

# NORTHSTEAD NEWS

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back to all of our community and a Happy New Year to you all. We do hope 2023 will bring us joy, love, encouragement and success for us all. Working together will enable all of us to do this and we look forward to lots more exciting opportunities for our children and a further drive towards excellence in all we do.

### Coughs and Sneezes!



In school we are working with the children to ensure they are washing their hands thoroughly at different times of the day and making sure that they are catching coughs and sneezes in a tissue. We understand at this point of time, as was the case before Christmas that there are many viruses circulating and that this may mean absence may take place. Please remember to call 01723 362249 to report an absence, ideally before 8:30am.

### Curriculum Matters

Curriculum newsletters and learning journal information will be sent out by your child's class teacher via class dojo very soon.

### Spelling Bee

Look out for information about our annual Spelling Bee coming home soon. This will take place towards the end of this half term and parents/carers will be invited into school to watch the grand final.

## Children due to start Primary School in September 2023

Please note 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)

# New starters Open Day



**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 Spring term Open Day is on

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk)

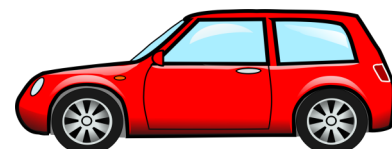


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## Please, please please park safely and considerately

We still have a number of cars parking on the double yellow lines opposite the Key Stage 1 path into school and on the zigzag lines at the front of school. Parents and carers are kindly requested NOT to park here as it causes congestion around the crossing places and puts our children in danger while crossing the road. Please don't force our staff to have to move you on.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



# Attendance Update

An important update about school attendance.

The Department of Education have issued all schools with new guidance for pupil attendance. There is a link attached to the Pupil Attendance and Punctuation Policy. Please ensure you are fully up to date with our new school attendance policy and procedures. [Click here](#)

If you have any questions regarding attendance, please contact the school office on 01723 362249 or [admin@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk), where Mrs Knipe-Bates or Mrs Moorcroft will be able to give advice and support.

## Time to Talk



In the next few weeks we will be launching our new exciting 'Time to Talk'! This is where we will send home weekly talking tasks which gives all children and families the opportunity to talk about a chosen topic/subject. The better we can talk, the better we can write. The more words we know, the more confident we feel in using language for effect. We're really looking forward to getting started with this. Further details to follow. Watch this space!

## Read, Read, Read

At Northstead, reading threads throughout every aspect of our learning. Our goal is for every child to be a reader! Working together, we would like to remind parents and carers that your child will learn more quickly if they read aloud to an adult every night at home. Please listen to your child read at home and remember to share this with their teacher, in their reading record.

Thank you



## Coats / Hats / Gloves

During this term, the weather continues to be cold and wet, and sometimes icy. As much as possible, the children will go outside at playtimes. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing items, including a warm winter coat, hat, gloves and waterproof shoes.



## Punctuality



All children are expected to be in their classrooms for 8:45, the official start time for the day. If your child enters school via the main front door, they are recorded as late and will receive a late mark, which requires a reason for lateness. Please make sure your children are punctual and on time for school.

## Entry to school in the mornings

Please remember that we operate a one way system arriving into school via the Key Stage 1 playground in the mornings. Parents and carers are asked NOT to bring their children into school via the staff car park - this is used to exit the school playground only.

Many Thanks



## Water Bottles



Some children have brought 'Prime' water bottles into school this week. These are causing issues. These water bottles should not be brought into school and are not allowed. Can we please remind you that children should use Northstead water bottles, which are available from the office for £1.60. Your child may bring a different non-branded water bottle if they have lost / damaged their Northstead bottle. Children should bring a bottle to school every day with fresh, clean water.



Please can we also remind you that children should have clear water in their transparent bottles, as we encourage children to drink water, rather than juice.



Thank you

## 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



## Upcoming dates for your diary

**Monday 9th January**

**Y1 Famous Person Day**

**Tuesday 10th January**

**EYFS open day for new starters 10:15—11am or  
5:15—6pm**

**Tuesday 10th January**

**EYFS Around the World Day**

**Thursday 12th January**

**Whole School French Afternoon**

**Thursday 19th January**

**EYFS Enterprise Café 1:15—2:45pm**