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Tuesday 8th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the start of 2019 at Norwood Primary School.

The children have returned to school full of exciting stories about their festive holiday. We do wish all of our families a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2019.

A reminder that all of our learning can be accessed via our website at www.norwood-school.co.uk in our '**Children's Zone**' area, with information on each class's learning for this term on their individual pages which can be found directly by clicking the hyperlinks below.

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A reminder that in Years 1-6 we are using the app 'Seesaw'. Seesaw is an online pupil digital portfolio tool. We hope that this form of networking is supporting parents/carers with knowing what children are learning in school and also great communication between parent/carer and school in giving parents/carers an opportunity to look at up and coming learning themes in advance as this approach really does put the children at an advantage. If you still need any support in setting up adult accounts or have any questions or queries please do contact Mrs Reynolds who will be able to support you through the process.

In Reception, Tapestry is used for the same communication as above and for parents/carers to see their child's learning in school. If there are any problems with parents/carers accessing Tapestry, please do speak to Mrs Hainsworth. Parents/Carers are encourage to engage with these apps to look at what their child has learned in school and share successes at home.

As it is the time of the year when we may experience bad weather, I would like to remind you of the procedures that we at Norwood School will adhere to in cases of school closure.

Firstly, may I point out that in circumstances where staff members have difficulty in getting to or from school and where adult:child ratio becomes unsafe, under Health and Safety guidelines, the school will have no choice other than closure.

For updates on school closures please listen to Heart FM for regular updates before school hours. A complete listing of these will be continually updated at www.heart.co.uk/peterborough and on the Peterborough Local Authority website. We will also send out a text message to all parent/carers informing you of any closures.

For school closures during the school daytime, we will contact parents/carers by a text and email message to the registered email address for the '*first contact*'. Please make sure the school office have up to date contact numbers and email addresses.

Please bear in mind that the majority of our staff travel a considerable distance to school and to ensure their safe travel home, it is only sensible to react quickly to an unpredictable situation and due to possible changing weather a decision may be made to close school early.

Although we take every care to grit the school grounds please be aware in adverse weather conditions, extreme precaution should be taken when entering and leaving the school premises.

Term Dates

Term Dates 2018-2019

Spring Term 2019

Half Term Monday 18th February–Friday 22nd February 2019
Term Finishes Friday 5th April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Term Starts Thursday 25th April 2019
May Day Monday 6th May 2019
Half Term Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019
Term Finishes Wednesday 24th July 2019

Proposed Term Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019

Term Starts Wednesday 4th September 2019
Half Term Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October 2019
Term Finishes Wednesday 18th December 2019

Spring Term 2020

Term Starts Monday 6th January 2020
Half Term Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2020
Term Finishes Wednesday 1st April 2020

Summer Term 2020

Term Starts Thursday 20th April 2020
May Day Monday 4th May 2020
Half Term Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2020
Term Finishes Tuesday 21st July 2020

Diary Dates

- **Thursday 17th January 2019**-Year 2 Special Meal Menu/Lucky Plate Day
- **Thursday 14th February 2019**-Valentine's Menu
- **Thursday 14th February 2019**-Valentine's Disco (Reception & KS1 pupils-**3.15pm-4.15pm**)
- **Thursday 14th February 2019**-Valentine's Disco (KS2 pupils-**4.30pm-5.45pm**)

Library Access Change

Just to remind you that the library and community room will now be open **from 8:15am every Tuesday and Thursday** in order for children to change their books and/or access computers to carry out their home learning. Parents/Carers need to accompany their children and access this provision by signing in at the main school office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Reynolds
Head Teacher

