

# North Park Primary School



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## Start of Year Newsletter

### **Welcome back to the new school year!**

It is lovely to see the children back at school after the summer break, looking very smart in their uniforms! We have a very busy term ahead (as usual!) and I hope the attached diary dates sheet is useful – this is updated each month – please look out for additional dates and any changes to the diary. A few start of term notices and reminders:

- Staffing – Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Logan and to Mrs Hutchinson (Miss Welch) on their marriages this summer. We welcome back Mrs Willcock back into Reception class; we also welcome Mrs Summerill and Mrs Natrass to the school team. We congratulate Mrs Cope on her application for a new post in County Durham; we will be sad to see her go at the end of this term, but wish her well for her new job. We will soon be recruiting a new teacher for Year 5.
- Mrs Harris is sending home copies of data collection sheets this week – please check the details we hold, particularly emergency contact information – let us know if there are any changes needed and please ensure we have up to date contact telephone numbers.
- Mrs Harris has new stock for anyone wishing to purchase uniform.
- Your child will be bringing home a class letter – please ensure you make a note of PE days – it is best to send PE kit in at the start of each week, so children have this on hand, but they must have a change of clothes on PE days. Please remember jewellery must be removed for health and safety reasons.
- Your support with punctuality and attendance is vital. We operate a first day absence procedure. If your child is absent for any reason, please contact school. You can leave a message or send in a text. Children whose attendance last year was below 90% are classed as having persistent absenteeism – medical evidence (appointment cards, etc) will be needed for any illness. Please contact Mrs Harris if you have any concerns.
- Inhalers were sent home at the end of term. If you have not already done so, please send in a new inhaler if your child needs one. We will ensure your child has access to this in class.
- **Holiday requests** - a reminder that 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 (this includes ALL unauthorised absence – holidays and any unauthorised sessions, including late after registration).
- **2019-2020 School Holidays** - A reminder that this year (2019-2020) some of our professional development days are blocked together so families can benefit from a slightly extended closure and use this as an opportunity to book holidays at a cheaper rate. The planned dates when school will be closed for PD days in 2019-2020 are:
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019**
  - **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020** – these three days follow the May half term week (thus giving a slightly longer block)
  - **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020**
- Any child wishing to join the **school bank** and start saving each week, please see Mrs Harris in September – we collect and bank monies every week and it is a wonderful way for children to save up.
- A reminder that we ask that parents **do not drive into school to drop off or pick up, including for breakfast club – especially into the staff car parking area** - unless by prior agreement with the headteacher. The speed limit for those with permission is **5mph**.
- Breakfast club begins at 8am.
- Remember we offer parents **After School Care** via **Jack in the Box Day-care** – this runs from 3.15 – 5.45pm each night. Contact school for registration forms and cost information.

Mrs P Monk  
3.9.19



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## Autumn Term dates – 2019

### September

- 3 **School re-opens today**
- 4 Police visit – Year 3
- 5 Buddies and Mini-buds training
- 5 Tooth Magician – Y1
- 9 Chef visit – Year 2
- 10 Father John assembly
- 11 Mini medic training – Y3
- 13 Y6 Town Hall visit
- 13 PSHCE showcase assembly
- 16 Family cooking (more information to follow)
- 19 Rugby coaching Year 5 and 6
- 19 Yorvik Viking Centre – Y5
- 20 Y5 – Mini-police training
- 26 Macmillan Coffee Morning – Year 3
- 27 SSOC training

### October

- 3 National Poetry Day
- 4 Harvest Table – Reception class – Parent event
- 4 Whole school harvest assembly and foodbank collection
- 11 NSPCC assemblies – Speak out, Stay Safe Campaign
- 16 Zoo Lab – Year 1
- 17 Year 3 Stone Age Cooking Day
- 21 & 22 Judo taster sessions
- 22 NSPCC workshops – Year 5 and 6
- 22 KS1 Gym and Dance session
- 23 Year 5 and 6 Theatre Show - Macbeth
- 23 Whole school flu immunisation
- 24 Year 6 Family Assembly
- 24 FOS Halloween Disco
- 25 Year 1 theatre show – Jabberbabble
- 25 **School closes for half term**

### November

- 4 **Schools re-opens**
- 4 Poetry week
- 7 Year 3 and 4 Invasion Games coaching
- 11 Anti-bullying week
- 12 Skipping day
- 12 Parent Meetings evening (details on afternoon slots will follow)
- 21 Year 5 Family Assembly
- 22 Year 2 Multi-skills

### December

- 3 Year 3, 4 and 5 Theatre Show – Snow Queen
- 3 Year 6 Gym Festival
- 12 Reception Performance – Nativity Show
- 13 Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Lunch Day
- 16 Year 5 and 6 Craft, Carols and Coffee morning
- 16 Year 1, 2, 3 Christmas Party
- 17 EYFS Party - am
- 18 Year 2 Christingle, Year 1 Christmas Music Show
- 18 Year 4, 5, 6 Christmas Party
- 19 EYFS – theatre performance at Northern Stage
- 19 Year 3 and 4 Craft, Carols and Coffee morning
- 19 Carol Service – St Andrew's Church
- 20 **School closes for the break and re-opens January 6<sup>th</sup> 2020.**

