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Northway News



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CURRENT WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

95.3%

BEST INFANT CLASSES

99.4% - Y1/2 Mr Wright

BEST JUNIOR CLASS

97.2% - Y5 Mrs Windham

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back everyone at the start of the Spring term! We wish all of you and your families a very happy and healthy 2024. It has been so lovely to see all of the children return to school with such positive attitudes and raring to go for the new term. It's still dark in the morning and early evening so seeing the huge smiles on their faces brightens the days!

Attendance

The whole school attendance for the Autumn term was 96% which is fantastic, especially during not only the season of coughs and colds but when chicken pox was spreading too. The Government has launched a national attendance campaign to promote good attendance for all children. The key message is **Moments Matter, Attendance Counts**. Regular school attendance results in more positive relationships with others, which in turn provides support for children's mental health and wellbeing. A concerning figure shared is that just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved the expected standards at the end of Y6, compared with 84% of children who were regular attenders. If you need support with improving your child's attendance, please speak to your child's class teacher or myself.

Robinwood

A reminder that the final payment for Robinwood is due by 23rd February. There will be a parents' meeting for you to attend with children on Thursday 14th March. We will give kit lists out and further information during this. If you are unable to attend, please rest assured that we will pass the information to you following this.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 30th Jan @ 2.30-3pm: Nursery Stars Stay and Play

Thurs 1st Feb @ 2.30-3pm: Nursery Rainbows Stay and Play

Wed 7th Feb: Wear What you Love Day

Wed 7th Feb @ 3.15-4.45: Infant and Junior Discos

Fri 9th Feb: Finish for half term (normal time)

Mon 19th Feb: Back to school

Thurs 14th Mar @ 3.30pm: Robinwood meeting

Wed 20th Mar: Parents Evening (1.30pm finish/ASC 4pm finish)

Tues 26th Mar @ 6pm: Easter Bingo

Thurs 28th Mar: Finish for Easter (1.30pm finish/ASC 4pm finish)



Click on our QR code to find out what has been happening each week in our curriculum.

READING, READING, READING

Christmas is always a busy time of the year and we know keeping on top of reading can slip. However, at the start of a new year and new term, it is the perfect opportunity to reset the clock with all of our routines. Reading daily with your child (listening to them read and also sharing a story yourself with them) has a hugely positive impact on children. We want children to develop a lifelong love of reading as it opens up the world around them. Children who are confident, strong readers have better vocabulary and achieve better outcomes. Please prioritise listening to your child read at least three times a week. Don't forget to record it in their reading diary so they can achieve a raffle ticket each week to enter the half termly draw for an Amazon voucher.

Uniform

All the children have returned to school looking very smart and in the correct uniform. Thank-you for supporting us in ensuring this happens. A reminder that trainers are NOT allowed and school pumps will be provided for children to wear if they continue to wear trainers without permission.

Extra-curricular Clubs

At Northway, we want to offer as many opportunities to expand children's horizons as possible. We are proud of our enrichment offer and delighted with the number of extra-curricular clubs on offer either this half term or next! These include- Y5 Lego Masters, UJ Sewing, UJ Knitting, UJ Drama, KS2 Football, KS2 Running, LJ Computing, KS1 Gymnastics, KS1 Keep Fit and Yoga for Y4, 5 & 6.

Build A Burger!

On Thursday 18th January, there is a theme day in the school kitchen. It is 'Build a Burger Day'. The options include- Beef burgers, Chicken burgers, fries, choice of salad & sauce and ice cream. Please use School Grid if you wish to book a dinner for your child on that day.

PTA News

This half term, there will be two PTA events. The first is a disco after school on Wednesday 7th February. There will be a disco for the infants and one for the juniors. It will take place straight after school until 4.45pm. More information will follow in order to buy a ticket for your child. On the same day, we will be having Wear What You Love. Children may wear what they love to school for a donation of £1- this can include anything from PJs through to fancy dress! Finally, a date for the diaries- we know how sought after the event was last year so back by popular demand is Easter Bingo! This will be on Tuesday 26th March at 6pm- again more details to follow nearer the time.

FAMILY SUPPORT INFORMATION

School Safeguarding Team: Mrs McKenzie, Mrs McGhee & Mrs Harrison. Please arrange a meeting via the school office, if you require support.

Maghull Food Bank: Based at St. Georges United Reformed Church, Northway, Maghull. Open Tuesdays 10am-12pm. No vouchers needed.

CAMHS Crisis Care Team: 0151 293 3577 or Freephone 0808 196 3550. This team offers 24 hour support to children and young people (under 18) who are in mental health crisis in Liverpool or Sefton.

Domestic Abuse support: SWACCA - www.swacca.com for women, young people and children throughout Sefton

Mental Health Support for Men: Sean's Place in Sefton and Liverpool www.seansplace.org.uk

Mental Health Support: MIND www.mind.org.uk

Mental Health support for young people: Young minds www.youngminds.org.uk