

# NORTHWOOD news

Friday 31st January

## MISS HUSSEY SAYS...

Year 6 parents - don't forget to sign up for the parent's meetings on the 10th and 12th of February. Lists are in the office.

## Stars of the week!

Apple	Savannah Smith Bryce Simpson Oscar Day
Cherry	Hercules Lovett-Fenner Alfie Cartmell Emily Burrows-Mucogllava
Willow	Theo Munn Elena Cowley Tyler Gardner
Beech	Owen Johnson Madeline Smith Aneirin Smith
Elm	Lucy Way Thomas Cole Renton Latter
Aspen	Jimmy Mumford Tom Hirst Cameron Dale
Lime	Daniel Corrall Aimee Wellsted Adam Woodford

### Maths Curriculum Evening

A new national curriculum is to be introduced in September of this year. As an academy we do have more freedoms than most schools in terms of our curriculum and do not have to adopt the whole of the new curriculum. However, as the year 2 and 6 children will continue to be tested through SATs on the content of the new curriculum we have decided that we will adopt it for English and Maths. During this academic year we have already invested a significant amount of money into the improvement of maths across the school. We have teachers attending school improvement courses outside of the school; we are also working closely with a Maths Advisor from Hampshire on preparing for the new curriculum and extending our teaching of problem solving. In addition, we have invested in new resources for all year groups. We would like to invite you to a curriculum evening on **Wednesday 5th March at 6.30 pm** where we will unpick the curriculum and proposed government changes to assessment. You will also have the opportunity to go into workshops with teachers to show you how we teach certain elements of maths and how you can help your children.

### World Book Day

This is on **Thursday 6th March** and to celebrate we will be asking children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character (we haven't had a dress up day for ages!) We are also looking for kind volunteers to come into school and share stories with the children on that day.

### Sainsbury's Active Kids

The 2014 scheme has begun. Please send in your vouchers. The collection box is in the foyer.

### Key Stage 2 Production

We know this is a long way off as it doesn't happen until the end of the summer term, but as Miss Hussey is going to be in charge this year she would like any offers of help to come in as soon as possible. **This year we will be doing Buggy Malone!** Miss Hussey intends to begin rehearsals after the Easter Break in after school clubs so that it can be put together in the last few weeks before the performance which is provisionally booked for the **17th July**. It is likely that the production will only involve year 5 & 6 as we have so many of them. If you think you would like to be involved in teaching dancing, acting, costumes or props please let Miss Hussey know.

### Year 2 SATs Information Evening

We are holding a meeting for Willow parents on **Tuesday 11th February, 6-7pm**. Mr Bryant will be available to explain the process and answer any questions that you may have. We have a gentle and stress free approach to the Year 2 SATs which take place in May. If you are unable to attend, there will be notes sent home after the meeting.

### Scooters

Please ensure that children do not ride scooters in the school grounds. The path is for pedestrian use only and we have been told of some near misses lately. Scooters should be dismantled before entering the school gates and walked down the path.

### Cake Stall

There will be a cake stall after school next **Friday 7th February**. We hope to raise funds to reduce the cost of the Y3/4 London trip which is coming up in March. Please bring your cakes into the school office on Friday morning. In addition to this, Lisa Martin is very kindly donating one of her wonderful cakes for us to raffle. Tickets priced at 50p will be on sale from Monday in the office.



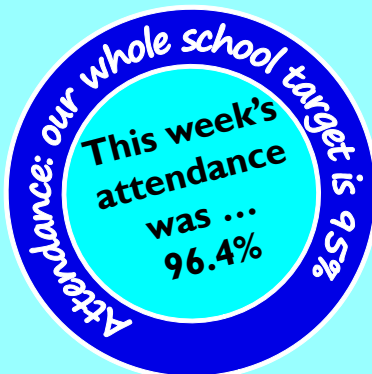
If your child is unwell and unable to come into school, please contact the office by 9.30. Telephone 293392



Following our first meeting of 2014, we have lots planned which we will let you know about soon.

Please help us raise funds for school when you shop online

Sign up at [easyfundraising.org](http://easyfundraising.org) and search for Northwood Primary School, Northwood



# Dates for the Spring Term

## FEBRUARY

- 4th Y5/6 Girls Football v Shalfleet @ Northwood 3.30pm
- 5th Y5/6 Boys Football v Gurnard @ Gurnard 3.30pm
- 6th SATs Information for Y6 Parents @ 3.30pm
- 7th Y3/4 Football v Shalfleet, Yarmouth & Brighstone @ Shalfleet 2pm
- 7th KSI Big Sharing Assembly
- 10th & 12th Y6 Parents Meetings
- 11th Y2 SATs Information Evening 6- 7pm
- 11th Y3/4 Football v Gurnard @ Gurnard 3.30pm
- 13th Y3/4 Tag Rugby Festival @ Gurnard Primary 3pm
- 14th KS2 Big Sharing Assembly
- 14th Y4/5/6 Girls Football v Queensgate @ Queensgate 3.30pm
- 14th Break up for half term
- 24th Back to school
- 28th Y5/6 Cowes Cluster Basketball Competition @ Cowes Enterprise College 3pm

## MARCH

- 6th World Book Day
- 7th KSI Big Sharing Assembly
- 14th KS2 Big Sharing Assembly
- 20th Y3/4 Cross Country Relay Race @ Cowes Enterprise College 3pm
- Week beginning 24th Parents Evenings for Y1,2,3,4 and 5
- 26th Year 5/6 Cowes Cluster Cross Country @ Northwood 2pm
- 27th Y3/4 London Trip

## APRIL

- 2nd - 4th Year 5 East Dene Residential Trip
- 4th KSI Big Sharing Assembly
- 4th Break up for Easter Holiday

## Y5/6 Athletics

Our team of athletes travelled to Medina College yesterday for the island finals. We are very proud to report that the team finished 6th out of the twelve teams that had reached the finals. Mr Hill was very pleased with this result as we were the highest placed small school. There will be a full event report in next week's newsletter but in the meantime, well done to our team for representing the school so well.

## National Libraries Day

Celebrate National Libraries day at Cowes Library on **Saturday 8th February 10am - 4.30pm.**

Come and see what the Library has to offer. Join and borrow books for free. (When you join rent one DVD and get one free). We can tell you about accessing online services, magazines, learning and language courses for free. Meet Cowes Heritage Group members and see part of their Exhibition 'Who do you think lived here?' Do you have any memorabilia for their next exhibition? There will be Children's Craft Activities **10am - 2pm** and then an exciting finish to the afternoon with Huxley's Magic show **3 - 4pm.**

## Football boots

If you have any size 3 - 5 football boots that your child has outgrown, we would be very grateful if you could donate them to school to use as spares. Thank you.

## Parking

Please park considerately for the safety of your children and as a courtesy to our neighbours. Thank you.

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