



Welcome to Northmead Junior School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Northmead Junior School, we'd like to introduce you to the school charity, Northmead Supporters Team (NST). We look forward to you joining us in September.

WHAT IS THE NST?

As a parent or guardian of a child at Northmead you are automatically a member of our parent teacher association. We are separate from the school and set up as a registered charity (reg no: 1182401). We are members of Parentkind, an organisation that supports pta's, we have adopted its suggested pta charity constitution, use them for advice and their membership provides us with the necessary public liability insurances to run events. As a registered charity we have elected trustees and a board, these currently are:

- Chair - Rebecca Lock - co-opted (year 5 parent).
Treasurer - Fran Miles (year 6 parent).
Secretary - Sarah McArthur (year 4 parent).
Other trustees - Sarah Jones (year 6 parent) and Denise Lewis (Deputy Head).

Our trustees are elected at our AGM each year at the beginning of September. All members are welcome to come along; to find out more and have a say. This years AGM will be held at the school on Wednesday 8th September at 7pm. Drinks (*wine or gin anyone?*) and nibbles will be provided.

The NST can't run on trustees alone, so we need a fantastic team to support us! We are always looking for an extra pair of hands to help spread the load, come up with new ideas, run an event (*would you like to run a small business and look after our tuck shop?*), help at an event, or just behind the scenes assisting with the odd job. If you are interested, we'd love to hear from you (see contact details below). We usually hold additional meetings each term at The Worpleston Place to make it a little more of a social occasion!

WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?

The purpose of the NST is to provide resources and activities that enhance the children's learning, and to encourage a sense of community for the children, their families and the staff at Northmead.

We do this by supporting the following each year:

- Annual enrichment week
- Fantastic Fridays
- Relevant year group workshops
- Easter egg hunt
- Upkeep of the animals and wildlife areas
- Providing a lunchtime Hub club
- Young Carers club

We also look to sponsor large and ad-hoc projects, over the past year we have:

- Replaced the guinea pig hutch with a large animal enclosure adding more guinea pigs and beautiful Dutch bunnies.
- Replaced the old messy pond with two wonderful new ponds (thanks to the hard work of NST members Denise Lewis (Trustee), Tom Lewis and Miss Ramsay, and parent volunteer days).

- Providing each child with a Christmas present of a book.
- Play time double-dutch skipping ropes.
- End of year treats (to say thank you for how well they have behaved with all the Covid rules!).
- ***We have Skateboarding workshops booked in for Sept 21***
- Our new big project is almost ready for announcement...watch this space!

We fundraise throughout the year with fun activities to help pay for all of this, these include:

- Bonfire and firework night extravaganza (**SAVE THE DATE** Thurs 4th Nov 21 @ 6.30-9pm)
- Spring and summer fairs (**SAVE THE DATE** our delayed 2021 fair Sat 25th Sept 21 @ 12-3pm)
- Year 3 welcome coffee afternoon (**SAVE THE DATE** Thurs 2nd Sept 21 @ 2.30-3.15pm)
- Christmas raffles
- Film nights (**SAVE THE DATE** Thurs 16th Dec 21 @ 3pm)
- Quizzes*
- Tuckshops
- Second hand uniform sales
- Sponsored silence
- Santa run
- Mufti days
- Discos*
- Smarties challenge

*future indoor crowded events dependent on government Covid guidelines.

You can also donate at any time during the year in the Parentmail shop. General donations 'Northmead Supporters Team – Donation' or keep a look out for any addition reserved funds options where we are fundraising for a special big project. We are always on the look out for sponsorship opportunities so please let us know if you are able to help us in this respect (large one-off donations, helping out days, raffle prizes etc).

COMMUNICATIONS

We always send out communications via Parentmail so you won't miss anything, no longer are we sending out letters in bookbags without prior knowledge (only really gift aid declarations these days)!

If you use Facebook, we also operate a page 'Northmead Supporters Team'. Please 'like' our page to keep up to date with what's on and a few helpful reminders.

Second hand uniform can be ordered throughout the school year on the Facebook page 'Northmead Secondhand Uniform'. All items are £1 and can be paid for in the Parentmail shop.

Should you wish to contact us via email – Northmead.NST@gmail.com.

See you in September!

Northmead Supporters Team x