

Northmead

News



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Dear Parents,

Thank you very much for showing your interest and support by completing our recent survey. We were very pleased to receive 241 responses which is 55% of our school community. We will be analysing the results over the Easter holiday and look forward to sharing the feedback with you in our next newsletter.

I was privileged to attend the Guildford school music festival yesterday evening at G-live. A group of our children sang with a combined choir from eight primary schools across Guildford and a small group of children played in the joint orchestra. It was a wonderful performance and fantastic for our school to be able to take part in a collaborative event once more. I was very proud of our children who sang, read and played their instruments to a very high standard. They were patient during the lengthy rehearsals and their behaviour was excellent at all times.

Special thanks to Miss Ramsay for working with them to support and prepare them for this performance.

I hope you all have a relaxing and happy Easter break and look forward to seeing you at the beginning of the summer term on Tuesday 19th April.

Best Wishes

Debbie Brown





National School
Governors'
Awareness Day

Message from our Chair of Governors

Last month saw the inaugural national school governors' awareness day. Do you know what governors do and who your governors at Northmead are?

What we do: As school governors we provide strategic leadership to the school, holding school leaders to account for the outcomes and pastoral care of students and make sure the school's money is spent for the benefit of the pupils and also liaise with our academy trust.

Who we are: In addition to the head teacher Debbie Brown and the deputy head Denise Lewis we currently have 6 non-staff governors.

Our two parent governors both joined in 2021. Debbie Gooch is our new SEND governor. She is a parent of a child in Year 4 (and also has a child in Year 1 at Stoughton) and works as a lecturer in Developmental Psychology at the University of Surrey where she runs a module in Psychology and Education. Dan Little is a company director and commercial pilot with a daughter in year 5. He also coaches youth rugby and will be our new PE link governor.

Charlotte Lacey and Sarah Fothergill both joined in 2019 as community governors. Charlotte is a strategy consultant who specialises in conducting research and strategy projects for schools. She has three children who are all at the later stages of their education.

Sarah works as a Head of Finance for a defence company and is our health and safety governor and vice chair.

Mike Cubitt joined in 2014 as a community governor and is a retired CFO and has been our finance link governor for the last 8 years. I first joined the Governing Body in Dec 2013 as a parent governor becoming Chair of Governors in July 2018 (my daughters are now in secondary school/sixth form). I work as an academic in the Physics Department at the University of Surrey being involved in research, project management and teaching.

Get in touch: We also conduct school visits to see all aspects of schooling in action and look at the outcomes of parent surveys. We always love to hear from you, so thanks for all who have already filled in the latest survey (do have a go if you haven't yet). If you have any other general points you want to pass on to governors, please just contact me at chair@northmead.surrey.sch.uk (for any individual comments please contact the relevant member of staff at the school directly). If you are interested in finding out more about joining the governing body at Northmead (or the trust board of our Learning Partners Trust) please contact myself or the school. Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break.

Konstanze Hild (Chair of Governors)



TT Rockstars Competition Results !

Last week, to celebrate World Maths Day, the upper and lower school were competing in a Battle of the Bands ! Results are as follows:

Upper School :

1st place - 5R - 1375 points

2nd place - 6K - 1090 points

3rd place - 6MD - 956 points

Lower school:

1st place - 4W - 705 points 2nd place - Centre - 701 points

3rd place - 4P - 651 points

Congratulations to 5R and 4W who win their classes an extra long playtime this week ! Thank you to everyone who took part.

Sports Hall Athletics

On Thursday 24th March YR5 and YR6 took part to the annual Sports hall Athletic event hosted by The Spectrum competing with 12 other Guildford school teams. Impeccable behaviour, great fun, competitive spirit, and fantastic results. Well done to all those who took part and represented the school with such enthusiasm.

Mrs Polden



Music Rehearsals for G-Live





Update

As you will be aware the government announced their plans for Living with COVID-19. The DFE have outlined the changes for schools and we wanted to communicate these to you. The changes were effective from **Thursday 24th February 2022.**

Obviously, the changes are significant adjustments to the way that we have been operating in school but please be advised that we are following government guidance and the local schools in our trust are also updating information for parents and carers. We are sure that many of you will welcome these changes and we hope that it will feel closer to normality for children and adults in our community.

The key messages from the information that has been shared with us are outlined below;

- Children and staff should stay home if they are unwell and displaying symptoms, e.g. high temperature or persistent cough. Lateral flow tests will no longer be available free of charge from 1st April 2022.
- Have a PCR test if you have COVID-19 symptoms, stay home and avoid contact with other people. If you test positive isolate for at least 5 full days, then continue to follow the guidance until you receive 2 negative lateral flow tests on consecutive days.
- Continue to ventilate classrooms.
- Wash hands regularly and follow the advice to "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it".
- Staff are no longer be required to undertake twice weekly lateral flow tests.

Covid In School

The number of Positive Cases in School is currently **6**

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 1st April	1.45 pm	Break up for Easter Holidays
Tuesday 19th April	8.30 am	School Opens for Summer Term
Friday 6 th May		Young Voices at the O2
Friday 20 th May		NST Film night
Week commencing 23 rd May		Yr 4 Holmbury Trip
Friday 27 th May		Break up for Half Term



Community News



WOOD STREET VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

We are a family-oriented club, located in a safe beautiful rural woodland setting away from roads & traffic in Wood Street Village.

COLTS CRICKET 2022

Starts **FRIDAY 22ND APRIL** Registration from 5^{PM}.
Training every Friday from 6^{PM} - 7.30^{PM}.

- Open to Year 3 and upwards, boys and girls.
- Come and try - have two free taster sessions.
- Matches throughout the season, all equipment provided.

CONTACT wsvcc.colts@gmail.com FOR MORE INFORMATION / GU3 3EZ

"Cricket is back at Wood Street Village "

"Want to Play Cricket"

"Come and Try – have two Taster sessions"

Registration and 1st training session starts at **5.30pm on Friday 22nd April**. (Training 6pm – 7.30pm every Friday) – Just Turn Up!

Open to Year 3 and upwards, boys and girls.

Matches throughout the season, all equipment provided.
Family BBQs after training every third Friday, if allowed!

Contact: Julian Richards Tel: 07860 434739

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Address:

Wood Street Village Cricket Club

Toby's Oaks, Backside Common,

Near Russell Place Farm,

Frog Grove Lane

Wood Street Village

Guildford GU3 3EZ

Maplink: <http://maps.google.co.uk/?q=GU3%203EZ>



Easter Trail

Join the horses for an Easter trail around the Sanctuary and win an edible prize!

**Saturday 16th April
between 10am - 3pm**

Dogs on leads welcome.
Easter egg trail - £4 per trail.
Entry prices are just for those taking part
accompanying adults go free.

click on the link below
<https://www.manechancesanctuary.org/EasterEggTickets.html>



Kelly's Cycle Challenge

**Sunday 22nd May
Alice Holt, Farnham**

Join us for the Family Forest Ride! A 7 mile cycling route through Alice Holt Forest. Fun for all the family! Plus any children taking part receive 20% off Go Ape on the day!

To sign up or for more information please visit
www.disability-challengers.org/kellys-cycle-challenge-2022/

All proceeds go to local charity **Challengers**



Kelly's
CHARITY EVENTS