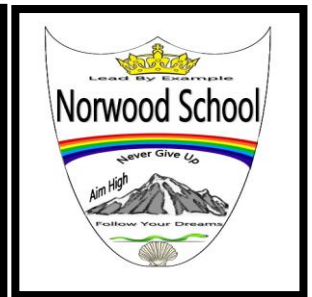


# Norwood Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

September 2016

Head Teacher—Mrs D Reynolds



### **Welcome Back**

On behalf of the staff at Norwood Primary School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year! The children have returned back to school full of enthusiasm for their learning and look incredibly smart in their school uniforms – thank you. We welcome our Reception children and new families who have started with us at Norwood Primary School.

### **Reception Class**

Well done to all our wonderful Reception pupils who are settling in nicely to Norwood School and will be with us on a full time basis from **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**.

### **School Uniform**

Please visit [www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk) for all uniform items your child needs for school. Our School Uniform Policy was reviewed in June to ensure that all our school community have a clear understanding of the requirements for the children at Norwood Primary School. Please visit [School Policies](#) on the school website to familiarise yourself with our policy.

### **Norwood Website**

Please visit our website [www.norwood-school.co.uk](http://www.norwood-school.co.uk) for copies of all letters, diary dates, news updates and photographs of events.

### **Secondary School Applications**

If your child is in Year 6 it is time to start thinking about your choice of Secondary School. Applications for Secondary School need to be submitted online at [www.peterborough.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/admissions) by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2016**.

### **Start of the School Day**

At the start of the day we open our doors at 8.45am. The children then need to go straight into class. The doors then close at 8.55am in order for the attendance register to be taken promptly at 9.00am.

### **Please do not arrive on site before 8.40am or**

**before 3.05pm** and at no time should children be left unattended on the school premises before the doors open. There should be no playing of any ball games on the playground or using the trim trail before going into school. Pupils and adults who come to school on bikes and scooters **must walk and not ride** them on the school premises.

Pupils who are late for the beginning of the school day (i.e. after doors close at 8.55am) should be taken to the school office and signed in by an adult.

If the lateness is due to an appointment for medical reasons, please provide the school office with the appointment card/letter.

### **Absence Reporting**

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please contact school on 574717 by 9.00am to let us know on the first day of absence. There is an answer machine on which you can leave a message if no-one in the office is available to take your call.

Please remember that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must be kept off school for a **minimum of 48 hours** from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. This is to reduce the risk of infection to other children and adults in school.

### **Pedestrian Gate Entrances**

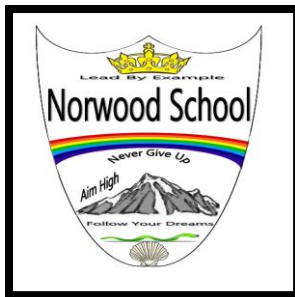
Please can we remind you that during the hours of 9.00am-3.00pm, the Elter Walk gate which is opposite the school office is the only pedestrian entrance that is open for parents/carers and visitors to access school site.

### **Missing Scooter**

A scooter was left in the adult bike stand outside the school office during the school holidays. If you have lost a scooter, please see Miss Fletcher or Mrs Cowing in the school office with a description and hopefully we can reunite the owner with it.

### **Lego Club**

Please can we re-iterate if anyone in our school community has any lego that they would like to donate to school to help with resourcing the club, we would be most grateful.

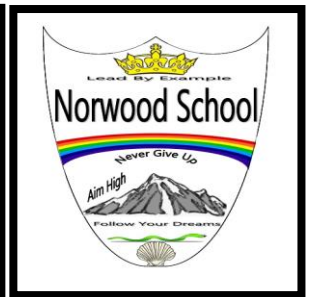


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### Year Group Curriculum Overview

Please use the following links to access the curriculum that your child will be following this half term.

[Reception](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

This will now replace previously emailed curriculum letters.

### Individual and Family Photographs

On **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016** we will have a visit from the school photographer who will be taking both family and individual photographs. Any families with pre-school children who would like a group photograph are invited to arrive at the community room door (accessed via the library) at 8.30am. Please understand that you are under no obligation to purchase them upon delivery. Class and sports team photographs will be taken later in the academic school year.

### Consultation Evenings

Our Autumn Term consultation evenings will be taking place on

- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016**
- **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

More information will follow regarding booking appointments.

### Free School Meals

The government initiative of Pupil Premium is still very much an important focus for schools. Each child entitled to Free School Meals/Pupil Premium triggers extra funding for schools to target additional support and enhance provision. Free School Meals (FSM) and Universal Infant Free School meals (UIFSM) (available only for Reception & KS1 pupils) are not the same thing.

The number of children qualifying for FSM dictates the amount of Pupil Premium funding paid to schools whereas UIFSM school funding is received purely to cover the cost of meals taken by children on a given day.

If you think you may qualify for FSM and have not completed a form, please contact Miss Fletcher in the school office who will be able to support the process of your application to the Local Authority.

### Funding Events

We were delighted with the success of the Year 6 led Summer Fayre. The Year 6 class, who left us in July, worked incredibly hard during a series of learning sessions to plan, design, prepare and lead each of the stalls at the fayre. This opportunity enabled these children to develop key skills they need, not only for the world of work, but also for day to day life including communication, understanding business, team work, responsibility for key roles and taking initiative .

To support all of our pupils to become independent citizens and gain skills that will support them in any work place they choose, we will be continuing to deliver events in this way. We look forward to the next event and hope that it is as successful as the last.

### Term Dates 2016-2017

#### **Autumn Term**

**Half Term** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Term Finishes** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016

#### **Spring Term**

**Term Starts** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Half Term** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Term Finishes** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

#### **Summer Term**

**Term Starts** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**May Day** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017

**Half Term** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

**Term Finishes** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017