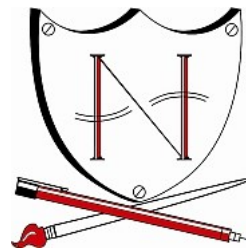


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Dear Parents and carers,

Bonfire Night

What a fabulous evening of fireworks organised by the NST! The event raised **£3070!**

Three fantastic guys were entered into the Guy Competition. The winning guy, by a small margin, was **"Covid"** created by George W (6LP). Well done George!



Prospective Parent visits

It has been really good to have small groups of parents back in school and to talk to them about the wonderful opportunities Northmead can offer their children. Our new House Captains were thrilled to show them around and point out the great facilities we have for learning and play times. The parents were all very impressed with their tours. Remaining tours available on the following dates:

Wed 10/11/21: 11 - 12 noon

Thur 11/11/21: 5.30 - 6.30 pm

If you have not yet booked a tour and would like to visit our school we will be releasing additional dates in January, just before the deadline for submitting Key stage 2 choices.

Successful visit from Carol Pearce ~ School Improvement Partner

We had a very successful monitoring visit from Carol Pearce our School Improvement partner from Athena/GEP. She was in school just before half term, visiting every class to see the quality of the teaching and learning during English lessons. Carol was pleased to evidence high expectations for all children during her learning walk and saw all children absorbed and engaged in their learning.

School Production

We have reflected on the logistics of running a whole school production and have decided in the light of rising covid cases it is sadly not sensible to plan this for December. We are thinking of planning a whole school production in the summer term outside if possible. We would like to organise a simpler Christmas celebration involving whole school carols, a year 3 Nativity tableau and some short linking scenes by year 6 children. This event may be held at Emmanuel Church and we have provisionally booked the morning of Friday 17th December 2021. We are at present uncertain if parents will be able to be present. The aim is to live stream the event for all to be able to participate in some way. We will keep you updated if plans need to be changed.

Inset Day - Friday 10th December 2021

The INSET day planned for 10th December will still be taking place and will be used for staff training in computing.

Parent consultation evenings

These will be held virtually on Wednesday 17th November and Thursday 18th November. Mr Kemp will be holding his second evening on Tuesday 16th November due to taking a team of girls to a football match. Details have been sent out via Parentmail.



Lunch in the dining hall

We had a very successful return to eating in the school dining hall this week. It was good to see the children happily eating with their friends and experiencing a return to independence - choosing from the salad bar and clearing away their own plates and cutlery. A good return to normal school life.



Sports News!

On Thursday afternoon, Northmead took part in the Guildford Schools' Football Tournament at Kings College; ten schools from across Guildford attended and it was a fantastic occasion with some extremely high quality football on show. After four games in the group stages, and a commendable record of three draws and one defeat, Northmead finished just outside the top two and sadly did not progress to the semi-finals. It was a pleasure to be playing fixtures as a school again – it has been two years since the last one due to the pandemic – and the quality of football played by a mixed team of Year 6, 5 and 4 children was at times a joy to watch.

Congratulations to all those who represented the school:

Rizan H, Rhys S, Jack A, Jude J, Harry L, Jake D, Struan C and Lucas K.



Cricket Coaching

The 6 consecutive weeks of professional cricket coaching for YR5 and YR4 started on Monday 8th November. Cricket lessons are delivered by Surrey Cricket England who have an excellent track record for delivering cricket within schools.

A '**Chance to Shine Cricket Coaching**' is well known for inclusiveness and our aim is to increase confidence of pupils in the sport and deliver Career Professional Development (CPD) to our PE teaching staff.

Both year groups have really enjoyed their first coaching session and are looking forward to the next 5 weeks.



After school Clubs

Now the evenings are drawing in we ask parents of children in years 3,4 and 5 to collect their children **from the playground** at the time the club finishes. Children will only be allowed to leave the playground with a parent/carer. Parents of children in year 6 can e-mail the school office giving permission if they would like their children to walk home after a club. We will review these arrangements in March when the evenings start to become lighter again.

'Buzzwords', our new Northmead Writing Club got off to a fantastic start last week. Across the year groups, over 137 pupils attended the lunchtime sessions, and enjoyed writing just for fun!

The children used a variety of different types of paper, pens and pencils to write stories, poems, cartoon strips and magazine articles. Some even started the first draft of a novel or novella! They experimented with different handwriting styles and spent time illustrating to make their work more eye catching.

Our excellent Year 6 helpers were on hand to help with spellings, editing and to bounce around ideas.

All of this resulted in some exceptional writing that the children should be very proud of.

Everyone is welcome to come to 'Buzzwords'.

Year 3 - Monday Lunchtime

Year 4 - Tuesday Lunchtime

Year 5 - Wednesday Lunchtime

Year 6 - Thursday and Friday Lunchtime

Coronavirus Update

We are aware Covid is still very much around and wanted to say thank you for your support in relation to getting PCR tests and isolating when necessary. Everyone has been very kind and understanding.



Please continue to follow the following Government advice.

Children who have symptoms of Covid 19 must not come into school until they have a negative PCR test result. Parents of Children who show symptoms while they are at school will be asked to collect them to get a PCR test.

Children are no longer required to isolate if a member of their family has COVID.

However it is recommended they take a PCR test to make sure they have not caught covid.

We appreciate your ongoing support to protect our school community

Athena/Guildford Education Partnership have asked that we inform parents of the number of Covid Cases in school.

Week Commencing 1st November 2021: **2**

Crossing Patrol Times

The School Crossing Patrol Officer is in place at the top of the school drive between the following times:

Morning : **8:25 to 9:00 am**

Afternoon: **2:50 to 3:30 pm**



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 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)

Wednesday 10th November		Booking opens for Parent Consultations
17th & 18th November 2021		Virtual Parents Evenings
Friday 10th December	INSET DAY	School Closed
Friday 17th December	1.45pm	Break up for Christmas Holidays
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Tuesday 4th January	INSET DAY	School Closed
Wednesday 5th January	8.30 am	School Reopens for Spring Term

Inset days and Jubilee Bank Holiday


Friday 10th December 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 21st February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022 (Day in lieu of Jubilee Bank Holiday 2nd June 2022)



NST EVENTS	DATE
Hamper Donations & Mufti Day	Fri 12 Nov @ 0830
Issue of raffle tickets	Mon 22 Nov
Deadline for purchasing of Christmas raffle tickets	Thu 9 Dec @ 1530
Inset Day	Fri 10 Dec
Deadline for purchasing Movie Night tickets	Fri 10 Dec @ 2300
Santa Run (during PE lessons)	w/c 13 Dec
Christmas raffle draw	Mon 13 Dec
Christmas Movie Night	Thu 16 Dec
Deadline for Santa Run sponsorship forms	Fri 17 Dec

