



# NORTHWOOD news

Friday 7th June

## Attendance

Before the half term break Miss Hussey had her statutory meeting with the Education Welfare department. During the meeting it was shared that during this academic year so far, we have lost 441 teaching sessions to unauthorised holidays and 556 unauthorised sessions all together. The whole school attendance figure is below the national average for this time of year too. We always said that we would not issue Fixed Penalty Notices for holidays or low attendance in general, as long as you worked with us on this. However, because we are now in the position of having attendance below the national average, the Governing Body are going to have to look at this again and consider changing the Attendance Policy accordingly. It would be a real shame to go down this route, but we do have an increasing number of families that take 2 or more holidays during term time on top of attendance that is already low.

## Mardi-Gras Workshops

We have had 2 successful sessions this week and have begun to create our costumes ready for the **29th June**. Thank you to everyone who attended, both sessions had a lovely atmosphere and it was a real pleasure to see you all engaged with making with the children. We think the costumes will be made quite quickly and then anyone who is feeling really creative can help with making the big dinosaurs and banner. If you would like to join us please let the office know as it is not too late.

## Summer Fayre

We had to make the difficult decision to postpone the fayre that was planned for today as the weather forecast had looked increasingly grim as the week went on. As we are swiftly running out of other Fridays to do it we have decided to hold it as a celebration event on the very last day of term; **19th July**. The plan is to finish school early and hold the fayre from **1:00 until 2:30**. There will be no Brambles on that day and if you cannot collect your child at 1pm to go to the fayre then they can stay in school, and be taken round the fayre by a member of staff. All children will need to be collected by 2:30. There will still be school dinners on that day and the children will all get their afternoon mark in the register. It will also be a Mufti Day, with a 60's Festival theme if you wish.

## Communication

We work so hard on getting this right with you and I am sure some days you must get sick of your phone beeping with texts from the office! However, we are still getting complaints about information not being sent home to you. We use emails as well as paper copies and of course lots of +information goes on Facebook as well as this newsletter. So please, check your emails regularly and frisk your children when they home from school. If you have any ideas that you think might help us with communication, please talk to the ladies in the office as we want to get it right. This term is always the busiest, with sports days, trips, special assemblies and the end of year show and we would hate for you to miss out.



Apple	Summer Renouf Noah Nicholls Jax Howarth
Cherry	Willow Harvey-Maybury Jago Barnecutt-Silk Mason Barnecutt-Silk
Willow	Inigo Smith Poppy Swift Martha Kitteridge
Elm	Theo Butcher Bailey Hume Cayla Richards
Beech	Frankie Toney Katie Tew Brendon Miller
Sycamore	Hannah Burt Jacob Fitzpatrick Jack Angell
Oak	Kai Richards Emily Burrows-Mucogllava Abigail Jurd



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



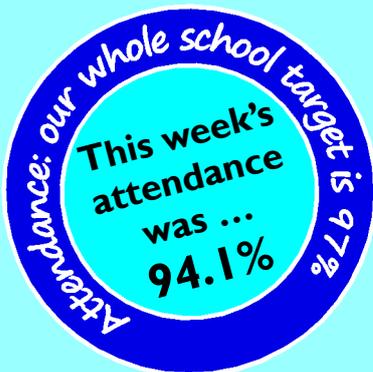
It was certainly the right decision to postpone the Fayre! We now look forward to the rescheduled Fayre on the last day of term.

Please can we have some volunteers to sell ice pops after school on Fridays for the rest of term.

Next PTA Meeting after school on Tuesday 9th July. Please join us!

Congratulations to all of our lottery winners.

Sign up at [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)



## Dates for the Summer Term

### June

- 10th Y1 Phonic Screening begins
  - 10th Y4 Brading Roman Villa visit
  - 12th Y5/6 Cluster Athletics
  - 13th Y5/6 Cricket Match
  - 14th KS2 Big Sharing Assembly
  - 18th - 21st Y6 Brockenhurst Residential
  - 20th Y1 Portsmouth Historic Dockyard visit
  - 27th Y3/4 Quad Kids @Lanesend
- ### July
- 1st Y5/6 Dodgeball @Queensgate
  - 2nd EYFS and KSI Sports Day
  - 3rd KS2 Sports Day
  - 8th Y5/6 Handball @Queensgate

### Development Days 2018/19

- ~~Mon 3rd & Tues 4th September 2018~~
- Mon 17th June 2019
- Mon 22nd & Tues 23rd July 2019

### New Entrants Coffee Morning

On Thursday morning we welcomed the parents of the children who will be joining us in Apple Tree in September. We are very happy to say that we are full, once again, with families who put Northwood as their first choice of school and we are holding a waiting list for those who did not get in. It always makes us so proud when we show new families around, your children always rise to the occasion and make people feel very welcome.

### Cherry Tree Cake Stall

We do love an excuse for a cake stall at Northwood! Cherry Tree are raising money to help bring down costs for their trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. Next **Thursday 13th June** they would welcome cake donations - nautically themed would be super! The cakes will be sold after school.

## Reunion Summer Smash



Tickets to this event are on sale from the school office priced at £6. The organiser is very kindly donating £1 to school for each ticket sold.

### Round The Island Relay

Good luck to our team of five staff and seven parents taking part in the Round The Island Relay tomorrow, running 75.8 miles and up 4,835 ft of hills between them.

Mrs Hamer will get the party started at 6:00 am in Newport before handing over to Mr Hamer in Cowes who then starts to follow the Coastal Path in an anti clockwise direction handing over to former parents Andy and Tor Tickner, our I.T. Consultant, Dan Morgan running over Tennyson Down, Mr Hill heading out from Freshwater, Miss Jordan, parents Marc Nicholls and Simon Cherry taking on the hills around Blackgang and Ventnor, Kerri Wood heading out from Yaverland up and over Culver Down, Super Sub Rob Aubrey and finally Mr Emmett who will bring the baton back to Newport from Fishbourne.

Phew - it's exhausting just reading about it! Follow their progress on Facebook during the day.

A world of opportunities