



Norwood Primary School

NEWSLETTER

January 2014

Head Teacher—Mrs D Reynolds



Welcome Back

We hope that you all had a good festive break and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to a successful 2014 at Norwood and appreciate the continued support from members of our parent body.

Norwood Got Talent

Auditions have been held for this event. Children who have been selected for the final have received a letter. The final will be held on Thursday 13th February 2014 in the school hall. Families of successful acts will receive tickets for the performance.

Update Contact Details

Please can all student update forms that were sent out on **Monday 27th January 2014** be amended if need be and returned back to school by **Monday 3rd February 2014**. We must have correct telephone and email addresses for all pupils.

This will ensure we are able to contact you in a case of emergency and issue all electronic communication when possible.

Emails/bookbags should be checked daily so that you are fully updated as to what is happening at school.

Text Messages

Please be aware school will not be reminding parents/carers every time correspondence is sent out due to high costs of text messaging. From now on the school office will send a weekly reminder to check your emails and your child's bookbag for any correspondence.

Nut Free School

Please may we **again** remind parents/carers that Norwood Primary School is a nut free school.

This means that it is not permissible for pupils or adults to bring to school any foods that may contain nuts, including peanut butter, chocolate and hazelnut spread, cakes and cereal bars. We have several pupils within school that have severe nut allergies and have epi-pens in school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Uniform

We believe that school uniform helps children to take pride in themselves and school. Our uniform consists of:

- White polo shirts or blouses.
- Grey/Black- trousers/skirts/pinafore dresses.
- Poppy Red cardigans/jumpers.
- Red, Grey or Black socks/tights.
- Black shoes – no trainers.
- Long hair should be tied back for P.E and earrings should be removed or taped over – tape should be provided from home.
- Extreme hair styles **are not** acceptable i.e. tram lines, un-natural colours, Mohicans or completely shaven heads.

Your help in keeping the children looking as neat and tidy and as uniformed as possible is always extremely appreciated.

PE Kits

Please can we remind parents/carers that pupils need to have appropriate items in their PE kit in order for them to carry out the sessions safely. Each child needs the following items in order for them to take part in PE regardless of our unpredictable weather:

- A white t-shirt
- Black/Blue shorts
- Black/Blue sports trousers
- Black plimsolls/trainers that fit your child
- Black/Blue jumper

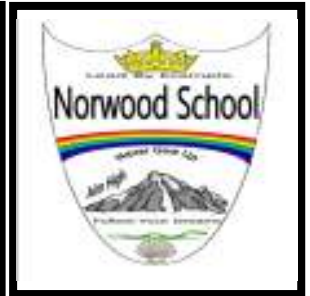


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Children with long hair **MUST** bring a band to tie their hair back with and children wearing earrings need to bring plasters that **MUST** be worn over the top of the studs.

Lost Property

We are constantly being unindated with enquires for lost items in school. Please can we strongly advise parents/carers to label all items of clothing and possessions.

Illnesses

There have been a number of absences, both staff and children, due to illness. We have had several confirmed cases of Chickenpox within the school community.

Early symptoms of Chickenpox can be Flu-like symptoms then an itchy rash.

If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please contact the school office by 9.00am on the first day of absence.

If you take your child to the doctors and they are diagnosed with a specific illness such as Measles, German measles, Chickenpox, Slapped Cheek please inform the school office as soon as possible.

Head Lice

There have been a number of instances of head lice reported throughout the school. Please check your child's hair thoroughly and treat if necessary. Children will be sent home for treatment from school if head lice are seen.

Class Pets

We welcome 2 new additional members to Norwood- Reception's Guinea Pigs. The Reception team and pupils raised money to have their own class pets. A competition was set to staff and parents/carers of Reception to give the new members a name each.

The winning names to be announced today in assembly.

Maintenance Work

Due to on-going maintenance work (drain issues), the front access to school from Gunthorpe Road will remain closed until further notice. The disabled bays will be open for blue badge holders **ONLY** to park and access to school site is via Coniston Road or Elter Walk entrances.

Diary Dates

- **Friday 7th February 2014** – NSA Valentine's Disco.
- **Friday 14th February 2014** – Valentine's Day special meal.
- **Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th March 2014** – Consultation Evenings.
- **Thursday 6th March 2014** – World Book Day. Letter to follow.
- **Thursday 6th March 2014** – World Book Day special meal.
- **Friday 21st March 2014** – Sports Relief dress down day. Letter to follow.
- **Friday 21st March 2014** – Sports Relief special meal.

Term Dates

Spring Term

Half Term Monday 17th – Friday 21st February 2014

Term Ends Friday 4th April 2014

Summer Term

Term Starts Tuesday 22nd April 2014

May Day Monday 5th May 2014

Half Term Monday 26th – Friday 30th May 2014

Term Ends Friday 18th July 2014