

Northwood Primary School Newsletter – November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Northwood. We hope you have all had a fantastic time together over the break. This half term is always one of the highlights of the school year; it is very busy and packed with fun and opportunities to further develop your children's lives and experiences. We are always striving to 'grow success' and look forward to making memories for all of our children during this half term.

Anti-Bullying Week – Choose Respect: Week beginning 11th November



As part of this year's Anti-Bullying Week Campaign, we are focusing on the theme of 'Choosing Respect' at Northwood Primary School.

We know that the term 'respect' can mean different things to different people and want to ensure that all children are aware of the ways we can choose to show respect. At Northwood, 'being respectful' is one of our key virtues so we are excited to showcase our knowledge and understanding around this area already.

Throughout the week, children will focus on the term 'respect' and how it can be shown through valuing other opinions, feelings and values, even if they are different to their own. They will also be reminded how to report any worries concerning bullying and also who they can go to for help.

Our school Anti-Bullying Policy can be found on the school's website which can be found [here](#):

On some of these days, we will come together through a range of activities and themes:

- **Wednesday 13th November**- 'Stay safe online'- E-safety is at the heart of our computing curriculum. Being safe online means individuals are protecting themselves and others from online harm and risks.
- **Friday 15th November**- 'Children in Need Day'- the whole school community is invited to wear bright clothes to school to celebrate this important event.



On **Friday 15th November**, we will celebrate 'Children in Need Day' in school. This will be a non-uniform day and we ask that the school community wears bright colours, their own (or Children in Need branded) clothes on this day – they can wear their school uniform if they wish. We will also have our special 'Copper Coin Challenge' on this day too. Please would you look in your pockets, drawers and purses (and down the side of the sofa) and allow your children to bring in copper coins (and silver ones too if you wish) to decorate as many Pudsey Bear faces as we possibly can. All money raised will go to this very important charity and to support children in a difficult position.





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Christmas Fair: Friday 6th December-Put the date on your calendar!

Once again, Northwood's Christmas Fair will be taking place in December this year. This special event was a great success last year so we are planning on making this event a huge success once again. This will take place at Northwood on **Friday 6th December** from 4:00pm to 5.30pm. There will be many stalls, including items that children have made to sell at the after-school clubs. To get into the Christmas mood, our school café will be open to purchase festive snacks and hot chocolates. Once again, we will also have tombolas, a raffle and a very special visitor - we are just awaiting final confirmation from the North Pole!

If you have any raffle or tombola prizes you wish to donate, we would be very grateful. Please drop off any items at the office or ask your children to hand these over to their teachers. More information will follow once we finalise this exciting event. All money raised will go towards school funds.

Dates for your diary:

There is a lot going on this half term, so please make sure you keep this section so you know what is happening in school:

November

- Monday 11th November – Remembrance Day (we will conduct a two-minute silence to pay our respects)
- Monday 11th November – Anti-bullying week begins
- Wednesday 13th November – Be Safe Online Day
- Friday 15th November – Children in Need Day (see information contained on this newsletter)
- Monday 25th November – Daisy Chain coffee morning
- Wednesday 27th November – Scholastic Book Fair (3:00 – 4:00) - this event will take place in the main hall

December

- Thursday 5th December – Christmas Dinner Day
- Friday 6th December – Christmas Fair (see information contained on this newsletter)
- Monday 9th December – Year 4 (Class 9 & 10) Christmas Party
- Tuesday 10th December – KS1 Christmas Performance
- Wednesday 11th December – Year 1 (Class 3 & Class 4) & Year 2 (Class 5 & Class 6) Christmas Parties
- Thursday 12th December – KS2 Christmas Performance
- Friday 13th December – Early Years Festive Activity
- Monday 16th December – Nursery & Reception Christmas Party
- Tuesday 17th December – Year 6 (Class 13 & Class 14) Christmas Party
- Wednesday 18th December – Year 3 (Class 7 & Class 8) Christmas Party
- Thursday 19th December – Year 5 (Class 11 & Class 12) Christmas Party
- Friday 20th December – Last day of term – non-uniform day

School is closed for children on Monday 6th January

School **reopens** on **Tuesday 7th January, 2025.**

