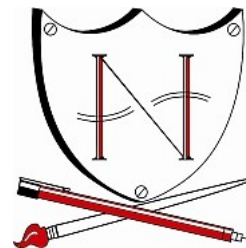


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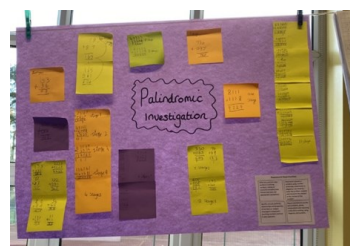
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Dear Parents and carers,

Maths Week - Let's Investigate !

During Maths Week, we enjoyed carrying out some investigations, including:

- working out how to create a thousand out of bundles of drinking straws
- investigating temperatures around the school
- finding out about palindromic numbers
- investigating number patterns and how to explain them
- investigating nets to make cubes



England Rocks !

Thank you to everyone who took part in this

TTRockstars Competition last week!

Out of 4152 schools taking part, we were 391st on overall points !

Congratulations to 5R, who were the highest scoring band , with 4W in 2nd place and 5M in 3rd.

Well done to the top 4 players who were:

Daniel S in 4W with 10 000 points !!

Elvin H in 5M with 8215 points!!

Harry D in 5M with 7946 points !!

Rayyaan G in 5R with 7620 points !!



#UniteTheUniforms for the @999Cenotaph

On Friday 3rd December 2021 schools colleges and universities across the UK have been invited to hold a non-uniform day in honour of the millions of people who have served in the NHS and emergency services.



Northmead School will be taking part as a mark of respect. Pupils are invited to wear the colours of the emergency services - **red**, **blue**, **orange** and **green** and to **donate £1** towards the UK's first 'Emergency Services Cenotaph'

For more details see the following link: [Parents Letter](#)

Inset Day - Friday 10th December 2021

The INSET day planned for 10th December will still be taking place.



At Northmead we raised **£290.87** for Children in need - Well done!

PACKED LUNCH REMINDER



To support our children with various nut allergies, we are a nut-free school. It is vitally important that we remain vigilant about this and reduce, as far as possible the chances of children who have nut allergies coming into contact with any form of nuts. We must insist that children's packed lunches do not include any products containing nuts. This is also a good opportunity to remind everyone that morning snacks must only be fruit or vegetables.

We also ask that you support us in helping your child to make healthy choices and keep crisps and cakes to a minimum. We do not believe sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks should be included in a healthy packed lunch and we request that you keep these treats for after school. In this context we also ask that pack lunches only include low-sugar squash, juice or water. For obvious reasons please do not send your child to school with thermos flasks, glass bottles or anything which easily breaks.



Break time snacks



We encourage children to eat a piece of fruit during morning break. However, please remember that 'fruit winders' or similar, in our opinion, do not count as a piece of break time fruit. Please ensure your child has a clean, named water bottle in school. We have drinking water readily available in classrooms so that bottles can be refilled during the school day.

End of the School Day

The staggered finishing times have been introduced to reduce the number of people on site at any one time to minimise the spread of Coronavirus.

Parent should leave the school premises promptly once they have collected their child. Children, both Northmead pupils & siblings, **must not** be allowed to climb on the adventure trail, the climbing frame or the gym equipment. The school gates close at 3.30pm unless your child is attending an afternoon activity.

Please do not be tempted to gather in groups at the top of the drive.

Thank you for your support with these risk reductions.



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**



COLDER WEATHER:

With the sudden drop in temperature, it feels as though we have really moved into winter. Please remember to send children to school with outdoor layers/coats for play time and lunch break. This needs to include a waterproof coat as they still play outside even if it is drizzly.

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.

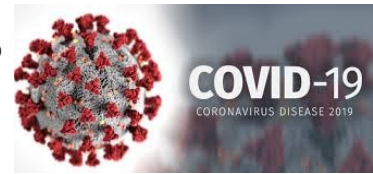
Children are no longer required to isolate if a member of their family has COVID.

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 22nd November 2021: **7** cases.



Please see the information received from the DFE last week Sadly, we will need to return to wearing face masks in communal areas and moving around the school from Monday 29th November until the end of the Autumn term.



*Covid rates are rising fast in Surrey and it is important that we do everything we can to get the rates down and protect ourselves and others from the virus. Therefore, **with immediate effect, the Surrey County Council Director of Public Health strongly recommends that face coverings should be worn in communal areas (excluding classrooms) for primary school staff and visitors, and secondary school pupils, staff and visitors**, unless they are exempt or have a reasonable excuse. This is applicable to all Surrey schools, education settings and further education settings for the remainder of the Autumn term*

Christmas Celebrations!

We are keen to continue with our Christmas celebrations as planned, but we have been advised by the DfE to review our arrangements a week before events take place. We will keep you posted if arrangements need to change.

Christmas Dinner



We are looking forward to our school Christmas dinner on Wednesday 15th December 2021. All children and staff are encouraged to wear Christmas Jumpers on this day!



Christmas Carol Service

We are still planning to hold our Carol Service at Emmanuel Church Stoughton on Friday 17th December 2021. The church is large enough to space the whole school out and ensure the children sit with their own year group.

Sadly, we have made the decision not to invite parents and friends of the school to this event.

We will be running a live stream for parents to be able to join us virtually.

Children have started practicing their carols and year 6 are hoping to act out 'A midwife crisis'.



Year group songs will be-

Year 3 ~ Star Song

Year 4 ~ Wise men we are

Year 5 ~ God's message

Year 6 ~ What a commotion & Baa Baa Bethlehem.

Whole School ~ Tonight we celebrate.

Thank you for helping your child to learn these songs.



Christmas Cards

If your child would like to bring in a Christmas card for their friends we will be putting the Christmas post box out on Monday 13th December.

Please hold on to your cards until that date as they may get lost if they come into school too early.



Important Notice

We have decided to add a second **INSET** day after Christmas on **WEDNESDAY 5th JANUARY 2022**.

This will allow important staff training on phonics and enable us to plan safely to re-open the school.

This INSET day will replace the one planned for Monday 6th June 2022.

Inset days and Jubilee Bank Holiday

Friday 10th December 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Monday 21st February 2022

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

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)

Friday 3rd December		Non Uniform day in honour of those who've served in the NHS and emergency Services
Friday 10th December	INSET DAY	School Closed
Wednesday 15th December		Christmas Dinner Day! Wear your Christmas jumper to school!!
Friday 17th December	am 1.45pm	Live stream of Christmas Carol Service from Emmanuel Church Break up for Christmas Holidays
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Tuesday 4th January	INSET DAY	School Closed
Wednesday 5th January	INSET DAY	School Closed
Thursday 6th January	8.30 am	School Reopens for Spring Term



NST EVENTS	DATE
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