



# NORTHWOOD news

Friday 9th September

**MISS HUSSEY SAYS...**

**Well done for the fabulous 99.4% attendance. Let's keep it up!**

**Stars of the week!**

Apple	Stars of the week
Cherry	will begin
Willow	next week.
Beech	Well Done
Elm	to everyone
Aspen	for a super
Oak	start to the new school year

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another school year at Northwood Primary. The first few days have gone very smoothly and the children have settled back to their learning as if they had never been away. Apple tree have all enjoyed their first mornings and next week they will be joining us for lunch and a play too. Mr Steed has also settled into his new role and has had a lot of fun with Sycamore class already.

## Attendance

Miss Hussey has set a challenge for all the children in school and has told them all about it in our first assembly on Wednesday. Despite our efforts our attendance figure still fell below the national average of 96% at the end of last year. So we have set the children the challenge of beating the national average at the end of this year and if they succeed then they all have a celebration day with activities of their choosing. We have asked the children to come up with some ideas and at the moment we are considering; Nerf Wars, bouncy castles, ice creams and school cinema. We have discussed with the children how important every day in school is and we hope that you will work with us to reach our target. You will receive, at the end of each month, your child's individual attendance percentage so that you can keep track of it. Children with a percentage lower than 95% will automatically be flagged up with the Education Welfare Service. We do appreciate that children are often ill and at times they really can't be here, but if they are just feeling a bit under the weather please send them in and we will take care of

them. If they get worse we will call you.

We have also begun electronic registration of children in the classrooms and this will flag up late arrivals. We will send a text to inform you of how many minutes late a child has arrived and this can also affect their attendance percentage.

So to remind you of the registration times for each class:

- Apple Tree - 9.00am
  - Cherry and Willow - 9.00am
  - Elm and Beech - 8.50 am
  - Sycamore and Oak - 8.40am
- All classroom doors are open 10 minutes before these times.

## Meet the Team Sessions

There will be opportunities over the next few weeks for you to meet the teachers and hear all about the year ahead.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September:** Meet the Team Reception (Apple Class) @ 9am

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September:** Meet the Team Key Stage 1 (Cherry and Willow classes) @ 5.30pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September:** Meet the Team Reception (Apple Class). @5.30pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September:** Meet the Team Upper Key Stage 2 (Sycamore and Oak classes) @5.30pm

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September:** Meet the Team Lower Key Stage 2 (Elm and Beech classes) @5.30pm



If your child is unwell and unable to come into school, please contact the office by 9.30. Telephone 293392 or email [office@northwoodpri.co.uk](mailto:office@northwoodpri.co.uk)



**New Families - we welcome you to our PTA.**

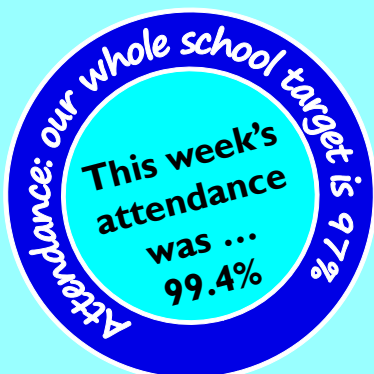
**We do hope that you will get involved with our fundraising events.**

**Look out for details of our next meeting.**

**Thank you for your support at our Macmillan Coffee Morning.**

**£107.55 raised for the charity.**

**Join our Facebook page for lots of info. Supporters of Northwood**



## Dates for the Autumn Term September

**14th** Apple Meet the Team @9.00am

**14th** Cherry and Willow Meet the Team @5.30pm

**15th** Apple Meet the Team @5.30pm

**15th** Sycamore and Oak Meet the Team @ 5.30pm

**21st** Elm and Beech Meet the Team @5.30pm

## October

**3rd** Phonics Information Session @3.30pm

**4th** Phonics Information Session @5.30pm

**12th** Hand to Mouth Theatre Gingerbread Production - Apple, Cherry and Willow

**20th** PTA Halloween Disco

**21st** Break up for Half Term

**31st** Back to School

**Development Days 2016/17**

**Monday 5th and**

**Tuesday 6th September 2016.**

**Tuesday 3rd January 2017**

**Monday 24th and**

**Tuesday 25th July 2017.**

## Phonic Sessions for Parents

Mr Bryant our year 3 teacher and Literacy Leader will be holding some sessions to help you support your child with learning phonic knowledge. Phonics is how we teach children to read by correlating letters with sounds and is very important in the first few years of their education. Anybody is welcome to attend these sessions.

**Monday 3rd October @ 3.30 pm**

**Tuesday 4th October @ 5.30 pm**

## We Need Your Help Too!

We would love you to play an active part in the school community either by joining the PTA or coming into school to school to help in class or in the garden/allotment. If you have any free time we can always find you something to do. It would be really special if we could get some Dads in

to help, particularly with reading with boys.

Please let the ladies in the office know if you spare any time. All volunteers are required to obtain DBS clearance, the cost of which is covered by the school.

## Helping your Child with their Learning

Over the next few weeks we are going to give you some helpful hints for supporting your child's learning at home.

### Tip 1: Say to your child the word YET as often as you can!

For example, when your child says 'I can't do fractions' you say 'you can't do fractions yet.' Help them to see the possibility that they will be able to achieve in the future.

## Guitars

If you have any child size guitars at home that are no longer needed we can use them. It doesn't really matter if they are a bit battered or string less, they can be fixed. Mr Steed needs them for his class and for after school clubs. Thank you.

## Mr Steed and Sycamore Class



## Parking

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

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