



# NORTHWOOD news

Friday 27th February

**MISS HUSSEY SAYS...**

**Year 5 and 6 - Don't forget packed lunches and appropriate clothing for your trip to Amazon World on Monday**

## Stars of the week!

Apple	Colby Mouland Joseph England Harvey Cartmell
Cherry	Aneirin Sheath Matthew Kay Oscar Day
Willow	Joseph Smith Emelyne Whitlock Faye Cowley
Beech	Elena Cowley Grace Bradbury Ian Tremlett
Elm	Tommy Beeney Hayden Lythgoe Olivia Method
Aspen	Rudi Whybrow Rossen Martin Oliver Paynter-Jones
Lime	Kieren Hawkewell Curtis Thompson Tara Bush
Oak	Joshua Annett Finn Mahoney Ethan West

### Attendance

We have had our monthly visit from the Education Welfare Service and our attendance has dropped to just below the national average, which is a worry. We appreciate that there have been some nasty viruses going round school, but please work with us to ensure your child attends school as much as possible. Every day of school that they miss can never be repeated and the more they miss the more impact this has on their ability to keep up and achieve the best they can. Children with headache, ear-ache and stomach ache can go to school and often feel better very quickly. As long as you let us know that they are feeling under the weather, we will phone you if their symptoms worsen. If we cannot get our attendance back up then Governors will have to make the decision to start fining for holidays, which is a step we do not want to take.

### Medicines

New guidance regarding administering medicines in school has been released and we are no longer allowed to administer any medicine to children in school, unless it has been prescribed for them. If we have anti-histamine or paracetamol in school for your child, please see your GP and get the medicines on prescription so that we can continue to support you. We do understand that this does not really help us bring up our attendance figures, but we have to follow medical guidelines!

### Quiz Night

There were several Northwood teams entered in the Quiz Night at the Ponda Rosa on Wednesday. It was a great social event, with a lot of laughter and we managed to raise over £300 toward the defibrillator in the process. A big thank you to the Ponda Rosa, everyone who entered or donated a raffle prize for the event.

### Computers

Thanks to all your hard work and donations the PTA have raised their £4000 for the new lap tops in year 5 and 6. They are already here and the children have started using them. This was a huge team effort and we would like to thank each and every one of you who have helped in some way.

### Sainsbury's Bag Pack

What a success this event was! We are hugely grateful to Harley and Louise West, Sarah and Karen Tewkesbury, Esme, Freddie, Merryn, Nye and Anne Sheath, Joshua Swift and Granny, Ryan and Paul Harvey, Lucas and Zoe Hudson, Eleanor and Heidi Wray, Josh and Leann Annett, Samuel and Liberty Marshall, George and Vicky Hayward, Adam, Hannah and Ali Burt, Emily and Julie King, Donna and Alan Sansom, Yogi and Steve Ashworth, Wendy Bluestone, Miss Hussey, Mrs Sice and not forgetting Teresa Marshall who did the whole 6 hour shift! Thank you Teresa, for organising the day. Cash donations from the generous shoppers amounted to £504.64 and our Active Kids vouchers were boosted by 2609 – the equivalent of £26,090 worth of shopping! To put the vouchers into perspective, that amount could be exchanged for over 350 tennis balls! The children represented the school so well and we are very proud of them all. We do hope that we can repeat this event next year as it was very worthwhile. The cash enabled the PTA to reach their target of £4000 towards the new computers with some left over to put into the defibrillator fund. Thank you so much to Sainsbury's for having us.

### Menu Change

Please check the menu for next Thursday. Chartwells have a special meal for World Book Day.



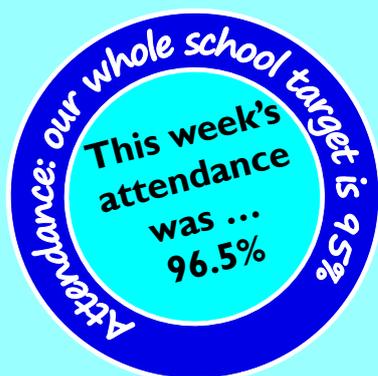
If your child is unwell and unable to come into school, please contact the office by 9.30. Telephone 293392



**Easter Egg Bingo on Friday 27th March.**  
More details to follow.

**Doll's House Exhibition here at school on Sunday 29th March from 10am - 4pm.**

**DVD rentals and Sweet Shop each Friday after school.**  
DVDs 50p,  
Sweets 50p.



## Dates for the Spring Term March

- 2nd** Y5/6 Amazon World trip
- 3rd** Phonics Information for Reception and KSI parents @ 6pm
- 4th** Phonics Information for Reception and KSI parents @ 2.30pm
- 5th** World Book Day
- 9th** Y3/4 Cross Country relay @ CEC
- 13th** (provisional) Y5/6 Cross Country hosted by Northwood
- 18th - 20th** Y5 East Dene Residential
- 24th** Y4 Outdoor Adventure Activities competition @ Lanesend Primary
- 27th** Break up for Easter

## April

- 13th** Back to school
- 30th** Y3/4 London Trip

## Development Days 2014/15

Please note our Development days for this Academic Year are:

Monday 3rd November,  
Monday 23rd February and

**Monday 20th July.**

**(Last day of term - Friday 17th July)**

## East Dene

This is approaching fast now and the excitement is building for the year 5 children. Thank you for those who attended the meeting on Thursday. If you couldn't make it please contact the office if you need any further information.

## World Book Day

This is next **Thursday 5th March** and as we all love an opportunity to dress up we will be doing it again this year. Your child can come to school dressed as any character from a book and we will be doing reading themed learning for the day.

## Holiday Ideas

School holidays are a fun and busy time for most but for some families it can be a struggle to think of activities to keep children amused. With this in mind, the PTA would like to put together a leaflet with suggestions of days out or "at home" activities that your families have enjoyed in the past. So put your thinking caps on and let's share some ideas. Jot them down and pop them in the collection box in the foyer

## Defibrillator

The Valentine Cake raffle raised a total of £136 and Mr Emmett was the very lucky winner. The remainder of cash from the bag pack was £71.02. The Ponda Rosa Quiz Night, which was great fun, has added another £334.50 so we now have a total of £541.52 towards the £1000 cost of the defibrillator. This is an amazing amount to have raised in such a short time. School staff are collecting and we will add that to the total by next week.

## Frozen

The PTA are thinking ahead to summer. Following the success last year of their production of The Gruffalo, it has been decided that this year's show will be Frozen! The performance is due to take place on **Friday 10th July**. Children from Reception to Y4 are invited to take part (Y5 and Y6 will be involved in the theatre production). If your child is interested in being a part of this magical event, please come along to the library this **Monday 2nd March** at 3.15pm. We will need singers, dancers actors and stage hands. We hope to make it as wonderful an experience as last year.

## Quay Arts

Kids' Art: Still Life with Jo Johnson. A different art workshop each week and the classes are led by one of Quay Arts' team of Artist Educators for children ages 8-12 years old. Take what you make home! This Saturday's class: Still Life – an innovative mixed media session using intriguing objects to create still life drawings. To book visit [www.quayarts.org](http://www.quayarts.org) or call 01983 822490. Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm. Price: £6.00

## Parking

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

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