

NORTHSTEAD NEWS

Issue 3

10 November 2023



School Gates close at 8:40am



The main school gates are locked at 8:40 each morning, as this is the start of learning time. Any arrivals after this time must go through the side entrance from the EYFS/ KS1 path, into the Canteen. If your child enters school through the Canteen after 8:40am, they will be marked as late on the register and this will be recorded on their Attendance/Punctuality report.

Please ensure your child arrives at school before 8:40am.

Thank You

Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week—Monday 13th November



Next week is Anti-Bullying week with this year's theme being to 'Make a noise about Bullying.'

As part of anti-bullying week and in order to celebrate differences, the children are asked to come into school wearing odd socks.



Festivals of Light Day –

Wednesday 29th November 2023



The intent for our annual Festivals of Light Day is to broaden the children's knowledge and understanding that three key world religions, other than Christianity, celebrate a Festival of Lights. These religions are Hinduism, Sikhism and Judaism.

The children will learn when the celebration for Diwali/Hanukkah/Advent was/is. They will also learn the importance of the celebration for the religion that their year group are studying, including how the festival is celebrated.

We would like the children to wear a bright top, with normal school uniform trousers / skirt on our Festivals of Light Day to brighten up these dark November days.

The school cook has kindly agreed to prepare a themed lunch, to compliment the theme of the day of:

Chicken Korma / Vegetarian Korma

Rice

Naan Bread and Pickles

Apple and Honey Sponge and Ice Cream

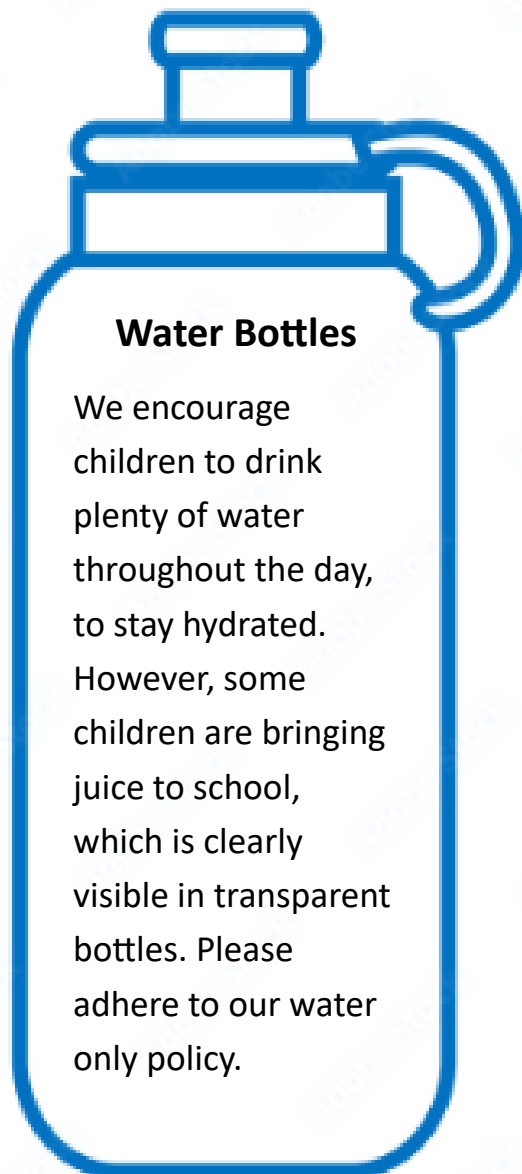


Friday 17th November

On this day we will be taking part in lots of fun activities at school and it will be a non-uniform day with the children being 'spotacular'.

Please do not send any money into school, donations can be made by clicking the following link:

[Children in need](#)



Water Bottles

We encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day, to stay hydrated. However, some children are bringing juice to school, which is clearly visible in transparent bottles. Please adhere to our water only policy.

Warm coats for the Winter

As the temperatures begin to fall, we would like to remind you to send your child to school in a warm coat every day. It is essential that children have some fresh air and a run around at lunch time, so they do go outside in all weathers. Please help by sending your child with warm, waterproof clothing for playtimes.



Christmas Dinner is on Friday 15th December and the cost is £3.00. If you have not already ordered and wish to stay, please inform the office of the chosen option asap. The only options on this day are Christmas Dinner or Vegetarian Christmas Dinner.



As nights are now 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.

Children will NOT be allowed to walk home alone .

Thank you for your support.



OFSTED Parent View

Please note the following information taken from OFSTED Parent View for our school.

	2023-2024	National Average (April 2023)
My child is happy at school	95%	89%
My child feels safe at school	98%	90%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	90%	83%
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with it quickly and effectively	86%	82%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn throughout the year	100%	80%
When I have raised concerns they have been dealt with properly	88%	81%
My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed	81%	70%
The school has high expectations of my child	88%	82%
My child does well at this school	96%	87%
The school lets me know how well my child is doing	89%	83%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	98%	91%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	92%	90%
The school supports my child's wider personal development	84%	78%
I would recommend this school to another parent	92%	84%



Can we please request that all payments for school dinners / clubs / trips are paid for **in advance** using parentpay where possible.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Are you eligible for government help with before and after school club costs?

To check if you are eligible for tax free childcare (essentially gives you basic rate tax back on your bill), please follow the instructions on this link and set up an account if applicable <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Please Park Safely



Parking remains an issue at drop off and collection times. We have noticed many parents and carers parking on the zig zags outside school and on the double yellow lines opposite the school car park. These areas must not be used for parking at the start and end of the day as these are busy areas with families crossing the road.

The community PCSO has informed us that the traffic wardens will be carrying out visits during these times and will be issuing fines to any car parked illegally.

Please be responsible and show you care by NOT parking in these areas.

Thank You



Northstead *Seek to Learn* Community Primary School



Is your child due to start Primary School in September 2024?

Applications are now open from

12th October 2023 until 15th January 2024.

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

Our Autumn term Open Days are on

Wednesday 22nd November AND Friday 24th November 2023

Visits 9.15am-10am / 10.15am-11am / 1.30pm-2.15pm

Please contact the school to book a place

Tel: 01723 362249

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



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Children due to start Primary School in September 2024

Parents can apply for a primary school place from 12th October 2023 and the deadline to apply is **15th January 2024**.

National offer day is 16th April 2024

Please apply online www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions

Please also see the attachment with this newsletter.

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





**Is your child
missing uniform
items?**

There are lost property boxes in all the cloakrooms in school. If your child has lost an item of clothing, please ask them to check in all the lost property boxes as these are filling up with jumpers, cardigans, water bottles, etc.

We will display all leftover items on the playgrounds on the last day of term for you to check.

Upcoming dates for your diary

Monday 13th November	Odd socks Monday for anti bullying week
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Day
Wednesday 22nd November	EYFS Open Day
Thursday 23rd November	School Photos
Friday 24th November	EYFS Open Day
Wednesday 29th November	Festivals of Light Day
Tuesday 12th December	Age UK Christmas Carols in Hall
Wednesday 13th December	EYFS Performance 10:00am & 1:30pm
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Fair 3:10—4:30pm
Friday 15th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 15th December	Stars of Northstead Assemblies
Monday 18th December	EYFS Christmas Party
Tuesday 19th December	Carols at Christmas with the Choir (An event for Grandparents)
Wednesday 20th December	KS1 Christmas Party
Thursday 21st December	LKS2 Christmas Party
Friday 22nd December	UKS2 Christmas Party
Friday 22nd December	Break up