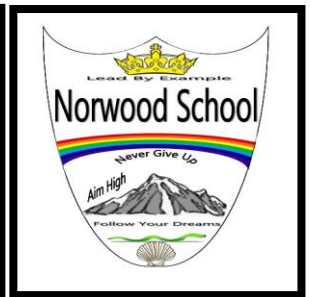


Norwood Primary School

NEWSLETTER

November 2018

Head Teacher—Mrs D Reynolds



Consultation Evenings

Thank you to those parents/carers that attended consultation evenings held on **Monday 12th** and **Wednesday 14th November 2018**. Please remember that staff are available before and after school for any issues you would like to keep us up to date with and, should you require a more informal discussion, appointments can be made via the school office.

Children in Need Day

Just to remind you that Norwood will be joining in with Children in Need on **Friday 16th November**. Pupils and staff are invited to wear pyjamas or onesies and slippers (please remember to also bring suitable outdoor shoes for break and lunchtime) or non-school uniform. We ask for a donation of £1 to go to this very worthwhile charity in order for your child to participate in this event.

Norwood Book Swap

We will be holding the very popular Norwood Book Swap from **3:15pm to 3:45pm on Tuesday 11th December** in the **Community Room** (Please enter school through the school office). If the book swap is new to you, we invite all families to donate any unwanted books and then children are invited to choose up to two books to take home free of charge. If you have any books that you would like to donate to the book swap, please bring them into the school office.

We would appreciate any books for children aged 4-11 years old. There is no expectation for children to bring a book to the book swap but without donations there will be very little choice. Children may choose to return books that they have selected from previous book swaps that they have now finished with. Please can you donate any unwanted books to school by Friday 7th December. Thank you for your continued support with this event.

Grapes

Please can we ask parents/carers to make sure that grapes are cut in half lengthwise and not sent in whole. We are still seeing whole grapes in lunchboxes which could cause a choke hazard.

Absence Reporting

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please can we remind **parents/carers to contact school** on 01733 574717 by **8.45am** to let us know on the first day of absence. We are having to remind parents/carers about ensuring school is notified on a daily basis about an absence and before 8.45am.

There is an answer machine on which you can leave a message if no-one in the office is available to take your call.

Should the school office not receive a reason for absence on the first day, they will endeavour to contact parents/carers to check the safety of the child. As part of our Safeguarding procedures, if the school is unable to make contact with parent/carer or other emergency contact, a safe and well check will be carried out by school and/or police.

Medical Appointments

Can we also remind parents/carers that if your child has a medical appointment during school hours, the school office will need to be provided with the **appointment card/letter/text/email in order to authorise the absence**.

Illnesses

We have been experiencing a high level of illnesses including tummy bugs, high temperatures and colds etc. within our school community. We are working hard to promote personal hygiene to minimize illnesses spreading. We would like parents/carers to support by reinforcing this at home.

If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea they must be kept off school for a minimum of **48 hours** from the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. This is to reduce the risk of infection to other children and adults at school.

Diary Dates

- **Wednesday 5th December 2018 - 9.15am** – Year 2 Christmas Performance at school.
- **Wednesday 12th December 2018 - 9.15am** – Reception Christmas Performance at school.
- **Thursday 13th December 2018 - 9.15am** – Year 1 Christmas Performance at school.
- **Thursday 13th December 2018** - School Christmas Lunch.
- **Friday 14th December 2018** – Christmas Jumper Day.

Term Dates 2018-2019

	Autumn Term 2018
Term Finishes	Tuesday 18 th December 2018
	Spring Term 2019
Term Starts	Thursday 3 rd January 2019
Half Term	Monday 18 th February–Friday 22nd February
Term Finishes	Friday 5 th April 2019
	Summer Term 2019
Term Starts	Thursday 25 th April 2019
May Day	Monday 6 th May 2019
Half Term	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May
Term Finishes	Wednesday 24 th July 2019