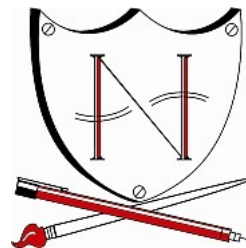


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Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed a good break during half term with your family and were able to enjoy some time outside between the showers.

The children have returned to school refreshed and ready to learn.

Virtual Parents Evening

A parent mail containing clear instructions about how the new virtual parents evening will be run and how parents can book an appointment will be sent out next week. The two dates for meetings are Tuesday 24th November 5:00pm—7:30pm and Thursday 26th November 6:00pm—8:30pm.

Reminder

School will not be closing on Tuesday 17th November. There will no longer be an Inset day on Friday 11th December.

A free abm school dinner for every child in the school

In partnership with our catering company abm we are pleased to be offering every child at Northmead a free school meal. These meals will be offered on a rota basis with each year group being provided with a free meal on consecutive Wednesdays. These are the popular roast dinner days!

Wednesday 18th November—Year Three

Wednesday 25th November—Year Four

Wednesday 2nd December—Year Five

Wednesday 9th December—Year Six



Colder Weather



As the weather is getting colder please ensure children have coats in school, as they will be playing outside in order to get fresh air, whatever the weather!

In order for us to keep our school well ventilated it may be colder in class than usual. If you would like to add another layer we are happy for children to come to school with a named fleece to wear in class, please see example. Fleeces must be;

- Red or black in colour
- Collared with no hood
- Plain, with no logo

Face Masks

Thank you to parents for following our request to wear masks when on the school grounds.

Staff are now wearing face masks / visors in communal areas around the school.



If a child wears a mask to travel to school please provide them with a plastic bag to keep them in during the day.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS

In line with current COVID guidelines, to minimize the spread of the virus, we are requesting parents and visitors do not enter the school building to break the school and class bubbles.

- If you need to collect your child during the day, or are called to collect them, please wait under the outside classroom and a member of staff will walk the child out to meet you.*
- At this time, we do not have the capacity for visitors or parents to use our toilets facilities, as this would result in us breaking a class / staff bubble. We would be required to clean the toilet facility before and after visitors or parents had used the facilities. In emergencies if a younger sibling should be desperate, when collection siblings from Northmead at the end of the day we would ask you to contact the school office.*

Financial Support for families

Some families may be struggling financially during the coronavirus crisis. Different groups of the community will have different financial needs. Please follow the link below to visit Surrey County Council's website which provides a list of what is currently available at this time. They will be reviewing what financial support measures will be available and update it when they have further news.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/coronavirus/need-help/finance>

As a school we are working with many charities who may be able to provide additional support through vouchers or frozen meals. This can be accessed by contacting Wendy Cook our Home School Link Worker. wendy.cook@northmead.surrey.sch.uk

Road Safety

Please support Rebecca, our School Crossing Patrol Officer, in her job to ensure children are able to cross Grange Road safely.

She has raised concerns about where parents are stopping their cars in the zig zag school keep clear zone and pulling off whilst she has children crossing.

Please can children and parents remain on the pavement until the crossing patrol officer is in the middle of the road holding her 'Lollipop' and cross in front of her when asked to do so.

Please also remember to stand behind the white lines marked on the pavement to ensure social distancing



DIARY DATES - check out what is happening and how you can be involved!

Please be aware that these events are planned a term in advance and sometimes, due to unforeseen

18th November 2020		Yr 3 Free ABM School Dinner
20th November 2020		NST Mufti Day in Exchange for Raffle Prize
24th November 2020	17:00 to 19:30	Virtual Parent Consultations
25th November 2020		Yr 4 Free ABM School Dinner
26th November 2020	18:00 to 20:30	Virtual Parent Consultations
2nd December 2020		Yr 5 Free ABM School Dinner
9th December 2020		Yr 6 Free ABM School Dinner
11th December 2020		NST Christmas Jumper Day
18th December 2020		Break up for Christmas Holidays
4th January 2021		School Reopens for Spring Term

circumstances, some dates have to be changed. If there are any changes or additional dates we will endeavour to inform you at the earliest opportunity (usually text message, school newsletter or school website)

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