



Norwood Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Head Teacher—Mrs D Reynolds



Sickness Bug

Many of you will be aware that 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 and we have also shared how to wash hands properly. We request that you support school with this ongoing educational issue.

Gunthorpe Road Crossing Patrol

Our crossing patrol is now fully staffed, both before and after school, by City Council staff. Both the Governing Body of Norwood School and the Traffic Safety & Regulation Team have worked together to ensure the safety of our children.

Norwood School Field Fence

Unfortunately due to influences beyond the control of our school and its Governing Body, the Fence Working Party meeting that was scheduled to take place last Thursday was unable to take place. Jonathan Lewis from Peterborough City Council is currently attempting to reschedule this date. When this group has met and an outcome agreed regarding the position, style and height of fence we will inform our school community.

Consultation Evening Appointments

Your date and time for meeting your child's class teacher will be issued on Thursday. We look forward to these meetings as they enable school and home to work in partnership to ensure that children gain the best possible learning experiences.

School Meals

As you may be aware we have changed our school meal providers. From last Monday M & B Catering Company took over our kitchens and have successfully provided our children with healthy and tasty hot meals. Our school meals are now fully cooked on site and produced using fresh, quality ingredients.

The children and staff who have eaten school meals have been incredibly complimentary about the menu and the quality of the food.

If you would like your child to try a school meal please complete a purple form available at the school office.

School meals are currently priced at £2.10.

Home Access

There is currently a Government scheme in operation to provide computers and internet access to families who meet certain criteria.

'Home Access aims to provide practical and financial support to low-income families who may not be able to afford a computer or the internet. We will support these families to ensure that the educational and social benefits of 21st century technology are available to them.'

Diana Johnson, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Schools

If you answer yes to the three questions in Section one and yes to at least one question in Section two below, you could be eligible for a Home Access Grant.

Section one: Are you a parent or guardian responsible for and living with a child...

- who is in school years 3 to 9, which normally means age 7–14?
- who attends a state-maintained school in England full-time?
- who has not already had a computer from a Home Access Grant or any other similar programmes, such as Computers for Pupils?

Section two: Do you receive at least one of the following?

- Free School Meals for your child
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income Support
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and an income of less than £16,040⁴
- Guaranteed Pension Credit (not Savings Credit)
- Income-based Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you feel you meet required criteria please contact the school office who can provide you with the relevant forms for completion.

Diary Dates

- Thursday 4th March – World Book Day
- Tuesday 9th March – Consultation Evening
- Wednesday 10th March – Consultation Evening
- Friday 19th March – NSA Race Night
- Thursday 25th March – Curriculum Open Evening
- Friday 26th March – Last day of Spring Term