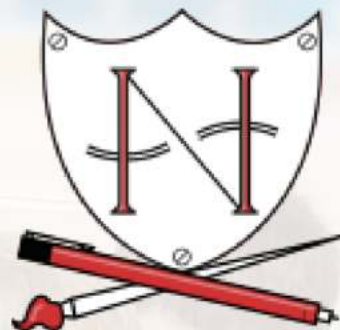


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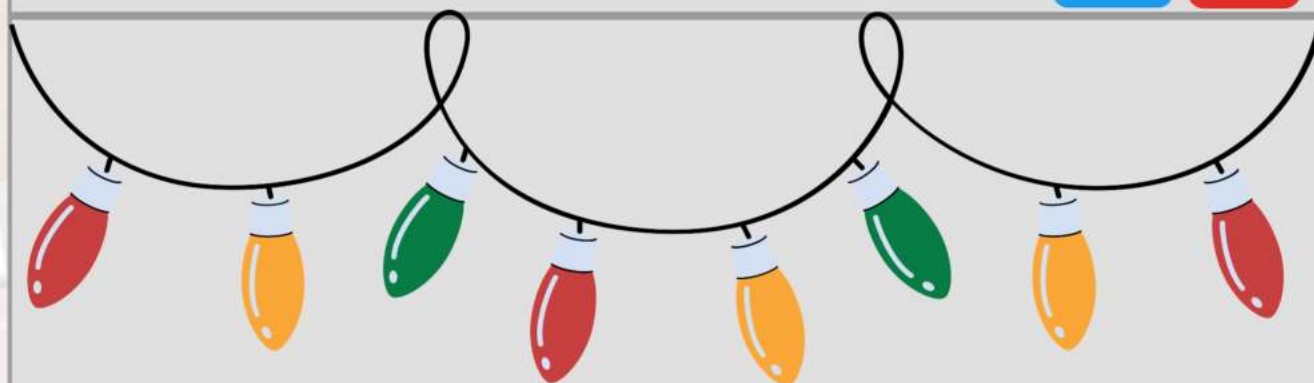
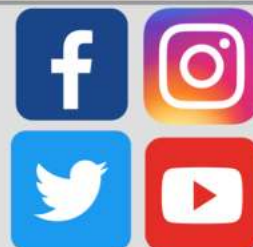
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was good to see so many of you at the consultation meetings last week. Staff really enjoyed meeting parents face to face or virtually to discuss your child's progress and wellbeing.

Walking around the school at the moment it is lovely to hear the children practising their songs for the school production. In assembly last Tuesday Miss Ramsay and I were treated to a fantastic performance from each year group of their song and the whole school finale. Thank you for helping the children to learn their words, I expect you know them all very well by now, especially the closing song 'What a Knight'.

It really is beginning to look a lot like Christmas here and this newsletter is important because it contains lots of information and dates where we welcome you all to join and celebrate with us.

Best Wishes,
Debbie Brown



What a KNIGHT!

Our winter production is a musical called "What a Knight!" The story is told by a group of Year 6 children who take the main roles and perform this comic show. During this farcical tale, each class will perform a dance and children will sing songs to help tell the story. During the evening performances, when not performing on stage children will be looked after in year group bases by their teachers.

Synopsis

In Camelot castle, the royal family and courtiers prepare for King Arthur's birthday celebrations. Two guards are sent to the castle kitchen to taste the food in preparation for the banquet and the audience sympathises with Watt Cobbler, the cook's son as he describes his failed attempts at becoming a knight.

We then move to another castle, eerie and dingy, in which the Black Knight and his Army discuss a plan to kidnap the princesses from Camelot and hold them ransom in return for Excalibur-the sword that will pronounce the Black Knight king.

Merlin the Magician at Camelot has tried to hide Excalibur from the Black Knight but has unfortunately lost it!

Soon after, two of the royal princesses are captured. (The knights of Camelot jump at the chance to save them!) This puts Merlin under even more pressure to find Excalibur. Unfortunately, the knights are thwarted in their attempt to rescue the princesses by drinking animal potion instead of the intended strength potion. This leaves just Princess Alice and Watt Cobblers, aided by their friend Dusty the Dragon, to successfully defeat the Black Knights army and set the prisoners free.

All ends happily as Excalibur is found (in an unexpected place...), the princesses are safe and King Arthur can enjoy his birthday celebrations.

Children are expected to perform for two evenings, regardless of whether they have a family member in the audience.

If you have tickets to watch, please drop your child off to their year group base, where a register will be taken, then take up your seat in the audience. There will be refreshments in the dining room before the start of the show, whilst you are waiting for it to start.

If you do not have tickets to watch, please drop off your child at their year group base, return home and then pick them up from the year group base, following the performance.

It is vital children commit to two performances as many dances have been choreographed for exact numbers. Tickets will be sent home on Friday 2nd Dec for CAST A and Tuesday 6th Dec for CAST B - they are colour coded to each production night. **Strictly ticket only entry.** The office should be notified of any individual needs via email when booking the ticket. **No under 5s** in the audience. We are looking for car park marshalls to help direct cars on the playground. These volunteers will get a seat reserved nearer the front on the night of the performance they marshall on. Tickets should still be purchased. Please contact the school office to volunteer.

The evening performances for Cast A will be on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th December. Cast B will perform on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th. Performances start at 6.30 pm and will finish at approximately 8.45 pm.

Year 6 should arrive in school at **5.30pm** **Year 3,4 and 5** should arrive at **6pm prompt.**

Individual class teachers have sent home lyrics to learn and costume requests. Please ensure costumes are in school by Friday 25th at the very latest due to filming etc.



You are able to purchase **two tickets per family** to see your child's performance. Any additional tickets will go as priority to Year 6. Tickets are £5. We have managed to keep this at pre-pandemic prices but hope you can support us to raise funds with the NST (in the dining from 5.30 pm) in the following ways:



NST will be selling pre-show refreshments in the dining hall from 5.30pm.

NST can take cash or card payments.



Photos of your child will be available to order and printed before the end of term - a fantastic Christmas pressie!

Programme with photos of performers (with photo sharing permission) in your cast available as a memento of your superb performance!



Christmas Jumper Day

Children are welcome to wear festive jumpers the same day as their Christmas lunch - see below.

If you want to join the Christmas jumper swap, there will be a box in the office for any donations or jumpers that need a new home!

We look forward to seeing the Christmas spirit!

Christmas Lunch

Please don't forget that you have until the 2nd December to book Christmas lunches.

Any late requests will not be accepted.

Although optional, children thoroughly enjoy the festive cheer in the dining hall. If you wish for your child to bring packed lunch instead - this is still an option. Thank you to the NST who have provided each child with a cracker.

Wednesday 7th Dec -
Year 3/4 Christmas lunch

Wednesday 7th Dec -
Year 5/6 - Bring a packed lunch

Thursday 8th Dec -
Year 5/6 Christmas lunch

Thursday 8th Dec -
Year 3/4 Bring a packed lunch

Merry Christmas

Main Meal
Traditional Roast Turkey Served with Pigs in Blankets, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Vegetarian Option
Roast Quorn Fillet Served Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Seasonal Vegetables
Carrots, Garden Peas and Brussels Sprouts

Dessert
Christmas Rice Crispie Pudding
or Christmas Shortbread Biscuit

Grow
FUEL FOR YOUNG MINDS



Carols @ EMMANUEL CHURCH

Families are welcome to join us from 9.20am, 16th December at Emmanuel Church for carols, musical performances, readings and tableau.



On the last day of term, children will arrive at school as usual and then make their way to Emmanuel with their teachers, singing voices and warm coats for a morning of Christmas joy.

Children will remain with their teachers or choir leaders for the duration and return to their classes in time for usual lunch.

If you would prefer your child not to attend for religious reasons, please contact your class teacher before the end of November so we can make arrangements accordingly.



Eco Team

In our Eco Meeting today, we have launched a competition to collect the most bottle tops before the end of term. We are hoping to beat Stoughton who are involved in the competition and the class with the most bottle tops wins a treat including some extra break! We will reveal the use for the bottle tops soon but we promise it is a good one. See the poster below for more details.

Please send your bottle tops in to school and hand to your School Council Class Rep. Happy Collecting!

What if we had 4 stomach parts like a cow?



Our theme this half term in our assemblies is:

Community

What is community?

What communities are we part of?

Why should or shouldn't you be part of a community?

Is community important?

Are all communities positive?

What is the most important communities you are part of?



Eco Team

Northmead and Stoughton are having a friendly competition. The Eco Team at Northmead would like you to collect as many bottle tops as you can by the end of the year. The class with the most will get a treat and have the honour of naming the creation made with the bottle tops themselves. Please send in as many bottle tops as you can to your class teacher before the end of term to help your class be the winning class.

Be plastic aware!

Put your single use plastic to good use!

Thank you
Northmead Eco Team

Reuse
me!



Football Success! A report by Mr Kemp

Over the last two weeks, Northmead entered the Guildford Schools District Football Tournament for both boys and girls. The tournaments were held at George Abbot School and were attended by 11 schools from across the Guildford area. There was some brilliant football on display from Northmead and it was a real pleasure to see our children playing with such enthusiasm and skill. From fantastic skills to resolute defending and awesome goalkeeping, the tournaments had it all. In the boys' tournament, Northmead finished third in their group on goal difference (a cruel thing!) and sadly did not progress as one of the top two finishers into the playoffs. In the girls' tournament, Northmead won their group – therefore earning the title of 'District Large Schools' winners – and, after a 0-0 draw in the final playoff (during which this unbiased (!) observer believes we were the better team!), lost on penalties to Sandfield. Victory in the group means that the Northmead girls go on to represent Guildford in the County finals.

It was a real pleasure watching both teams play and I was incredibly proud of how they both performed.

Congratulations to:

Callum L, Logan O, Olly M, Jake D, Harry L, Liam L, Josh P, Struan C, Lucas K

Ava L, Libby M, Aria H, Alba H, Hetty C, Michaela U, Eivi C, Maddie H, Nora B-M

The #HansChristmasChallenge for Schools!

To take part in the #HansChristmasChallenge:

1 - Film yourself or a friend standing in the Yoga tree pose for at least 5 seconds.

You can close your eyes for extra challenge points!

Christmas-inspired fancy dress is encouraged but not essential.

2 - To nominate your favourite school, upload your tree pose attempt to Instagram, Facebook or TikTok and make sure you tag the post with #HansChristmasChallenge so we see it!

The more nominations you submit for your school, the greater chance of winning. Get everyone you know to give it a try!

The challenge is open from Friday 11th November to Sunday 27th November 2022.



This Christmas we're offering your child's school the chance to win a 7ft Nordmann Fir Christmas tree, Christmas lights, a wicker tree skirt and a tree stand this Christmas!

To nominate them, all you have to do is comment with the name of their school on our facebook page - it's as simple as that! At the end of the competition we will use a random number generator to select our winner. That means the more parents nominate their child's school, the better chance they have of winning!

See the Longacres blog for more details and terms and conditions, and good luck!

GIVEAWAY

Nominate your child's school for a chance to win!



Longacres
GARDEN CENTRES

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)



Diary Dates

Wednesday 23rd November	All Years	NHS Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Friday 2nd December	All Years	Deadline for Christmas Lunch Orders
Tuesday 6th December	Year 5	Year 5 to Visit Christ College to watch their Production of Nativity
Monday - Thursday 5th - 8th December	6.30 - 8.45 pm approx	School Production
Friday 9th December ~ INSET DAY		
12-16th December	All years	Children to participate in the Santa Run on their PE day - more details to follow from the NST
Friday 16th December	9.am 1.45pm	School Carol Service at Emmanuel Church Break up for Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th January 2023 ~ INSET DAYS		
Thursday 5th January 2023	8.30am	School Re-opens for Spring Term

*******STOP PRESS***** Academic Year 2023 - 2024 Term Dates**

We wanted to let you know that the term starts on Monday 4th September. However we will take 2 Inset Days so that the children will return to school on **WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2023**. We hope this helps some of you trying to book summer holidays. We are not yet able to set our other Inset Days and will share term dates for 2023 -2024 once they are finalised.