



Northlands News

Northlands Primary School and Nursery

6th September 2024

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Dear Parents, welcome everyone to a new academic year here at Northlands. I'd like to say an extra special welcome to the new children and families that have joined our community this year. In our assemblies this week, we have been talking about fresh beginnings and the importance of facing all challenges with enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. Personally, I am filled with excitement and optimism for the opportunities that lie ahead. We will continue to strive for the very best that your children deserve in every aspect of their school life – academically, socially and personally. A close parent and school partnership is vital to the success of our community and I look forward to working together to ensure that every child exceeds their potential. Let's make this year even more successful than the last! **Mr Figg**



WHAT'S NEW

During the 6 weeks, there may not have been children in school but that doesn't mean the hard work stopped. Every holiday period is used to further enhance our school building and

facilities and this summer was no different; so what is new?

We have had new lighting and suspended ceilings fitted in Year 3 and 4 making this a much more modern area to learn and work in.



We have also had new alarms and fire detectors fitted as well.

The school's computing suite has been remodelled to create an enhanced learning space for 34 new computers

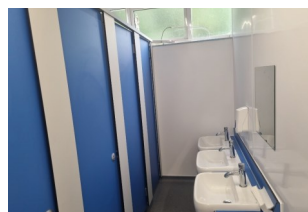


and hopefully some more exciting computing equipment arriving shortly.

The toilets in Year 3 and 4 were in desperate need of refurbishment and that also



happened this summer. The new modern and clean toileting arrangements have been greatly appreciated by the children. As well as all of this, the school's constant rolling project of improving classes has continued with new carpets, painting and furniture transforming these rooms.



REMINDER

We are a large school with over 750 children (including our nursery) and as you can imagine the office can be busy at certain times of the day. To help make things run a little smoother

for everyone, please remember to:

- Record your child's absence on Study Bugs before 9am
- Arrive to school on time. If you are arriving through the office, you will be marked as late.
- Take note of diary dates for your child's class/year group
- Remind class teachers or office staff if someone else is picking your child up or that they are not attending a club after school
- Make sure that children come to school with everything they need for the day ie lunch box, water bottle, PE kit

Did you know we have a Breakfast Club for before school child care which starts at 8am and a Tea-Time Club after school child care which finishes at 5:30pm? Both of



these provisions are run by Northlands staff and are in our building. If you would like any more information about these clubs or to book your child on, please speak to a member of the office staff who will be able to help.

The old saying of 'a problem shared is a problem halved' really is true. That is why we urge parents who have questions, queries or concerns to talk to us about them as soon as possible. We pride ourselves on not only our open door policy but also the visibility of senior members of staff. Your first port of call should always be your child's class teacher. Please speak with them on the door or you can arrange to meet them at another time. However, there are always members of the school's leadership and inclusion team on the playground before and after school to whom you can direct your question.



Autumn Term 2024 Diary Dates

Monday 9th September	5:30pm Welcome to Year 6 & residential trip information evening for parents	
Thursday 12th September	Year 4 Roman Day dress up	
Friday 13th September	Year 6 Tudor Day dress up & Year 4 swimming begins	
Tuesday 17th September	9:15am Reception parents workshop	
Thursday 26th September	2:20pm Birch Class assembly to parents	
Tuesday 1st October	2:20pm Juniper Class assembly to parents	
Thursday 3rd October	2:20pm Aspen Class assembly to parents	
Thursday 10th October	2:20pm Pine Class assembly to parents	
Thursday 17th October	Individual photos & 2:20pm Cedar Class assembly to parents	
Monday 21st October	Start of Black History Week	
Tuesday 22nd October	Year 6 trip to Hampton Court Palace	
Wednesday 23rd October	Year 1 Builders Day dress up & 3:00-4:15pm Reception Fright night disco & 5:00-6:30 Year 3 and 4 Fright Night disco	
Thursday 24th October	3:00-4:30pm Year 1 and 2 Fright Night disco & 5:00-6:30pm Year 5 & 6 Fright Night disco	
Monday 28th to Friday 1st November October Half Term		
Tuesday 5th November	3:30-5:30 Parents Evening	
Wednesday 6th November	4:00-5:00 Parents Evening	
Monday 11th November	Start of Anti-Bullying Week	
Tuesday 12th November	2:20pm Fir Class assembly to parents & Anti-Bullying Week odd socks day	
Thursday 14th November	2:20pm Spruce Class assembly to parents	
Friday 15th November	Hazel Class at Forest School	
Tuesday 19th November	2:20pm Poplar Class assembly to parents	
Thursday 21st November	2:20pm Alder Class assembly to parents	
Friday 22nd November	Hazel Class at Forest School	
Monday 25th November	Start of KS2 Shakespeare Week in English	
Thursday 28th November	10:00am and 2:00pm Year 6 production to parents	
Friday 29th November	Hazel Class at Forest School	
Wednesday 4th December	10:00am and 2:00pm Year 2 production to parents	
Friday 6th December	Maple Class at Forest School	
Tuesday 10th December	10:00am and 2:00pm Year 1 production to parents	
Thursday 12th December	Whole school Christmas Dinner & Christmas jumper non-uniform & Infant Christmas sale	
Friday 13th December	Junior Christmas sale & Maple Class at Forest School	
Tuesday 17th December	10:00am and 2:00pm Reception production to parents	
Thursday 19th December	10:00 and 2:00 Nursery production & after school clubs finish	
Friday 20th December	End of Autumn Term & Christmas Sparkle non-uniform	
Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January Christmas Break		
Monday 6th January	All children to return & PJ and Onesie Day	

Uniform Reminders- The overwhelming majority of pupils have returned looking very smart in correct uniform. We have however had some children return wearing tracksuit bottoms, especially ones with lots of logos on. Please be reminded that this is not uniform and children should not be wearing them. I would also ask parents to not allow their children to come to school with necklaces or bracelets on, as when the inevitable happens that they are lost or broken, it does lead to lots of tears. **A final reminder to please name everything- we already have a large pile of unnamed uniform left around the school.**