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*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the academic year, we reflect on the successes that we have experienced during the academic year 2022/2023.

This has been our first full year that has not had any impact from Covid-19. We have not had any need for bubbles, class closures, social distancing or limitation to visitors on site and as such we have moved back to working in a manner we did pre-pandemic. Whilst we are still working hard to get the children back on track educationally, we have also made provision for the wider curriculum and experiences that supports the personal development of our children.

A few events that we look back upon fondly are the reintroduction of our parent/carer events that generally occur half termly, where we welcome our families into the children's classrooms to learn alongside their children. These have received positive feedback and are something that we feel benefits the children greatly.

We have had a raft of sporting events across the year, with each class from Year 1 to 6 engaging in competitive activities against other schools. Additional events for selected children have also been entered across the year with great success. Children have reported back how much they enjoy these sporting events where they meet other primary school children from across the city. We are also greatly looking forward to our Sports Day, which is in addition to our sports week held recently where children engaged in various activities and experienced new sports, as well as partake in the inflatables day.

Trips, visits and experiences are also back this year. We are fully aware of the impact of the cost of living on our families, so we have carefully selected visits that support our ambitious and well sequenced curriculum. These are planned to support the children's learning, knowledge and understanding but also ensure enjoyment and pleasure.

Clubs are back this year, and we greatly appreciate the staff that give up their own time to deliver these. We have seen a diverse range of clubs this year, from Sea Savers to Country Dancing and Football to Art. We do offer as many clubs as possible, some free and some at a chargeable amount – however we do understand that it can be frustrating when low uptake across school means the paid for clubs are not viable.

We work hard each half term to ensure that families are aware of what the children are learning in school and this is published on our school website. We do hope that this supports parents/carers knowing what the children's curriculum for the half term is and successfully shares key information including vocabulary, key dates and coverage for each subject.

Once again, we have had a very successful Summer Fayre that has raised funds for school. The Year 6 children have had an overarching responsibility for organising the event for our community (supported by staff members). Each class has the responsibility for running a mini business in the form of a stall. I am sure that everyone who took part in the event could see how hard staff and children had worked to make this such a success.

We were also very pleased to receive our Ofsted inspection in May. We worked alongside the two inspectors for two days (23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023) and were pleased with the outcomes. It was reaffirmed that as a school we knew where our strengths are and the school development work that is ongoing is what is needed to further improve our school.

We are very aware that many of you completed the Ofsted survey, 'Parent View', for which we thank you for. However, as Norwood continually strives to improve and provide a high-quality provision for your children, we are keen to fully understand your thoughts and views.

It would be very much appreciated if you would complete the following survey (Google Form) to support Norwood moving forward into the next academic year – one which we all hope is as successful as this year.

<https://forms.gle/V1A1uryJaEvNVAN88>

Yours sincerely

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