

# NORTHSTEAD NEWS

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## Message from the Headteacher

A very quick 5 weeks has passed us by and we have achieved so much in such a short space of time. Standards in school are rising quickly, children are meeting the enhanced expectations we are placing upon them and staff are, as always doing an incredible job every day.

We still await our scheduled OFSTED inspection and do expect this to take place before April. We are confident that school will be looked at in a positive way in terms of the progress we have made as a school in all areas. All staff in school have contributed to a period of rapid development, it's not always been plain sailing but together we have achieved so much and will continue to achieve so much by sticking together and aiming for excellence in all we do.

Attendance at our school still remains below the national average for all primary schools. Unfortunately, I have sent out over 100 attendance letters this half term to parents of children where attendance is below 90%. A reminder that if your child's attendance is below 90%, this is classed as persistent absence by the Department for Education. It is hoped that with better weather and the cold and flu season passing us that all children move towards having attendance over 90% but ultimately aiming for above 95% as a school average.

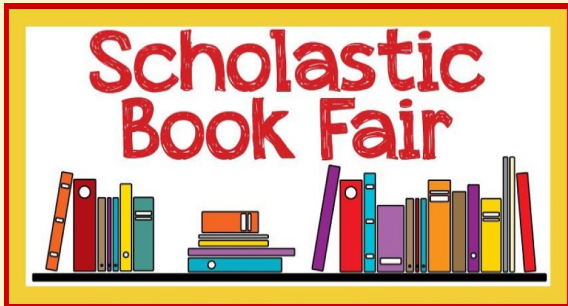
Staff shoutouts—Safeguarding and SEND team.

A big shout out to Mrs James, Mrs Valancius, Mrs Helm, Mrs Percival, Mrs Swiers and Mrs Squire who have changed roles slightly over the past weeks to ensure the standards of safeguarding and SEND provision continue to be high in our school. Their hard work and dedication to our community and to each other has to be praised and thanked publicly. You are all amazing!

I can't praise and thank all of the staff team highly enough. When the going gets tough, they come together and go above and beyond to make sure that as a team and as a community, we offer the very best to our children but also to support each other when it is needed. I hope they all have a very restful and relaxing half term break.

## Travelling Book Fair

20th —22nd March



The book fair will be arriving in school on the 20th March. It will run each day from 3:10-3:40pm with the last one being held on Friday 22nd March.

The £1.00 World Book Day books will not be available at the fair, but the £1.00 voucher can be redeemed against the price of any other book priced £2.99 or over.



## Year 5 and Year 6 Children Walking Home

Please note that after half term, Year 5 and Year 6 children will be allowed to walk home after clubs providing **SCHOOL HAS RECEIVED A SIGNED PERMISSION**. Please contact the person running the club if you wish to arrange this if it has not already been done.

Many Thanks



## *Parent/Teacher Consultations*

Please book a time slot to visit your child's class teacher(s). A great opportunity to view their learning and to discuss the progress they have made this year.

Appointments will be available from 1:10pm—5:50pm on the following dates:

EYFS—Monday 11th March

Year 1—Monday 26th February

Year 2—Tuesday 5th March

Year 3—Tuesday 12th March

Year 4—Wednesday 6th March

Year 5—Thursday 14th March

Year 6—Thursday 22nd February

## World Book Day—Thursday 7th March

We encourage all children to celebrate the joy of reading and books by coming to school dressed up as a character from their favourite book.



### Healthy Packed Lunches and Snacks



Please ensure your child is bringing healthy packed lunches and snacks to school.

Please click on the following link for advice

[North Yorkshire Guidance](#)

### 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



## Uniform Expectations

After careful consideration of both the pros and cons of this, we have decided to revert back to our children being in PE uniform on PE days. This change will be implemented immediately after the half term holiday.

Pe Uniform being:

- Plain white polo shirt or t-shirt
- Navy or Black shorts (or jogging bottoms)
- Navy blue sweatshirt (not hooded)
- Trainers
- Socks
- Children with long hair must have it tied up in a bobble
- If children wear earrings, these should be removed on PE days if the child is unable to remove them independently. Alternatively, tape can be worn over earrings and this should be worn all day. Tape cannot be provided by school.

Why the change?

1. Changing time in school can take a large chunk out of the time allocated for physical education learning.
2. Changing often also means children losing uniform.
3. No bags being left in the cloakrooms (less cluttered space for the children).
4. Currently investigating the feasibility of moving all coat pegs to the corridors to enable the 4 large spaces that would remain to be developed as additional learning spaces for the children.

Your child(s) class teacher will inform you regularly of PE days and this is always on our Friday information letter from the school office.

Children who attend a sports club after school, must wear school uniform and will get changed after school.

## Policies

Please click on the following link to find the updated version of the Parent, Carer and Visitor Behaviour Policy.

[Click here](#)

Please  
remember

**to park SAFELY!**  
**Put child safety before your convenience**

You may have noticed the Parking Attendants present at the start and end of the day. They will continue to be issuing parking fines to any vehicles parked on the zigzags or illegally on the double yellow lines at drop off and collection times. Please park responsibly and show you care by not parking on the zig zags or yellow lines.

Thank you.



**Girlguiding**

**14th Scarborough - Thursdays  
Ebenzers Hall, Columbus Rav**



For ages 4 to 7

Rainbows welcomes all girls to come together to laugh, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space. It's a wonderful world of adventure, week after week, just for her.



Due to girls moving up to Brownies, we have limited spaces available for girls to join after the Easter Holiday's. If you would like your daughter to join or would like further information, please email with your Daughters Name, Age, Address and your name and contact number and we will get back to you.

For Rainbows email Gemma : [scarborough14th@hotmail.com](mailto:scarborough14th@hotmail.com)

*Daughter too young to join? We also have a waiting list, those on it are given priority over new enquiries.*

## - SPORTS NEWS -

### Year 5 and 6 Sports Hall Athletics Team



A massive well done to the Sports Hall Athletics team, who represented the school last Thursday. Many of the team have attended weekly training sessions since October half term. Each week they have been preparing themselves for this competition, training in running, jumping and throwing disciplines.

In their group heats, they came an impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> with this enabling them to come 4<sup>th</sup> in the rankings overall. An extra thank you goes to the two year 5 boys who stepped in at the last minute to allow the team to go.

**Upcoming dates for your diary**

**Thursday 22nd February**

**Year 6 Parent / Teacher consultations**

**Monday 26th February**

**Year 1 Parent / Teacher consultations**

**Friday 1st March**

**Secondary School Offer Day**

**Tuesday 5th March**

**Year 2 Parent / Teacher consultations**

**Wednesday 6th March**

**Year 4 Parent / Teacher consultations**

**Thursday 7th March**

**World Book Day**

**Monday 11th March**

**EYFS Parent / Teacher consultations**

**Tuesday 12th March**

**Year 3 Parent / Teacher consultations**

**Thursday 14th March**

**Year 5 Parent / Teacher consultations**

**Friday 15th March**

**Red Nose Day**

**Monday 18th March**

**Stars of Northstead:**

**9am—EYFS / Y1 / Y2**

**10am—Y3 / Y4**

**11am—Y5 / Y6**

**Wednesday 20th March—Friday 22nd March**

**Travelling Book Fair in School**

**SCHOOL  
HOLIDAYS  
ARE  
HERE !!**

**Have a lovely Half Term with your families. School re-opens on Monday 19th February**

