Northstead Bake Off (Further details to be sent closer to the time).
- 21st November—   Assessment week in school.
- 30th November—   10:00am EYFS Christmas Performance “The First Christmas”  
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- 1st December      9:30am Y1 Christmas sing-a-long
- 8th December—    10:30am Y2 Christmas performance “Light’s, Camel Action!”  
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- 9th December—    Christmas Dinner Day
- 9th December—    FONS Christmas Fair 3pm onwards
- 12th December—   EYFS Christmas Party
- 13th December—   Y1/Y2 Christmas Party
- 14th December—   Carols with the Choir (1:30pm onwards)
- 15th December—   Y3/Y4 Christmas Party
- 16th December—   Stars of Northstead assemblies
- 16th December—   Y5/Y6 Christmas Party
- 16th December—   Break up at 3pm



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Have a lovely half term with your families.  
School re-opens on Monday 31st October