



NORTHWOOD news

Friday 4th September

Welcome Back!

A very big welcome back to our established Northwood families and we extend a huge Northwood welcome to all of our new families in Apple Tree. We would like to also welcome Kimberley Finnigan into year 3 and Tahlia Wilkie who has joined us in year 5. The first day seemed to go very well, hardly any tears and lots of smiles and news to tell of us of new babies, puppies and holiday adventures! Thank you for following the new arrangements for drop off and pick up time; we appreciate it is not what you are used to but we do have to follow advice from Her Majesty's Inspectors when it comes to safeguarding your children. Just a reminder; year 5 and 6 can go in through their entrance between 8.30 and 8.40 and then through the office. Year 3 and 4's entrance will be open at 8.40 and year 1 and 2 at 8.50. The car park gates will be shut from 8.30 to 8.40 while the children enter the year 5 and 6 rooms. If you arrive at school early to get a parking space, why not sit in the car rather than wait outside in the cold? It is always a good time to hear a quick bit of reading or practice times tables! It may have seemed congested at times but it was much safer inside the building and the office staff could answer the phone and deal with parents without all the children coming through the office. In addition, all the children settled into the school day really quickly and with minimum fuss. If for any reason you need to see a teacher please phone in the morning before school to talk to them or ring the office to arrange a convenient time. We still very much value our communication with you.

Meet the Team Meetings

As you know we usually start the new school with these and so here are the dates that are coming up soon:

Wednesday 9th September
@ 5.30: Key stage 1 (year 1 and 2)

Thursday 10th September
@ 5.30: Lower Key stage 2 (year 3 and 4)

Wednesday 16th September
@ 5.30: Upper Key Stage 2 (year 5 and 6)

Advance Notice

There will be no Brambles on **Friday 23rd October** due to further decorating.

Special Order Lunches and Letters Home

A reminder that all lunch orders and payments plus any letters and reply slips, now go directly to classes. Lunch orders can be completed weekly to save you having to fill them out daily or on an ad hoc basis for occasional requests. If you would like a supply at home, please drop a note into class or call the office and we will send some via your child.

Year 6 Transition

All of our year 6 children should have brought home a letter today with details of transfer to secondary school arrangements. We realise how early it seems to be thinking about this but the application process opens online on **Monday 14th September** and all applications must be received by midnight on **Saturday 31st October**. We will let you know of secondary school open evenings as soon as we are aware of them.

MISS HUSSEY SAYS...



Welcome back to all families. We are all looking forward to another exciting year!

Stars



of the week!

Apple	
Cherry	
Willow	Next week!
Beech	
Elm	
Aspen	
Lime	
Oak	



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

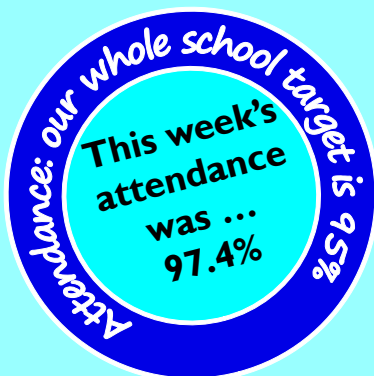


The Big Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September.

We will be asking for cake donations for this charity fundraiser.

Can we please have your "Grow a Pound" funds in by the end of next week.

Look out for the date of the next PTA meeting.



Dates for the Autumn Term September

9th Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) Meet the Team @ 5.30pm

10th Year 3 and 4 Meet the Team @ 5.30pm

11th Key Stage 1 Big Sharing Assembly

16th Year 5 and 6 Meet the Team @ 5.30pm

17th County Press "First Class" Apple Tree photograph

18th Key Stage 2 Big Sharing Assembly

22nd and 23rd Individual and sibling photographs - Atlas Images

25th Macmillan Coffee Morning
October

2nd KSI Big Sharing Assembly

9th KS2 Big Sharing Assembly

23rd No Brambles After School Club

23rd Break up for half term

November

2nd Back to school

December

18th Break up for Christmas

Development Days

We are yet to finalise the development days for this year but will let you know well in advance.

Apple Tree

Mrs Strand and the Apple Tree team are very grateful to Gordon from Dabells for donating carpet squares for the children to sit on during carpet time. Look out for some lovely bright new tables and chairs which will be arriving soon.

Isle of Wight Cycling Festival

The event takes place between 5 - 27 September and includes over 80 rides, with a great range of family events from fossil rides to story rides, toddlers tea parties and

Geocaching by bike. There's also the Station to Station Rat Race, Family Fun Ride with Island Cycling Adventures and the Kidical Mass! The Sustrans' School Engagement Officers will also be leading four great family rides including, the Ice Cream Sunday Cycle and the Cycle Train. The Cycling Festival kicks off on Saturday with the Cycling Festival Launch in Seaclose Park which includes a Junior Cyclo-cross. In the evening there is also the Cycle Cinema – an outdoor cinema fuelled by pedal power alone! There are also Bikeability sessions and cycle maintenance classes.

This is a link to view the Cycling Festival programme online:
www.sunseaandcycling.com/files/documents/IWCF2015programmepdf.pdf

Newport Roman Villa

FREE ENTRY at Newport Roman Villa to celebrate Heritage Open Days 2015. Saturday 12 September 10.30 – 3pm. Discover this amazing historic site and see the display of recent archaeological finds and visit the herb garden. Craft activities and treasure hunt for families. Come and explore our activity room; make a mosaic, try on Roman clothes and put a pot back together. No booking required please just drop in between 10.30 – 3pm. Organised by the Isle of Wight Heritage Service. Newport Roman Villa, Cypress Road, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 1HA - 01983 529720

Parking

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

A world of opportunities