



## Northwood Primary School October Newsletter

### Welcome to October's newsletter

Thank you to all those parents and carers who attended our latest parent/ teacher consultations. We hope you found these useful and relevant. If you couldn't attend and would still like to speak to your child's class teacher, please contact the school office and they will be happy to help you arrange this.



Amy Young Head Teacher



### SLT Drop ins

Thank you to those parents who contributed to our latest SLT drop in, whether that was in person or via a message. It was lovely to hear that many of you are very happy and only three issues were raised. The first around party invites, the second around PE and the third about the time of the meeting. We understand that parents often have a difficult decision to make when choosing who to invite to a party. Those children not invited can be upset and so moving forwards, all party invites will be placed in children's book bags. Thank you for your support with this. We understand that some children have been missing out on a second PE lesson and have looked again at timetabling. The changes we have made will hopefully lead to a reduction in the number of PE lessons being cancelled, particularly those that take place in the school hall. Finally some parents cannot attend the 9am start for these meetings and so we alternate between 9am and 2.30pm. The next meeting will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November @ 2.30pm. Please feel free to drop in, even it is just for a cup of tea and a quick catch up.

### Key dates

Please note not all dates are included and further details and dates will follow.

**21.10.25** - Friends of Northwood Halloween Disco

**23.10.25** - Break up

**24.10.25** - PD day. School closed for pupils

**27- 31.10.25** - Half term holidays

**3.11.25** - School reopens

**12.11.25** - EY Open event (Details to follow)

**13.11.25** - Senior Leader & parent drop in @2.30pm

**26.11.25** - Early Years Open Evening (details to follow)

**19.12.25** - Break up for Christmas

**5.1.26** - PD day. School closed to pupils

**6.1.25** - School reopens to pupils

*Christmas performance and party dates will follow, after the half term holidays.*

### After School Activities

Following feedback from parents around after school activities, you will shortly receive a timetable outlining the activities on offer this academic year. In order to make the system as fair as possible, you will be able to book onto these using Arbor. Please look out for the email which will contain the timetable and further information on how you can book.

### Attendance

We all know how important school attendance is. Latest research shows at KS2, pupils who attended school nearly every day in Year 6 (with an attendance rate of 95-100%) were 1.3 times more likely to achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to pupils who only attended 90-95% of the time. This means missing just 10 days of year 6 reduced the likelihood of reaching the expected standard by around 25%. Pupils who attended nearly every day were 1.8 times more likely to achieve the standard than persistently absent pupils who only attend 85-90% of the time (relating to 4 -6 weeks more time in school). After the half term holidays, we will be sending out your child's attendance figure. Whenever possible please ensure your child attends school every day and try to make all appointments outside of the school hours. If you have any questions over this, please contact the school office.

### Friends of Northwood

We are very grateful to all those parents who expressed an interest in joining our newly formed *Friends of Northwood*. We are looking forward to their first event 'Halloween disco'. If you would like to be involved and join the group, please contact Mr Tapner at school.