

End of Year Message from Mr Hopper

Well, there we have it, 2022-2023 has come to an end for all the children, families and staff in our community and what a year it has been! It has been a whirlwind first year as Headteacher of our wonderful school. A year of many firsts, a year of many positives!

Our school has improved significantly since our last inspection in the areas identified. Despite these improvements, we will continue to work tirelessly to improve school even further. As you will see later in the newsletter, our outcomes are improving, but we want to improve them further.

Our staff team have been incredible this year. Often going above and beyond to ensure every child in our school succeeds in being the best that they can be. We thank everyone for their contribution to improving our school for our children in our community.

Next year, we will be working alongside Selby Educational Trust on a school improvement project, working with the Department for Education on a National Behaviour project and we will continue to work closely with local schools as part of the Scarborough Teaching Alliance. It really is an exciting time to be part of the Northstead Community.

Recently, you may have seen or heard about the renewed focus on attendance in schools from our Education Minister (Gillian Keegan MP) and from the Department for Education. This will continue to be a clear focus for improvement to ensure we return back to 'pre-covid' levels of attendance. Our attendance this year was 93.4% - our aim for next year has to be 95%. Thanks for your support with this vital aspect.

Many Thanks for all your support, your visits into school, your co-operation, your patience, your honesty. We will continue to work together to ensure Northstead Community Primary School is the best it can be!

Thank you to our Staff Leavers

As we approach the end of 2022-2023, we say a fond farewell to a number of staff who will leave us at the end of this year.

Miss Jagger will be moving on to complete her PGCE.

Miss Beaver will be moving on to pursue her career as a teacher.

Miss Wooley will be leaving us to work for the medical education service.

Ms Wiles is leaving and moving to a school in another part of the country.

Mrs Murphy will also be leaving school as a teaching assistant but will be continuing her role as breakfast and after school club leader.



School Meals

UIFSM (Universal Infant Free School Meals) cease at the end of Year 2 and must be paid for from Year 3 unless your child is eligible for FSM (Free School Meals - have to apply for and meet criteria - link below).

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Please note that following the increase in charges for our catering from NYC, we are increasing the cost of a pupil school dinner from September to **£3.00 per meal**. This is after a small subsidy by school, to keep the charge as low as possible for parents. Payments should be made in advance via ParentPay, our online secure payment system. If you have not yet set up a parentpay account, please contact the school office.



Congratulations to Miss Seeley who gave birth to a beautiful baby boy.

Sending lots of love and best wishes to her and her family.



Year 6 Leavers



Well done to our fabulous Year Six Leavers this week. We have really enjoyed working with, and getting to know, our current Year Six children over the past seven years. They have grown in to a very caring, kind and hardworking group who are now more than ready to start their new adventures at Secondary school and beyond. We wish them all every success and happiness for whatever the future brings.

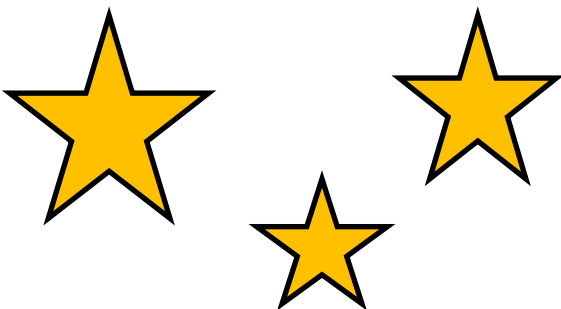


Thank You

Mrs Cousin would like to say a big thank you for all the book donations we have received this year for the school library. This is very much appreciated.



EYFS have celebrated the children's hard work and fantastic progress!



Meet Your New Teacher Evenings

A big thank you to all those Parents and Carers who were able to join us over the last couple of weeks for the 'Meet your New Teacher' meetings. Feedback has been positive from those who attended. Important messages from the meetings have now been shared on your child's Dojo page - please take the time to read this, as it explains some of the changes for September.

New School Times starting in September



Please note the new school hours from September are 8:40am—3:10pm.

Gates will open at 8:30am and 3:05pm for dropping off and collecting children.

Be on time, every time...

We expect all children to arrive through their respective gates by 8:38am every morning from September to ensure they are in their classroom, on time, every time and ready to learn. (Gates will be open by 8:30am)

On the odd occasion any children are late, they should enter school through the dining room doors where our attendance team will be on hand.

The main reception is no longer to be used for any children arriving late into school.

Any children who arrive after 9:10am (which should be very rare) will need to arrive through main reception.

Please support your children's learning by being in school on time, every time.





Get active with the Summer Reading Challenge 2023!

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Ready Set Read! and is all about the power of play, sport, games and physical activity.

The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited-edition Ready Set Read! medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 15th July until Sat 9th Sept.

There will also be a fantastic programme of activities in libraries all summer, many of them free, to go with the challenge – look out for flyers with more details which have been sent to schools for children to bring home.

Welcome to our new staff

Mrs Waterman recently started with us at Northstead and in September, we welcome four new additions to our staffing team. A big Northstead welcome to Mrs Barker, Mrs Storr, Mrs Lok and Mrs Allen. Mrs Allen and Mrs Storr will



be based in EYFS, whilst Mrs Barker and Mrs Lok will be based in key stage two. We look forward to them sharing their expertise and knowledge to enable the children of our community to be the best that they can be.



2023 House Dojo Awards

Castle (Red)	190
Peasholm (Green)	184
North Bay (Yellow)	179
Spa (Blue)	172

Design a Shirt Competition

We are just letting you know about an opportunity of a lifetime for the children to be part of a 'Design the Shirt' competition with Yorkshire Cricket, with the winning entries being worn by Yorkshire Vikings and Northern Diamonds in 2024.

Click [here](#) to find out more information on the competition and the wide ranges of prizes available to the winners.

As you can imagine, this is truly a great opportunity for your children to get involved with Yorkshire Cricket and the professional teams, and you may just have the winner!

Improvements in Reading, Writing and Maths

Achievement data in reading, writing and maths is not always an indicator of improvements in many other parts of school. However, it is important to acknowledge the progress we have made as a school in these key areas over the past 12 months when looking at National tests / checks that our children have undertaken this academic year. These improvements are wonderful to see and represent the hard work and dedication our community have completed this year. We now look forward to further improvements in the coming years, with our community working even closer together to ensure our children are successful in these key academic subjects.

	Progress
Y1 Phonics Screening Check	36% improvement on 2022 data
Y6 Reading	12% improvement on 2022 data
Y6 Writing	15% improvement on 2022 data
Y6 Maths	10% improvement on 2022 data
Y6 Reading, Writing and Maths	14% improvement on 2022 data
Y6 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	15% improvement on 2022 data

Policy Update

Please see updated versions of the School Meals Debt Policy and also the Charging and Remissions Policy by following the link. [Click here](#)



ParentPay

Please ensure that any monies owed for breakfast club, after school club, dinner money or any other items are fully paid for on Parentpay **immediately** so that your balance is clear for the start of the new academic year.

Many Thanks

Inset Days 2023/24 - Children Not in School

Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Friday 6th October 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

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



Summer Holidays are Here!

Have a wonderful time with your families and we will see you when the new term begins on Wednesday 6th September.

