

NORTHWOOD news

Friday 10th January

MISS HUSSEY SAYS...



Stars of the week!

Apple	Jack Angell Jenna-Rose Wood Aneirin Sheath
Cherry	Emelyne Whitlock Jack French Oscar Renouf Henry Cohen
Willow	Elliot Paynter-Jones Isabelle Bache Ace Chaves
Beech	Billy Backshall Rossen Martin Joshua Swift
Elm	Libby Dawkins Louis Wykes Esme Sheath Charlie Blake
Aspen	Charlie Kermode Kieran Brodie Bradley Murray
Lime	Missy Chisholm Tobi Sowerby Victoria Holden

Welcome back

Happy New Year and welcome back to you all. We would also like to welcome Mrs McGookin who is working in year 3/4 and a big welcome to Oscar Renouf and Henry Cohen who have joined Cherry team.

Cross Country

This term is our cross country term for all key stage 2 children and we do appreciate your support with making sure the children have appropriate kit in school. We apologise now for the muddy clothes you will inevitably end up having to wash! Year 3 and 4 children stay in the school grounds and year 5 and 6 do venture on a safe route which is risk assessed and has proved over the last 2 years to work well. For all their moaning the children did really enjoy their sessions this week.

Year 6 SATs

As you know during the summer term the year 6 pupils take their SAT tests in reading, maths, spelling and grammar (writing is assessed in school.) These tests are then sent away to be marked externally. The results are then sent back to school and the results are used in national league tables. We want to make sure our children are as prepared as they possibly can be and that we alleviate any anxieties they might have. We are holding an information session on Thursday 6th February at 3.30 for parents of year 6 children and hope that you will attend if you can. In the following week of 10th February we will hold parents evening for year 6 children only, where we can share with you their most recent assessments and suggest ways in which you can help your children be prepared.

Get to know your Governors



Nicola Henry

As a parent, I thought for many years teachers come in just before 9am, and go home just after 3... what a fantastic job. Great hours, you get to play with stuff all day and so many holidays. Until I became a governor.

Hi. My name is Nicola and I have three children aged 20, 6 and 3. I have lived in Northwood for many years and even came to Northwood primary as a child. I adore this little quirky village and believe in a strong community.

So, why did I join the team of governors? You have to look at the whole picture when making any decision in life to do with your children and where to school them is such an important milestone for them. Get it wrong and your child can academically suffer, get it right and you will see your child blossom into a happy, well-adjusted person.

So then it's simple to see why being a parent governor would be so rewarding but, scrutinising every detail of how a school is run, and looking at the ways to make things better is actually quite tough. When I first joined the board I was very aware that I really didn't know a great deal about how the school was run. I find myself looking at things in a completely different way and getting to know in detail everything we do at Northwood has been quite a task. I've a lot to learn, but supporting the school as an academy to be the best it can, will most certainly be a worthwhile journey.



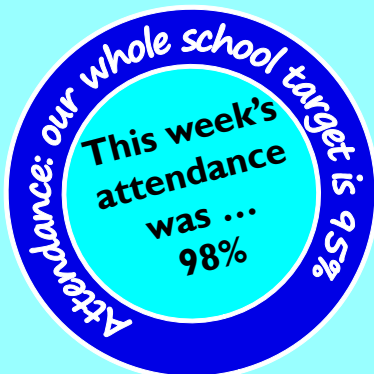
If your child is unwell and unable to come into school, please contact the office by 9.30. Telephone 293392



We are getting ready for the first "Little Bird" newsletter of 2014. So if your child's birthday is in January or they would like to draw a picture for the front cover, please let us know via the little Bird Box in the foyer along with any suggestions you may have for future events. We will collect from the box next Wednesday 15th.

The sale of 46 DVDs, 93 Christmas Cards and lots of teas and coffees at the KSI Christmas Play, raised a massive profit of £374. Thank you for your support.

We do not have the date of the next meeting yet but will keep you posted and let you now as soon as it is known.



Dates for the Spring Term

JANUARY

17th KS2 Big Sharing Assembly
30th Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics Final @ Medina College 12.30 - 3pm

FEBRUARY

6th SATs Information Evening for Y6 parents
7th KSI Big Sharing Assembly
10th Y6 Parents Evenings
14th KS2 Big Sharing Assembly
14th Break up for half term
24th Back to school

MARCH

7th KSI Big Sharing Assembly
14th KS2 Big Sharing Assembly
Week beginning 24th Parents Evenings for Y1,2,3,4 and 5
26th Year 5/6 Cowes Cluster Cross Country @ Northwood

APRIL

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

Year 5 East Dene Residential

This will be from the **2nd to the 4th of April**, just before we break up for the Easter Holiday. We will be holding an information evening on Thursday **27th of February** at 6.30 in the school hall. Children are encouraged to come as we will be discussing what they will need to bring with them and the rules of the trip!

Lost Property

The amount of lost property accumulated in just one term was quite staggering. When items are named we do our best to return them to their rightful owners. The vast majority of garments were not marked and had not been claimed. It seems such a shame that many of you must be having to replace items unnecessarily. Please try and ensure that all coats, uniform etc are clearly labelled so that we can reunite lost items with your children.

School Dinners

A reminder that Chartwells increased the cost of a school lunch to £2.05 as of 6th January. Weekly cost now £10.25 per week, per child. The correct change in a named envelope is much appreciated.

Clubs

Clubs this half term are for Key Stage 2 and will run for four weeks commencing next week. The exception to this are the netball and football clubs which will continue until further notice. The lists are all up on the library windows so do check for names and days. Thank you to the staff and volunteers for enabling us to run such a varied selection of after school activities - from knitting to cheerleading!

Parking

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

A world of opportunities