

North Park Primary School



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Start of Year Newsletter 2018

Welcome back after the summer break – it is lovely to see all the children looking so smart in their uniforms and to see them working enthusiastically in their new classes! I hope you all had a lovely summer – we have an exciting term ahead – the diary dates are attached for you.

Allergy information and packed lunch guidance

We have a child in school with a severe nut allergy. I would be grateful if parents can bear this in mind when organising packed lunches for children (particularly those pupils in Year 2). Please avoid putting nut based products and nuts (e.g. Nutella etc) into packed lunches. School will take precautions to avoid possible cross-contamination and contact, and your support with this would be very much appreciated. A reminder that school lunches now cost £2.05 a day – £10.25 per week in total. Taylor Shaw offer a five choice menu – if you would like more information or a copy of the menu, please see Mrs Harris in the office. If you think your child is entitled to Free School Meals please ask at the main office and complete a form – we can then check for you.

Reception class entrance

From week beginning Monday 10th September Reception class should come on to the infant yard (at the rear of the school) to line up each morning – children will then be led through the garden to the Reception entrance. Please also wait on the yard after school to collect your child, and the teachers will bring the children out to meet you when they have collected coats and bags. This change is to help us reduce congestion at the Nursery entrance (now that we have more children in classes) and also reduce the need to come through the car park each morning. Thank you.

Parent Governor

We have two vacancies for a Parent Governor and would very much like to hear from anyone who is interested in this important role. Please contact the school office for further details – I will be happy to chat with any interested parents.

Staffing news

We welcome Miss Walton and Mrs Kalus to school. We also congratulate Mrs Willcock and her husband, David, on the safe arrival of their baby daughter, Penelope Rose – we look forward to seeing her soon in school! We would also like to offer our congratulations to Mr Logan and Miss Dobson on their recent engagement and also to Miss Welch on her engagement and her forthcoming marriage.

Attendance – your support to help us reach the Government target of 96% is vital.

- Please also remember, we are **not** authorised to grant leave of absence in term time except for exceptional circumstances, and the Local Authority will now intervene if your child accrues **seven days or more** of unauthorised absence in a term.
- Remember pupils whose attendance falls below 90% are classed as persistent absentees. Any absence will need to be supported by medical evidence. We will monitor this absence with the Local Authority. If you would like to discuss any concerns about attendance, please contact school.

Reminders:

- Remember we are able to offer parents **After School Care** via **Jack in the Box Daycare** – this runs from 3.15 – 5.45pm each night. Contact school for registration forms and cost information.
- Breakfast club begins at 8am each day.
- Any change of personal details, phone numbers, etc – please make sure you let Mrs Harris know so we have a number to contact in emergencies.

Mrs P Monk
4.9.18



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Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

September

- 4** **School re-opens Tuesday 4th September 2018**
6 Buddies and Mini-Bud training
7 Chef in Year 2
10 Smoothie Bike in school
10 Fire Brigade to visit Year 3
12 Year 1 Magic Teeth Show
13 Dentist visit to Nursery, Years 1, 2, 4 and 5
14 PSHCE week showcase assembly
20 Father John assembly

October

- 4** Year 1 Trip – Theatre (Snail on the Whale) and Life centre
5 Harvest Assembly – food bank collection
16 Year 6 Class Assembly
18 FOS Halloween Disco – 4pm
19 **School closes for half term; re-opens 30th October**

November

- 1** Poetry Showcase Assembly
2 Artyfact Theatre
5-7th – Parent Meeting Week (appointments to be arranged)
6 **Whole School Parent Evening** (3.30-6pm)
Afternoon sessions (1-3pm)
5 Year 2 and Year 4
6 Reception and Year 1
7 Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6
6 Dentist in school for check-ups - afternoon and evening
6 Book Fair – after school Tues to Fri.
7 Reception to Year 5 Flu Immunisations
10 Poppy Parade
13 Owl Man visit to Year 1
19 Chef in Year 5
22 Father John assembly
27 Year 5 Class Assembly

December

- 14** Year 1 and 2 Show -pm
17 Year 5 and 6 Carol, Craft and Coffee Morning
17 Year 1, 2 and 3 Disco - pm
18 Year 3 and 4 Carol, Craft and Coffee Morning
19 EYFS Show – am
19 Year 4, 5 and 6 Disco – pm
20 Reception and Nursery party – pm
20 Carol Service – St Andrew's Church – Year 1 to 6 – 2pm
21 Whole School Archery experience
21 **School closes; re-opens Tuesday 8th January**

