

NORTHSTEAD NEWS

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Headteachers End of Term Message

As my first term as Headteacher of our wonderful school comes to an end I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the staff at Northstead. They have worked extremely hard every single day (and sometimes nights) to ensure everything we do in school is the best it can be. I wish them all a well-deserved, enjoyable and relaxing break.

Our school improvement advisor has visited school many times this term. Our personal development and safeguarding offer is effective and our early reading continues to be a strength of school. We continue to make excellent progress in many other areas of school improvement but acknowledge that we cannot do it all alone. Learning is a partnership between home and school. Support from home is invaluable to supporting children's learning and progress, especially when it comes to children completing their home learning. Whether this be a worksheet, reading or spending time on SpellingShed, Times Tables Rockstars or Atom Prime - time spent at home on developing learning is crucial to supporting your child's progress in school. Thanks for everything you do - it makes a difference.

Community

Our events this term have been an excellent way to gather us together and to work together for the benefit of our community. I've been very thankful this term for our: donation to the Rainbow Centre (Harvest), Stay and Learn Sessions, Christmas fair, school discos, local litter picks and our Age Concern Christmas parcels. Our community is not just our children and their parents/carers but everyone in our local community.

Opportunities

Opportunities this term have been plentiful for the children of Northstead. This week sees our Y5/6 children go ice skating, Y6 to go to Stephen Joseph Theatre and our choir performed at Queen Street Methodist church at the weekend. We've provided many after school and lunchtime clubs such as: choir, sewing club, Peter Pan drama club, young voices, imaginers club, girls' football and athletics club. Look out in the new year for more opportunities outside of school time provided by our staff free of charge. Our Peter Pen club will culminate in a performance around Easter time. Look out for tickets to be available in the Spring term.

Responsibilities

We have talked a lot about responsibilities in school with the children this term. They are responsible for their attitude to learning and how they look after each other. We all have a responsibility for collectively looking after the children in our community. We have had the fire service into school to discuss responsibility for fire safety and water safety and after Christmas will have the police into school to talk to the children about responsibility in the community. Our community—our responsibility.

Excellence

I have seen many, many examples of excellence in school this term. Not just from the staff and the children but also from volunteers, Friends of Northstead and from our parents and carers. Whether this is a piece of writing, speed of times table recall, artwork or an amazing Christmas decoration, the children have 'wowed' us with their amazingness this term. We continue to strive for excellence in everything we do but also know that we learn from our mistakes to get things right next time. We will be pushing the children hard to improve their handwriting skills (aiming for excellence) after Christmas—any work that can be done at home for this will really benefit them in school.

We wish you a relaxing and joyful time over the next few weeks and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Wednesday January 4th. (Tuesday January 3rd is a professional development day for staff in school).



Thank you to our fantastic Choir

A big thank you to all the children in the choir who sang at Queen Street Methodist Chapel on Sunday.

Well done to our Autumn bookmark & poem competition winners

Eray C—ERRR

Harriet M—Y6

Jonah H—Y1

Phoebe B—Y6

Grace W—Y2

A very talented bunch!



PLEASE ACTION NOW!

Please could we ask that anything owing on your ParentPay account is paid to ensure that we return in January to a clear balance.

Many Thanks

Congratulations

Best wishes from all our staff to Miss Colmer who will be leaving us in February to have a baby. We wish her all the best from everyone at Northstead.



BBC
**Children
in Need**

Thank You for all your wonderful bakes and donations. We raised an amazing £261.03. This money will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

Poppy Appeal—Thank You



The Royal British Legion have asked us to pass on their grateful thanks for the kind donations, which amounted to the wonderful total of £163.03



Northstead *Seek to Learn*
Community Primary School



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

Applications are now open from
12th October 2022 until 15th January 2023.

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

Our ~~Spring~~ term Open Day is on

Tuesday 10th January 2023

Visits 10.15am-11am / 5.15pm-6pm

Please contact the school to book a place

Tel: 01723 362249

Email: admin@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk



Community – Opportunities – Responsibility - Excellence

CHRISTMAS LITTER PICKS

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

- MONDAY DECEMBER 19 – CAYTON BAY BEACH
10AM-12 NOON**
- THURSDAY DECEMBER 22 – PEASHOLM PARK
10AM-12 NOON**
- TUESDAY DECEMBER 27 – SOUTH CLIFF
10AM-12 NOON**
- THURSDAY DECEMBER 29 – CINDER TRACK
10AM-12 NOON**

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

**A GOODY BAG WITH: CHRISTMAS 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



FLAMBOROUGH FIRE FESTIVAL

FREE FAMILY PASS

This Family Pass includes Free Admittance to the
Flamborough Fire Festival 2022
for all children 15 years or under.
Plus 2 parents/guardians or family members accompanying the children
Or a Staff Member of the above School.

Please show this Free Family Pass at the entrance to the
Festival Arena when you arrive.

The Flamborough Fire Festival
Starts at 8pm and finishes at 10pm

Date – New Year's Eve 2022
Venue – The Festival Arena – Mereside, Flamborough. YO15 1LA

To be used strictly by staff, children and families of
the above School

Valid for New Year's Eve Only 2022

We look forward to seeing you and hope you have a lovely evening
at the
Flamborough Fire Festival 2022

Signed – *Jane Emerson*
On behalf of the Flamborough Fire Festival Team

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The Flamborough Fire Festival is held in aid of local community groups and charities



On behalf of all the children, staff and governors, may I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

School closes on Friday 16th December at 3pm and reopens at 8.35am on Wednesday 4th January 2023

