

Northmead News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We enjoyed a great day in school last Thursday as we celebrated World Book Day. Staff and children dressed as book characters, there were some fabulous costumes it is well worth having a look on the school Facebook page! During the day children took part in some fun activities to promote a love of reading and a joy of discovering new worlds and adventures within the cover of a book. Thank you for your support encouraging your children to read regularly at home and for supporting our dressing up day on Thursday.

Parent consultations - reminder

Staff are looking forward to meeting parents/ carers next week on Tuesday 14th March for face-to-face appointments or Thursday 16th March for virtual online appointments.

If you are experiencing any problems booking an appointment, please contact the school office.

Staffing updates

We thought you would be pleased to join us in congratulating Mrs Stocking on her forthcoming marriage during the Easter holidays. When she returns to school in April, she will be Mrs Denyer. It does also mean sadly that Mrs Stocking will be leaving Northmead at the end of the summer term as she is planning to move and live by the coast. We will be very sad to say goodbye to her as she has been a highly respected and valued member of our staff for 22 years, as a teacher then SENDCo and Head of Centre.

Mrs Jeffrey has made the decision to step down from her role as specialist teacher in the COIN centre at the end of the Summer term. Mrs Jeffrey has been a highly skilled and knowledgeable member of staff for 11 years firstly as Head of Centre and more recently as the specialist teacher in the centre. We will be sorry to lose her from the teaching team but are pleased Mrs Jeffrey is planning to remain as play therapist for one day a week at Northmead.

Best wishes,
Debbie Brown



School Gate & Afterschool Care Reminder



At the end of the day the electronic gates will open for parents/carers to meet their children in the playground at 3:15pm. We ask all parents to come down into the playground, rather than wait at the top of the drive. For you and your children's safety we ask that the top of the school drive is kept clear. Please use the path to enter school, and not walk on the school road. The road is used by staff cars leaving work, and taxis collecting children from school. It is not safe for parents or children to walk on the road.

The school car park is very small and has very limited space. For this reason, the car park is only to be used by taxis and parents who have a blue disabled parking badge. No other parents should be using the car park to collect their child from school. Please contact Wendy Cook, our home school link worker, if you have a temporary need to use the car park.

When you are on the school grounds, we ask that you supervise all younger children in your care. Under no circumstances should children play on the adventure trail, climbing frame or in the woodland areas at any time after school. These areas will not be supervised at the end of the school day.

After school clubs will take place in school from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. For the safeguarding of the children attending these clubs the school gate will be closed and locked from 3:30pm. We ask that parents ensure that all children not attending an afterschool club leave the school grounds before the gates close at 3:30pm.

The gates will re-open again at 4:05pm for parents to collect their children from after school clubs that finish at 4:15pm. Parents should ensure that they have left the school grounds by 4:30pm when the school gates will be closed and locked for the end of the school day.

STRETCHED & FIRED

SLOW FERMENTED
PIZZA

Pizza Design Competition

Josh created the yummy sweet pizza shown below..

He had the opportunity to pop along to the Woodbridge Hill Branch of Stretched & Fired to create his design with friends and family. It will also be added to the menu next month. All the entries to the ompetition are to be displayed. Do visit and support this wonderful local family run restaurant.

Well done to all our fantastic children who entered!



Sportshall Athletics

On Tuesday 7th February YR5 and YR6 took part to the annual Sportshall Athletic event hosted at The Spectrum competing with 12 other Guildford school teams. On Thursday 2nd March Yr 3 & 4 had their event. Impeccable behaviour, great fun, competitive spirit, and fantastic results. Well done to all those who took part and represented the school with such enthusiasm.

Paola Polden
PE Coordinator



Year 5 Netball Success!

On Monday 6th March a team of each Year 6 & Year 5 girls took part in a netball tournament with six local schools.

Both teams played very well and we were delighted with their performances. Special congratulations to the Year 5 team who won the whole tournament! 🙌
Thank you to Mrs Stillwell, their coach.



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

Tuesday 7th March	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Classrooms open for children to share their work with their parents.
Friday 10th March	Evening	NST Quiz Night
Tuesday 14th March	3.45 pm - 6 pm	Face to face parent appointments
Thursday 16th March	5 pm - 7.30 pm	Virtual 'On line' parent appointments
Wednesday 22nd March	Evening	Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 31st March 2023	All Day 1.45 pm	Fantastic Friday ! Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 17th April	8.30 am	School Reopens for Summer Term
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023 - HALF TERM Monday 5th June 2023 ~ INSET DAY		
Monday 15th May 2023	Morning	School Photographer
Friday 21st July 2023	1.45 pm	Break up for Summer Holidays 