

## Northwood Primary School

### Newsletter 3 November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was great to see so many of you at our most recent open evenings. I hope that you were very proud of the feedback that the teachers gave to you about your children's education and progress. These sessions are a valuable opportunity to continue to develop effective relationships between home and school. Thank you all for your continued support. I am delighted to share the outcomes of our parent questionnaires below with some great feedback from parents.

"Thank you very much for all the support and hard work."

"I'm extremely proud of the work my child has produced and how well she is doing. I would highly recommend the school to other parents."

"The school is well led and managed, all staff members are friendly and approachable."

#### Parent questionnaire information November 2019

Statement	Strongly Agree/Agree	Disagree/Strongly Disagree	Don't know /Didn't Answer
My child is happy at this school.	99%	1%	0%
My child feels safe at this school	99%	0%	1%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	98%	1%	1%
The school deals with bullying quickly and effectively	95%	4%	2%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	98%	1%	2%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have	95%	3%	3%
The school has high expectations for my child.	98%	1%	2%
My child does well at this school.	99%	1%	0%
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	98%	1%	1%
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	100%	0%	0%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	97%	2%	2%
The school supports my child's wider personal development	97%	1%	2%
I would recommend this school to another parent.	Yes		
	99%		

"When a child loves coming to school you have to be doing something right!"

"Keep up the excellent work everyone!"

"My child is happy at school and given opportunities to develop his skills and be the best he can be."

### **Home Reading Matters**

The teachers have reported positively on the new home reading record initiative, which has clearly had a positive impact on children's ability to read and enjoy books. The following message is from Mr Curtis who is currently in charge of reading developments at Northwood:

*"We will be celebrating our reading achievements with the rewards from last half-term's reading at home challenge. Having been through everyone's reading records, it is very exciting to announce:*

- *180 children will receive an extra playtime,*
- *145 children will be receiving a prize out of our prize box*
- *110 dedicated readers will be invited to a pizza party (letter to follow).*

*This half term's rewards are just as exciting, with an invitation to a special school afternoon disco on offer! Reading is such a vital skill and one that can be developed even further through reading at home. Thank you to everyone for the support so far and I hope to see even more children receiving rewards next time - there's still over 30 marks available in the reading records this half-term, so let's get reading!"*

### **Keeping Children Safe**

Over the last few weeks we have been really focussing on ensuring all of our children have the skills required to keep themselves as safe as possible both in and out of school. Last week was a highly successful Anti-Bullying Week at Northwood, the children engaged positively in a whole range of activities. The focus was based on the hashtag #It's Cool to be Kind. Thank you to all the families who contributed towards our copper coin challenge, the whole stage was practically covered in coins and our wonderful office staff have the glorious job of counting it all before sending it to Children In Need. Look out on Facebook for how much we raised.

We have also been involved in Road Safety Week. This year's theme is "Step up for Safe Streets". The children have carried out a range of sessions and Northwood has agreed to the following safety pledge:

- To use roads safely.
- To use the Green Cross Code
- To develop pupils' awareness of the risks on roads
- To be able to walk, cycle and scooter to and from school safely.
- To be aware of keeping safe on roads when the nights are darker.

### **Christmas Fair at Northwood**

This exciting annual event will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. I have been very busy communicating with the North Pole and have guaranteed a visit from Father Christmas and his Happy Elf which is great news. We hope to see you all there to get in the festive spirit! All money raised from this event goes directly into school funds and is spent on the pupils.

### **Attendance Matters**

Every day at Northwood is a fantastic day for learning. Over the next few weeks all the exciting events begin to happen as we prepare for this special time of year. Please encourage your child to attend school regularly and especially to be on time so that they do not miss out. Remember our school opens from 8.40am.

***School closes on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm and reopens on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.***

Thank you for your continued support,



Mrs Beach,  
Head Teacher.