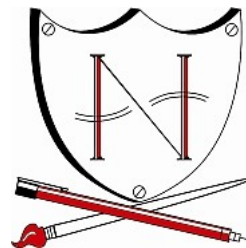


# Northmead

## Newsletter



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**17th December 2021—Issue 6**

Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you all for your support once again this term. I am pleased to say the number of covid cases in school have reduced since we have all worked together to reduce contacts.

We have all been able to enjoy a very festive time in school in the run up to Christmas, as well as observing measures to keep everyone as safe as possible. As parents have sadly been unable to join us for our usual celebrations we have included some photographs on this last newsletter. A recording of the carol concert and Nativity will be available to view as soon as it has been edited.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the whole staff and the NST for their efforts to make sure this has been a special time for the children. We have been able to enjoy Christmas dinner, Christmas carols, a Nativity play, film night and each year group has organized a Santa run to mention just some of the events the children have enjoyed.

We are having decorators in school during the Christmas holidays and the long corridor in the old building will be given a much needed freshen up with a lick of paint. No-one can remember when it was last painted, so it is very over due !

We hope you all have a happy and peaceful Christmas and can enjoy spending time with your family and friends.

We have two INSET days in January when staff will be working on a variety of topics including computing, Writing, safeguarding with a focus on sexual harassment - peer on peer abuse. The second day will be staff training on the new phonics scheme called Little Wandle that we will be using from January. Denise Lewis our Reading subject leader will be sending out more information about this at the beginning of the new school year.

We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Take care and stay safe,

Debbie Brown



## 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.

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 13th December 2021: **14 cases**



*Please see the information received from the DFE . 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***

### **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)

#### **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 2022**

Tuesday 4th January 2022, Wednesday 5th January 2022, Monday 21st February 2022 and Friday 22nd July 2022 (Day in lieu of Jubilee Bank Holiday 2nd June 2022)

#### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

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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