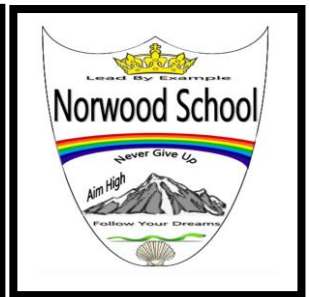


Norwood Primary School

NEWSLETTER

December 2016

Head Teacher—Mrs D Reynolds



Children in Need Day

Thank you to everyone who came to school on **Friday 18th November 2016** wearing non-school uniform and kindly donated to this worthy charity. An incredible amount of £282.20 was raised. Thank you.

Christmas Performance DVDs

Our Reception and Y1/2 Christmas performances were a resounding success and many family members were able to attend to see the children perform. Christmas performances were filmed and DVDs are on sale for £5 each. Please make payment on ParentPay. Orders will need to be made by **Thursday 5th January 2017**. DVDs will be issued the week commencing Monday 16th January 2017. These are a wonderful lasting memory for your family to enjoy.

Illnesses

We have experienced a high level of illnesses including tummy bugs, colds etc. within our school community. Please express how important personal hygiene is to your child/children, as we have done in school. Please can we remind parents/carers that if your child has been sick or had diarrhoea they must be kept off school until a clear 48 hour period without illness has occurred.

Baby Burnham Visit

Mrs Burham visited this week with Harvey, Mr and Mrs Burnham's baby. It was lovely to see how well they both are. Whilst Mrs Burham is on Maternity Leave, Mr Burnham is responsible for Lower School (Year 1, 2 and 3).

Norwood Website

Please check our website www.norwood-school.co.uk for copies of all letters, diary dates, news updates, photographs of events and next term's curriculum overviews.

A reminder that should you need access to the internet (view emails, access our website or use ParentPay etc), our touchscreen is available in the school foyer. Miss Fletcher and Mrs Cowing will be happy to assist.

Reception School Places-September 2017

If your child was born on or between **1 September 2012** and **31 August 2013**, they will start school in September 2017 in the reception class, which is the first year of infant or primary school. All applications for a school place must be made online through the [school admissions system](#). The deadline for applications is 15th January 2017.

Water Bottles

Please can we remind parents/carers that drink bottles brought into school should only contain plain, non-carbonated water.

Fruit squash, fizzy drinks or flavoured water is not permitted. Can all water bottles please be named.

Bradley Lowery

We have been approached by some of our parents regarding school becoming involved in sending Christmas cards to a remarkable young boy who is battling a rare cancer. In 2013 Bradley Lowery was first diagnosed with Neuroblastoma, an illness that affects around 100 children in the UK each year. Bradley's parents have said his wish is to have as many Christmas cards as possible, and thousands have been sent after a campaign was launched. Each class in Norwood has been given a Christmas card, kindly donated by Mrs Frey-Bointon and Mrs Jones, to sign to support Bradley's wish.

Term Dates 2016-2017

Spring Term

Term Start Wednesday 4th January 2017
Half Term Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February 2017
Term Finishes Friday 7th April 2017

Summer Term

Term Starts Wednesday 26th April 2017
May Day Monday 1st May 2017
Half Term Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2017
Term Finishes Thursday 20th July 2017

Christmas

We break up on Wednesday 21st December 2016 and will return to school on **Wednesday 4th January 2017**.

On behalf of all Norwood Staff and the Governing Body we would like to say a huge thank you to you the parents/carers who have worked with the school and supported us so much throughout the year.

Thank you!! We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!!

