

Northmead

News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to the start of this new academic year. We have been very pleased to see the children return in their smart school uniforms, happy, relaxed and ready to start their learning.

We have been excited to welcome our new year 3 children and their families to our school community, as well as several children starting with us in years 4,5 and 6. They are already demonstrating our values of 'ready, respectful and safe'

All of the children have settled quickly and happily into their new classes and new routines. Their attitude and behaviour has been excellent.

The school gate opens at 8.30am and registration is promptly at 8.45am. This allows everyone to arrive at school at a pace that suits them and ensures a positive, calm start to the day as no-one has to walk into class once lessons have started. It is pleasing to note the vast majority of children are in class in good time.

What a start we have had to this school year. On the first day back, we had issues with the equipment in the school kitchen, which we are still working hard to resolve even now. On Friday 9th September we came together as a school community for a special assembly to honour the Queen to celebrate her life of devotion and service to our country.

Then on Monday 12th September we received the phone call from Ofsted telling us of our two-day inspection. We were pleased with how the two days went and parents will receive a letter from Ofsted giving more details by October half term.

Thank you all for your support during this time.

Best Wishes

Debbie Brown

On behalf of us all at Northmead, we would like to extend our sincere condolences following the passing of Her Majesty The Queen. We gathered as a school for a special assembly to show gratitude for her dedication and service to her people. Our thoughts are with His Majesty The King and all members of the Royal Family at this time.



School improvements during the summer holidays

- Five classrooms in the older building have been brightened up with newly painted walls and ceilings and two have had new carpets fitted. More decoration is planned for October half term, It makes such a difference to have bright freshly painted classrooms for children and staff to work in.
- The old damaged shed has been replaced with a smart new one to store PE equipment.
- The new outdoor reading garden has been completed in memory of Mrs Gillian Furnell, a much loved teacher at Northmead from 1977 – 2018

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is of paramount importance to us at Northmead.

All staff received their annual safeguarding update training during the INSET day on Friday 2nd September.

We have a team of four Designated safeguarding leads in school.

- Sarah Stocking (Lead DSL)
- Debbie Brown (Deputy DSL)
- Denise Lewis (Deputy DSL)
- Wendy Cook (Deputy DSL)

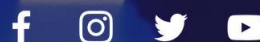
Should you have any concerns regarding a child please do not hesitate to contact one of us.



Northmead Supporters Team (NST)

Thank you very much to the following people who have stepped forward to be the NST representatives for each class. We look forward to working with you this year.

3B	Sophia Wyatt	3R	Claire- Louise Knowles	3N	Suzi Bragger
4W	Gaby Westwood	4P	Carol Clutton	4C	Hannah Worrall
5CR	Hannah Crane	5R	Tamara Quinton	5L	Nicole Vice- Farrell
6MD	Rebecca Lock	6K	Karen Connor	6LP	Naomi Weeks



PRIMARY WORKSHOPS THAT ROCK!

We had a thoroughly exciting day when RockKidz visited us. They set up the hall as a rock concert venue, with loud music and bright lights. Amongst other high energy activities, we learnt an original song called 'Stronger Together', which spoke about how we can learn to get along with those who are different to us and how we are special. This provided us with the opportunity to explore the theme of inclusion, which will be a focus for Northmead as we work towards gaining our inclusion mark this year.

The children were introduced to the mantra YASBA- You're Awesome So Be Awesome!

The highlight of the day for many were the 'dance offs' - a competition between children and staff. Mr Kemp put on an incredible show to become the staff winner!



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Clubs at Northmead

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School		Year 6 Morning Milers	Year 6 Morning Milers	Year 6 Morning Milers	Year 6 Morning Milers
Break				G Live Choir	
Lunch	Year 4 Playground Games, Year 3 Football	Year 6 Playground Games, Year 5 Football Year 6 Newspaper club	Recorder Club and G Live Orchestra (Grade 1 or above only), Year 3 Playground Games, Year 4 Football Year 5/6 Letter Writing Club	Year 5 Playground Games, Year 6 Football Year 3 /4 Story Jar Writing Club	Year 3 & 4 Playground Games, Girls Football
After School	Year 3 Multi-Sports	Year 5 Multi-Sports, Year 4 Football Karate Calligraphy Club	Year 5/6 Genie Science Club, Year 4 Multi-Sports	All Years Young Voices, Year 6 Multi-Sports, Year 5 Football	All Years – Animal Club, Year 5/6 Netball, Year 6 Football (to 4.30), Year 6 Coding Club (4 th Nov – 9 th Dec), Taekwondo

Signing up for after-school clubs can be done through Parentmail. The majority of clubs finish at 4.15pm and require a parent to collect from the playground.

Clubs during the school day can be signed up for by your child directly with the teacher running the club.

Sports Clubs – Coaches, Mr. Kemp, Miss Stillwell, Mrs Joubert

Music Clubs – Miss Ramsay

Grounds Clubs – Miss Lewis, Miss Ramsay and Mrs Backhurst

Computing Clubs – Miss Webster

Outside Provider Clubs – The Office

Writing Clubs – Mrs Backhurst (Lunchtime) and Mrs Stocking (Calligraphy)

Main Chance Horse Sanctuary

Our school has a close link to Mane Chance Horse Sanctuary in Compton. Each spring, nine pupils take part in the Sanctuary's twelve-week Chance2Be Wellbeing Programme and some of our young carers regularly benefit from visits to the Sanctuary. Currently Mane Chance is one of the contending charities to receive a substantial sum of money from Tesco's in Guildford. Please show your support by placing a blue token in the Mane Chance slot.



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)

Thursday 22 nd September	pm	Year 3 Volcanoes and Earthquakes Workshop
Friday 30 th September	3.15 pm	NST Macmillian Cake Sale
Friday 7 th October	Yr 5	Winchester Trip
Tuesday 11 th October – Friday 14 th October		Book Fair
Monday 17 th October	Yr 4	Haslemere Museum Trip
Wednesday 19 th October	3.15 pm	NST Disco
Friday 21 st October	Yr 3	Paleoquest Workshop
Monday 24 th October – Friday 28 th October	HALF TERM	
Monday 21 st February	INSET DAY	
Thursday 3 rd November	6pm – 8pm	MST Bonfire & Fireworks
Friday 11 th November		NST Mufti Day ~ HAMPER DONATIONS
Wednesday 23 rd November		NHS Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Friday 9 th December	INSET DAY	
Monday 12 th December – Thursday 15 th December	On Year Group PE Days	NST Santa Fun Run
Friday 16 th December	1.45 pm	Break up for Christmas Holidays

Future Inset Days:

Tuesday 3/1/2023

Wednesday 4/1/2023

Monday 20/2/2023

Monday 5/6/2023

Community News

CAR FREE DAY

GUILDFORD TOWN CENTRE

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 10AM-4:30PM

Leave your car at home and experience a traffic free town centre!

STREET PLAY AND ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

LIVE MUSIC

FOOD STALLS FOR ALL TASTES

LEARN HOW YOU CAN DO MORE TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE



Reimagine Guildford car free and explore spaces you wouldn't normally as you travel by foot, pedal power or by public transport.



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For more information on activity providers and traders please see www.guildford.gov.uk/carfreeday2022 or use the QR code

PUTTING GUILDFORD'S PEDESTRIANS FIRST Map supplied by **experienceguildford**

No vehicle access
Roads pedestrianised from 10am to 7:30pm
Sunday 25th
September 2022.

