

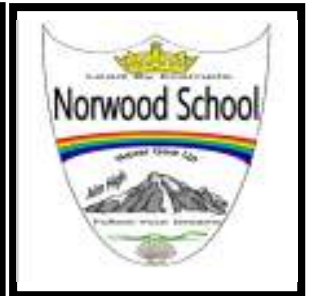


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NEWSLETTER

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Head Teacher—Mrs D Reynolds



Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you to everyone who came to school wearing jeans and donated to this worthy charity. It was much appreciated and we raised an incredible £195.50.

Harvest Festival

Unfortunately the foodbank representative was unable to be in school to do the harvest assembly. We will reschedule to a future date. Thank you to all the families who have donated and we will be grateful for any donations that would like to be sent into school up to the end of the week.

Consultation Evenings

Just to remind you that Consultation Evenings are being held on **Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th October 2012**. The meetings are designed for you to have a discussion on your child/s progress in school.

Please take time to complete your consultation evening questionnaires. All of the constructive comments are considered carefully and, wherever appropriate, actions are taken to address any relevant issues.

Should you have to miss your appointment please contact the school office to arrange a rescheduled meeting to discuss your child's progress.

Absence Forms

Please be aware that **any leave of absence** during term time must be authorised by the Head Teacher by completing the Leave of Absence Request Form. Any application is considered against the criteria worksheet agreed and implemented by the Governing Body of Norwood School. This yellow form is situated in the school office foyer.

Behaviour on Site

There have been several incidents that have breached the Governing Bodies Code of Conduct. Conduct towards parents/carers, staff, children and visitors such as foul language, threatening behaviour, violence and abuse will not be tolerated.

Please may I draw your attention to the agreed Governor stance on expected conduct whilst on the site of Norwood Primary School.

Norwood School welcomes parents, visitors and all those contributing to the school community. Please be aware that all members of the school community have the right to be treated with dignity and respect and all members of staff have the right to work in an environment which is free from bullying or harassment of any kind.

Norwood School operates a zero tolerance policy with regard to bullying and harassment and any complaints received will be treated seriously, investigated appropriately and any necessary action taken.

We invite you join us in promoting and enjoying a positive and productive learning and working environment.

Sickness Bug

We have experienced a high level of illness within our school community. Please can I take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that we have a school policy of children remaining absent from school until a clear 48 hour period without illness has occurred.

We have worked with the children to ensure that they understand the importance of personal hygiene. On Global Hand Washing Day which was on **16th October 2012** the children learned how to wash their hands properly.

Poppies

Year 6 pupils will be selling poppies after half term. If you would like your child to participate in this worthy cause then please send them with some small change. The proceeds of the donations will be forwarded onto the British Legion.

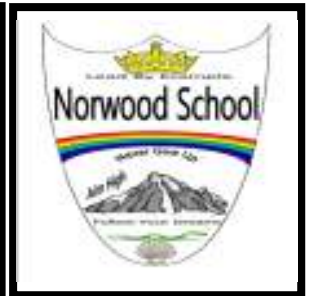


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Emails

We are an environmentally friendly school here at Norwood School and we endeavour to communicate through e-mail to save on paper. Please be aware with Governments guidelines, all communication is sent out electronically unless otherwise instructed. Please check your emails on a **daily** basis so that you can be fully updated as to what is happening at school. We will send a text at the same time to inform you of the letter which has been sent to your email. Please remember all letters are displayed on our website which has now changed to www.norwood-school.co.uk.

Shakespeare School Festival

For the first time, Norwood primary School took part in the annual School's Shakespeare Festival. The School's Shakespeare Festival opens its doors each year to schools across the country, who rise to the challenge of performing Shakespeare on a professional stage. Twenty five children from across years 4, 5 and 6 formed a cast to perform the comedy 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. The children auditioned for individual roles and spent the summer holidays learning their lines and on a weekly basis, leading up to a performance of the play at the Key Theatre on **Tuesday 16th October 2012**.

The children showed a fantastic understanding of the story of the play and Shakespeare's words, throwing themselves wholeheartedly into the performance. The children shared the stage with three other schools, one primary and two secondary schools.

Through their hard work and enthusiasm, the children produced a fantastically enjoyable representation of this, one of Shakespeare's most famous plays.

At the end of the evening, the children received praise from the Festival Director for their acting skills; voice projection and wonderful story-telling. It was an achievement that they should all be immensely proud of.

Huge thanks go to Laura Perkins for organising and fantastically choreographing the script.

School Times

Just to remind parents/carers that we open our doors at 8.45am. The doors then close at 8.55am, in order for the attendance register to be taken at 9.00am sharp. Any children who are late for the beginning of the register, should be taken to the school office and signed in by an adult. It also applies for afternoon registration which takes place at 1.20pm. Children who arrive after this time will receive a late code. Children who arrive after 9.15am and 1.35pm will receive an unauthorised absence code on their attendance.

Crossing Patrol

Mrs Anne Pell is doing a great job as our school patrol person in the mornings and after school. Please can we remind parents/carers to enter school via Coniston Road or Elter Walk entrances. Please **DO NOT ENTER** via the staff car park due to Health and Safety reasons.

Half Term

We break up on **Friday 26th October 2012** and return to school on **Monday 5th November 2012**. Hope you all have a good half term and look forward to seeing you all on the 5th November 2012.

