



Northside Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another new school year. We hope you have all had a happy and healthy holiday. The children and staff are already working hard and are ready for what promises to be a very busy Autumn term. We are happy to welcome two new and experienced teachers to Northside, Miss Hughes in Year 5 and Miss Shah in Year 2. Please continue to support your children with homework and other activities. Don't forget to check the newsletter each week for information and dates. Thank you.

Uniform

All of the children look very smart in their school uniforms and please make sure all clothes are labelled clearly as we already have some missing jumpers. Northside school uniform consists of black/grey trousers or shorts or a navy/grey skirt with a white shirt/blouse or polo shirt and a school sweatshirt and black sensible school shoes. For PE the children wear black shorts with a school PE T shirt and a pair of plimsolls. The kit should be kept in school during the week in a school PE Bag. All children should have a Northside book bag and not bring rucksacks in to school. If your child needs to wear a headscarf for religious reasons please ensure that it is a black or navy blue fitted headscarf. If you require any items please complete an order form and return along with the correct money to the school office. Children should not wear nail varnish or jewellery to school, small stud earrings may be worn.

Parent Classes

On behalf of Barnet & Southgate College we will be running English language classes. The classes are free for all Northside parents/carers. ESOL Entry Level 2 class will run every Monday from 9:30-11:30am and will begin on 21st September 2015 to 14th December 2015. We need a minimum of 6 people per class (**maximum of 12 people**). For further information or if you would like to sign up please speak to Roshni Ramji our Learning Mentor.

Ready, Steady Bake!

Northside will be taking part in the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September 2015. It will be held in the small hall from 9-10am and all parents/carers are very welcome. We will be very grateful for any cakes/biscuits donations (no nuts) for our coffee morning. With your help we can support even more people affected by cancer in our local area.

Contact Information

Have you moved home or changed any of your phone numbers? If you have please inform the office so we can update our records. Thank you.

Clubs

Clubs restart on Monday 7th September, we still have places in most clubs so please return your forms as soon as possible. Breakfast club and After School Care Club will continue throughout the year.

Reminders

Nut Free School A number of children and staff at Northside School have allergies to nuts. In some cases contact with nuts can make them very ill. Therefore our school is a 'Nut Free School'. Please ensure that your child does not bring nuts or nut products to school. For children who have packed lunch please remember that peanut butter sandwiches should be avoided as this can also cause allergic reactions!

Collection Arrangements If you arrange for someone else to collect your child please inform your child's class teacher in writing. However if you need to do this at short notice please telephone the school office and we will pass on the message.

Birthdays If your child wishes to celebrate their birthday with their peers, they are asked to bring fruit to share or donate a book to the class library (a special birthday bookplate will be stuck in the book with the child's name.)

Money If you need to pay money to the office for any reason please send it into school with your child in their book bag. The correct money should be sent in a envelope clearly labelled with your child's name, class, amount enclosed and what the money is for. We will not accept payments in the office.

Playground Equipment Please note that the play equipment in the main playground is **not** to be used by the children before or after school. This is to comply with health and safety regulations.

2015/16 Term Dates

| AUTUMN TERM 2015 | |
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| FIRST HALF | Wednesday 2 nd September – Thursday 22 nd October |
| HALF-TERM | Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October |
| SECOND HALF | Monday 2 nd November – Friday 18 th December |
| SPRING TERM 2016 | |
| FIRST HALF | Tuesday 5 th January – Friday 12 th February |
| HALF-TERM | Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February |
| SECOND HALF | Monday 22 nd February – Friday 1 st April |
| EASTER BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND | Friday 25th March & Monday 28th March 2016 |
| SUMMER TERM 2016 | |
| FIRST HALF | Monday 18 th April – Thursday 26 th May |
| BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED | May Day: Monday 2 nd May |
| HALF-TERM | Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June |
| SECOND HALF | Tuesday 7 th June – Thursday 21 st July |

| Professional Development Dates (INSET) SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO PUPILS ON THESE DAYS: | |
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| 1 | Tuesday 1 st September 2015 |
| 2 | Friday 23 rd October 2015 |
| 3 | Monday 4 th January 2016 |
| 4 | Friday 27 th May 2016 |
| 5 | Monday 6 th June 2016 |

This Week's Achievement Award Winners



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| Year 1 | Attila for enjoying the book corner and for sorting and selecting the books brilliantly and Kian for delving into books and enjoying them in the book corner. |
| 2N | Marcel for a really positive start in Year 2, he is listening well in class and wrote an excellent recount of his holiday and Benjamin for his brilliant holiday diary. |
| 2S | Saffron for a fantastic holiday diary, with lots of super information and lovely pictures and Michael for a very positive, super start in Year 2. |
| Year 3 | Aziz for making a really positive start to the year and having a great attitude to work and Moosa for producing a lovely extreme reading poster during the holidays. |
| Year 4 | Nandika for fantastic listening and setting a fantastic example to the class and Yasser for working really hard and being keen to learn and listen |
| Year 5 | Neil for a positive start to the year and having a great attitude and Dorotea for having a great attitude to work and answering lots of questions. |
| Year 6 | Alfred for a positive start to the year, having a good attitude and being keen to volunteer for jobs and Mo for an enthusiastic start to the year. |

Special birthday wishes to everyone who celebrates a birthday this week.

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Year 4 had the best attendance this week, with 98% attendance! **Excellent!!!!**

94% of children came to school everyday this week.

Well done!