



# NORTHWOOD news

Thursday 18th November 2021

## Northwood's Values

Recently the staff and governors of the school have been working on re-evaluating the school's vision and values and deciding whether they needed an update.

So our completed vision created by our governor strategy group is:  
**At Northwood we are building a learning community that creates a rich, stimulating, safe environment allowing children to build their self-confidence, grow their self-esteem, and become independent resilient children with curiosity about the world in which they live.**

We believe that this is the core purpose of the school and all the staff that work here and we hope that this is what you would want from your children's primary school experience. In addition to the vision of the school there are five key values that are essential for the whole school community and we will be working on these with all the children, whatever their age or stage of development. These are:

**Responsibility:** Learning to make good choices and understanding the importance of honesty.

**Empathy:** The ability to recognise and understand our own and other people's emotions.

**Equality:** Celebrating our similarities and differences.

**Belonging:** Feeling secure, supported and included.

**Resilience:** The ability to bounce back.

Over the coming weeks we will be exploring these values with the children and embedding them within our curriculum.

## Parent View

We would love it if you could find 5 minutes to respond to the OFSTED survey regarding our school. We have had lots of constructive and helpful feedback during parent's evenings about your individual children, but this is an effective way of giving your views about the school for us to respond to and work on moving forward. We know that things have not been normal for a long time, but we are trying to sensibly encourage the wider opening of the school and this would help us to plan out next steps. You will find the survey at:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

## Christmas Plans

We are sure that you have all been waiting to see if we are able to actually have Christmas in reality rather than virtually this year and we have planned an extensive amount of activities that will be held in school or on the grounds and to which you will be invited. (Keep everything crossed we actually manage to do them!)

Key Stage 1 (years 1 and 2) will be doing two performances of their show on **Tuesday 7th of December.**

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day for all classes will be on **Thursday 9th December.**

Years 3 and 4 will be holding Carols by Candle Light, also on **Thursday 9th December.**

Apple Tree will be performing their Nativity on **Tuesday 14th in the afternoon.**

Years 5 and 6 will be holding their Christmas Market on **Thursday 16th December.**

**RESPECT**  
*ready*  
**SAFE**

## Stars of the week!

|          |                                                           |
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| Apple    | Elizabeth Chandler<br>Archie Westhorpe<br>Meghan Gleaves  |
| Cherry   | Autumn Cooch<br>Eli Aubrey<br>Primrose Rippon             |
| Willow   | Tobias Eldridge<br>Bowen Castle<br>Greta Calloway         |
| Elm      | Ruby Waters<br>Emilia Howard<br>Freddie Pond              |
| Beech    | Amelia Williams<br>Willow Harvey-Maybury<br>Daniel Taylor |
| Sycamore | Charlie England<br>Maya Nicholls<br>Bea Rudd              |
| Oak      | Andie Rose<br>Kyle Riley<br>Charlie Anderson              |



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)



See the Diary Dates for details of our 'Festive Fridays'

**Sunday 5th December**  
- Visit Santa at our Winter Wonderland and Elf Trail 3-5pm

**Sunday 19th December**  
PTA KS2 Nativity @3pm. Tickets £2 (under 4's free).

Please send money in a named envelope to the office.

**Wine and Chocolate donations for our Winter Wonderland will be very gratefully received. Please send in to the office by Friday 26th November.**



## Dates for your diary

### November

**19th** PTA Christmas Jumper Sale @ 3pm

**23rd** Y3/4 Girls Football

@ Nettlestone

**26th** PTA Uniform Sale & Raffle

Tickets @ 3pm

**30th** Y5/6 Girls Football @ AWAY

### December

**1st** Y5 Greek Museum @2.30pm

**3rd** PTA Cake Sale & Raffle Tickets

**5th** PTA Santa Visit, Winter

Wonderland & Elf Trail

**7th** KSI Lights, Camel, Action!

**9th** Christmas Jumper Day

**9th** Christmas Dinner Day

**9th** Y3/4 Carols by Candlelight

@ 5pm

**10th** PTA Raffle Tickets @ 3pm

**14th** Apple Tree Nativity

@ 1.30pm

**16th** Y5/6 Christmas Market PM

**17th** Break up for Christmas

**19th** PTA KS2 Nativity @ 3pm

Return to school **Tuesday 4th**  
**January 2022**

### More Christmas Plans!

There will be the opportunity for children to be part of a new choir and to sing in Cowes High Street on late night shopping day on **Thursday 2nd December**.

More information regarding times, costumes and tickets for all events will all be sent to you in due course.

Our wonderful PTA also have extra activities planned, so look out for them too.

The children break up for the Christmas holidays on **Friday 17th December**.

## Healthy Eating in School

Please could we respectfully remind you that we encourage the children to eat and balanced diet in school? Children in Apple, Cherry and Willow get their free fruit every day and they are fantastic at eating this. Key stage 2 children who want to have a snack at playtime need to bring these in and they need to be fruit or raw vegetables. We do not want them to be eating sausage rolls/crisps or chocolate bars at this time. We have also noticed sweets and chocolates in lunch boxes which are also not a good idea. Eating well and keeping fit are key components of our curriculum and whilst we understand that sweet treats can be incorporated into a balanced diet we would prefer it if the children had these at home with you and not in their lunches. As a school, we do provide cakes/sweets on special occasions and children bring them in for their birthdays; please let us know if you do not want your child to have these. Please also remember that we are a nut-free school.

### Frontline Hampers

Please keep an eye out for an email regarding our classroom collections for Frontline - a local charity that we have supported for many years. Each class will be putting together a festive grocery hamper for an island family in need and if you would like to send in small gifts for the family, that would be much appreciated

### Parking

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

*A world of opportunities*