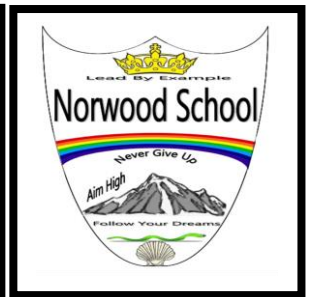


# Norwood Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

January 2017

Head Teacher—Mrs D Reynolds



### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Thank you to all those who came to school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and took part in Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. It was much appreciated and we raised an incredible £211.80

### **Cold Weather**

While the weather continues to be very cold, please can you ensure that all pupils come to school with a coat and suitable winter wear (scarves, hats and gloves).

### **Illnesses**

We have been experiencing a high level of illnesses including scarlet fever, tummy bugs, colds etc. within our school community. Please can we remind our parents/carers to talk to your child/children how important personal hygiene is.

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.

### **Lost Items**

If you have lost a girls jacket or an adult snook, please see Mrs Cowing or Miss Fletcher in the school office with a description and hopefully we can reunite these items to their owners.

### **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.

### **Children's Book Swap**

We will be holding another book swap on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017**. This will be in the Community Room from 3.15pm onwards. Any donated books to be brought to school by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

There is no charge for any books that children take (limit is 2 books per child). All children are welcome to take 2 books, whether or not they have donated to the book swap.

### **Attendance Policy**

The attendance policy has been amended by the Local Authority and ratified by our Governing Body.

Please visit [School Polices](#) on our school website to familiarise yourself with the policy. Please pay attention to the circumstances where a penalty notice may be requested from the LA by the school and absence procedures. It is vital that parents/carers keep school informed on a daily basis when a child is absent, as part of our Safe and Well procedures, we will do a home visit or we may contact the police to carry out a visit to the parent/carers home if we have not had a reason of absence.

At Norwood we monitor attendance and late arrivals of our pupils and work very closely with our Local Authority Attendance Officer. We will make contact with parents/carers by letter if we are concerned about either lateness or poor attendance. If poor attendance/lateness continues this could instigate involvement of the Local Authority Attendance Officer in requesting a meeting to discuss the concerns.

### **Term Dates 2017-2018**

#### **Spring Term 2017**

Half Term Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Term Finishes Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Summer Term 2017**

Term Starts Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
May Day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Half Term Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
Term Finishes Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

#### **Autumn Term 2017**

Term Starts Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September  
Half Term Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October-Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
Term Finishes Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Spring Term 2018**

Term Starts Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
Half Term Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
Term Finishes Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Summer Term 2018**

Term Starts Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
May Day Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May  
Half Term Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Term Finishes Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July