

A Message from Mrs Beach, Executive Head Teacher



Isn't it great to be back at school? It has been lovely to see all the children looking so smart and eager to learn after such a long time away. I would like to welcome all the children who are starting Northwood this term and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you all as your Executive Head Teacher.

During the holidays there have been some developments. All of the Key Stage Two classrooms upstairs have had brand new carpets fitted. This investment has made such a difference to the classroom environments and the new carpet smell was enjoyed by all of the children on their first day back! This is part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that Northwood children receive the very best offer that we can deliver.

A Message from Mrs Wassell, Head of School

Welcome back everyone! We are so pleased to see all of the children back at school and welcome new families to Northwood, whether they are children new to our Early Years or other children who have joined us this year. The children have settled into school so well over their first week back and it has been brilliant to see.

When I wrote to parents in July with our school opening information for September, we really did not know what guidance may be in place for schools by the time we returned. Thankfully there have been no further restrictions for schools and we have not had to make any adjustments to our plans. Thank you to all parents/ carers for your cooperation in this first week back as we get back into routines, especially when children are going home. We have not had the majority of parents on the yard at the same time since March 2020 and it can take time for teachers to get used to who regularly comes to school to pick up, so thank you for your patience.

As this year begins, we look forward to more settled times and minimum disruption to our children's education. There will be lots of things going on over the year, so please do keep referring back to this newsletter (and future newsletters) so you have the 'Dates for your Diary' and like our Facebook page so you receive reminders.



Staff News



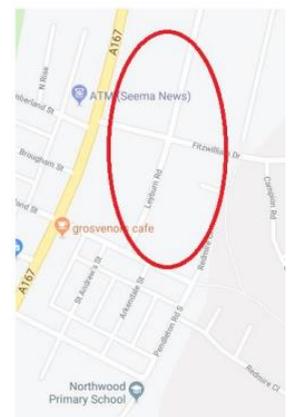
A huge Northwood congratulations to Mrs Harrington (previously Miss Wake) who got married over the Summer holidays.

We welcome Mrs Pounds to Northwood this term. Mrs Pounds is working with our Year 1 children and we are so pleased to have her with us.

Mrs Park has now returned from maternity leave and it is so lovely to have her back! She will be teaching Class 2 on a Monday and Tuesday.

Our Community Matters

Over the Summer holidays and at the start of this term, local residents have complained to the police and council about reckless and dangerous driving. The Community Police visited school to ask us to communicate with parents about the fact that the junction between Leyburn Road and Fitzwilliam Drive is being closely monitored by the police due to many drivers going the wrong way down this one-way street. They have informed us that anyone caught doing this will be issued a fine and 3 penalty points on their license. Let's do all we can to keep the roads and community safe for children and families.



Covid Procedures for September

As you will know, the rules around isolation for people with Covid changed in August; this has resulted in a shift of guidance for schools too. If your child has any of the common Covid symptoms you must keep them at home and book a PCR test. A Lateral Flow Test (LFT) does not detect Covid in the same way and so shouldn't be used for anyone who has symptoms. If the child then tests positive we ask that you contact school by phoning the school office as soon as you can or contacting our Facebook page. The child who tests positive must isolate for 10 days and you should be contacted by Test and Trace and given guidance on rules for the rest of the family. If someone has tested positive in a class there is no need for any other member of the class to isolate. We will send a text message to families to recommend children are taken for a PCR test to check they don't have Covid and ask you to be extra vigilant when looking for signs and symptoms, but children without symptoms must still come to school.



PE Days and Kit

Our school PE days are scheduled to ensure classes have adequate time in the school hall to complete their lessons should the weather not be appropriate to go outside, which as we move further into this term happens more often. This year we have tried to keep this system as simple as possible and ask for Year 1-Year 6 children to come to school in their kits on just one day a week. We ask that Reception children have their PE kit in school to change in to when it is their PE time. Wherever possible we will keep this day the same, however, Mrs Taylor (our PE lead) is always looking for opportunities to bring in exciting experiences and professional coaches for our children which means your child's PE day may change for a set number of weeks. We

Year 1	Class 3	Monday
Year 1	Class 4	Tuesday
Year 2	Class 5 and 6	Monday
Year 3	Class 7 and 8	Tuesday
Year 4	Class 9 and 10	Thursday
Year 5	Class 11 and 12	Wednesday
Year 6	Class 13 and 14	Friday

will aim to give you notice of these changes when it happens but please be assured that if your child comes to school in their uniform instead of their kit, each class has spares that get washed regularly that they can wear. It has been fantastic to see children in their correct PE kit when they come to school. As the weather gets colder, your child can wear plain black jogging bottoms/ leggings as part of their PE kit. Thank you for your cooperation.



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Facebook



If you haven't already, please take a minute to like our Facebook page via the following link: www.facebook.com/northwoodprimary. If you do not have a Facebook account, and don't want to have one, then you can check our school website which has the Facebook feed that you can see: <https://www.northwoodprimary.org.uk/>.

Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 13th September: Roald Dahl Dress Up Day** – To celebrate Roald Dahl's birthday, children can dress up as story book character or wear fancy dress to school.
- **Friday 17th September: Jeans for Genes Day** – Children can wear jeans or own clothes to school. We won't be collecting money on this day but if you would like to donate to the Jeans for Genes charity you can follow this link: <https://www.jeansforgenes.org/donate-with-justgiving>.
- **Week beginning 20th September: Recycle Week** – The theme is 'Step it Up' and the children will learn about the importance of recycling and the climate crisis.
- **Week beginning 27th September: Bike/Scooter/ Walk to school week** – Children will be encouraged to travel to school under their own steam.
- **Friday 1st October: National Poetry Day** – Children across school will learn a poem off-by-heart. Look out for our videos of the performances on Facebook.
- **Thursday 21st October: Harvest Festival** – Our Harvest Festival will be shared by video this year. We traditionally have a non-uniform day on the last day of term, however, as it is school photograph day on the Friday children can come to school in clothes of their choosing.
- **Friday 22nd October: School Photograph Day** – The school photographer will take individual and sibling photographs on this day so the children will need to wear their uniform.

Best wishes,

S. Wassell

Mrs Wassell
Head of School