



A big welcome back to Northstead to all of our community. It has been a busy summer in school with lots of refurbishment and building work taking place. Staff have also worked extremely hard over the summer to create amazing learning environments for the children to return to.

2022-23 was a very successful year for school and we achieved a great deal of progress in many different areas. We anticipate an OFSTED inspection during the academic year 2023-24 following our previous inspection in October 2021. School has improved a great deal since then. This is due to the hard work of all staff, the excellent attitudes of the children and the support from our community.

Punctuality

Can we please remind parents of the need to ensure that all children arrive at school on time. The school day begins at 8:40am, and children should arrive any time after 8:30am. Children who arrive after 8:40am will need to enter through the dining room doors and will automatically receive a late mark. On the rare occasions that children arrive after 9:10am they should enter through the school office.

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.

Staff Changes

We would like to welcome our new staff—Mrs Waterman recently started with us at Northstead and, and now we welcome four new additions to our staffing team. A big Northstead welcome to Mrs Barker, Mrs Storr, Mrs Lok and Mrs Allen.



Goodbye!
& THANK YOU

During the holidays, two staff resigned from their positions to take up roles elsewhere. We wish to offer Mrs Moorcroft and Mrs Garrod our sincere thanks for their dedication and hardwork for the children in our community.

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.

Please also note that children should not wear smart watches to school due to safeguarding risks.

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.

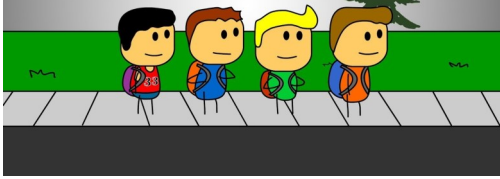
Contact Details

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



WALKING HOME FROM SCHOOL



This week, we sent home to year 5/6 the Walking Home Alone letters. This permits year 5/6 children to walk home whilst the nights are still light. It will be reviewed when the nights get darker. Please can you make sure you are familiar with the content of these documents and support school by upholding the procedures documented. (See policy updates below)

Policy Update

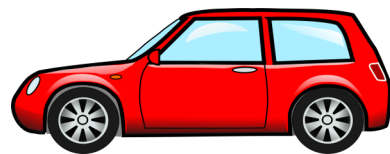
Please see updated versions of the Walking Home from School Policy and also the Collection from School Policy by following the link. [Click here](#)

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.



Over the holidays, Miss Galinski gave birth to a healthy baby girl. We wish Miss Galinski, her partner and their baby lots of love from the Northstead community.

Harvest Assemblies—Tuesday 17th October

1:10pm EYFS

2:00pm KS1

We invite parents of the above year groups into school to celebrate Harvest and join with us as we sing some of our favourite songs with our singing teacher - Miss Dew.

Monday 23rd October—TT Rockstars Day



We invite all children and staff to come to school dressed as their favourite rock star as we celebrate our love of TT Rockstars.

A special visit from Rock Kidz UK will take place on this day. Are you ready to rock!

A donation of £2 per child would be welcomed for this day.

Children in Need Day— Friday 17th November

Please get baking and enter The 'Reet Big Northstead Bake off 3 to help us to raise money for Children in Need.

More Details to follow

Upcoming dates for your diary

12th September	Swimming lessons commence for Year 3
21st September	Peat Rigg information meeting 5:30pm—information to follow
28th September	Y6 SATS information evening 5:30pm—information to follow
6th October	Inset Day
17th October	Harvest Assemblies
23rd October	TT Rockstars Day
6th November	Parents Evening 3:20pm to 6:00pm
9th November	Parents Evening 3:20pm to 6:00pm
17th November	Children in Need Day
23rd November	School Photos
15th December	Christmas Dinner
15th December	Stars of Northstead Assemblies
18th December	EYFS Christmas Party
19th December	Carols at Christmas with the Choir (An event for Grandparents)
20th December	KS1 Christmas
21st December	LKS2 Christmas Party
22nd December	UKS2 Christmas Party