

## Northwood Primary School

### Newsletter 4 January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't quite believe that we are already into January. Christmas and New Year now seem like a distant memory. I also can't believe it's been a whole year since our last Ofsted inspection! The school continues to grow from strength to strength and I can't wait to see how much progress all of the children make during this next term.

#### **Safer Internet Day**

Safer Internet Day 2020 will be celebrated at Northwood and globally on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 around the theme of "Together for a better internet". Miss Sullivan and Mr Tremewan are organising a range of activities to provide children with information and guidance on how to stay safe online and explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community.



#### **RSPB Big Schools' Bird Watch**

Mrs Sanderson, our Outdoor Learning Lead, is excited to share her plans for our second annual Bird Watch in association with the RSPB. Our wildlife areas continue to develop and evolve into great spaces for wildlife to live and visit as well as providing excellent opportunities for Outdoor Learning. Keep an eye out on Facebook during the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> January for photos and updates about the birds that visit Northwood School. If you feel like joining in at home you can find out more about the RSPB 'Big Garden Bird Watch' at [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk).

#### **NSPCC Number Day**

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February (which is the day we finish for the half term holiday) Northwood is yet again going to be involved in a very special Maths Day for an extra special charity. Mr Sanderson and Mr Todd are planning a fabulous day which will involve using Maths in a range of exciting situations. I am inviting the whole school community to come to school dressed in clothes featuring numbers and/or patterns and/or shapes. On this day we are also going to carry out a "Copper Coin Challenge". I am inviting all children and all staff to bring in any copper coins (1p and 2p coins) to attempt to fill as many number outlines as possible. Let's see if we can beat the amount we raised for Children in Need which was a whopping £139.58!



### Children's Mental Health Week

In the week beginning Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, Miss Robinson will be working with other health professionals to plan and deliver a range of learning activities and discussions about the importance of mental health and wellbeing. During the week we will shine a spotlight on the importance of children's mental health following the theme 'Find your Brave'. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February we are inviting the whole school to wear blue or purple coloured tops, shirts or jumpers to raise awareness of this issue.



### Attendance Matters

Unfortunately last term's attendance levels were affected by a few troublesome winter illness bugs. Hopefully we have seen the last of these and we can start off the New Year on the right foot and continue to improve our attendance. Our school's attendance remains below the national average, which does not reflect all of the amazing things that happen here at Northwood Primary School. Please ensure that your child comes to school every day and on time to give them the best chance for success.



### Join us on Facebook

Many parents have commented on how useful they find our Facebook page to keep up to date with what's happening at Northwood. It is also a great place for us to showcase the school, all the amazing things that happen at Northwood, and celebrate our children's achievements. Please take a minute to like our Facebook page via the following link: [www.facebook.com/northwoodprimary](http://www.facebook.com/northwoodprimary)

### Dates for your Diary

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January: Year 5 Big Me Aspiration Equal Opportunities session.
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January: Year 6 Big Me Aspiration Equal Opportunities session.
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January: Whole School Hoop Stars Day.
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January: Autumn Reading Record Reward 'Disco in the Main Hall'.
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January: Year 2 Great Fire of London Theatre session.
- Week beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January: RSPB Big Schools' Bird Watch.
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January: Whole School 'Big Me' Aspiration Day.
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February: Non-Uniform Day - Wear Purple or Blue clothing to school.
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February: National Storytelling Day.
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February: Safer Internet Day
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February: NSPCC Number Day –Non-Uniform Day- Dress up in clothes featuring numbers/patterns/shapes.

School finishes for half term at 3.30pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. School reopens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Thank you for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mrs Beach'.

Mrs Beach,  
Head Teacher.