



NORTHWOOD news

Wednesday 26th January 2022

RESPECT
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SAFE

Stars of the week!

Apple	Jessica Fleming Lalani Taylor-Rice Mia Long
Cherry	Blake Bradley Monty Hoar Poppy Rippon
Willow	Jacob Price Nahla Ratsey Thomas Medland
Elm	Ava Gleaves Henry Fleming Vlad Vacarciuc
Beech	Dexter Hayden Theo Cherry Olivia Peters
Sycamore	All of Sycamore Team for amazing effort and behaviour at swimming.
Oak	Angelina Avola Connor Borrer Riley Corrigan

Value of the Week: Equality

This week's value is equality and as the week goes on we will be learning more about what it means and how we can support equality in school. Last week we discussed belonging and the children came up with some wonderful ideas about what belonging at home and at school means to them.

Online Safety

Year 6 had one of their regular online safety session last week and there were a few comments that were made that are concerning. A number of children in the class said that they had friends online that they talk to and play games with, yet they have never met them in real life. They seemed quite confident that if they were told that they were talking to a 10 year old boy then that was the truth. This is of course, is not always the case and in the vast majority of cases where adults can and do groom children online it is in this way. Please check who your children are talking to and whether you know them at all. It would also be a good idea to regularly look at their internet history. Don't ever make the assumption it will not happen to your children. Here are some good sites for you to familiarise yourselves with:

THINK U KNOW

GET NET WISE

BBC – OWN IT

CYBERSMILE

SAFERINTERNET

Visit

<https://www.saferinternetday.org/en-GB/> for information on Safer Internet Day which is coming up on **Tuesday 8th February**.

Planning Ahead:

Authors:

Over the past 2 weeks we have been looking forward to the relieving of some restrictions and thinking about the school being open up more for visitors to enrich the learning of our children. On **Friday** of this week the year 5 and Year 6 classes will have the opportunity through Waterstones to meet some authors on line.

Lisa Thompson is the bestselling and critically acclaimed author of *The Goldfish Boy* (one of the top selling debuts of 2017), *The Light Jar*, *The Day I Was Erased*, *The Boy Who Fooled the World* and *The Graveyard Riddle*. Her books have been short-listed for many awards, including the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. She grew up in Essex and now lives in Suffolk with her family.

Helen Rutter lives in the countryside just outside Sheffield with her comedian husband, two children and two dogs, Ronnie and Billy Whizz. When she is not tapping away in her writing room, she loves walking the dogs, playing board games and reading. Before writing her first novel, *The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh*, Helen wrote and performed her work on the stage and has even braved some stand-up comedy.

Mardi Gras

Miss Beale and Miss Hussey are going to attend a Mardi Gras event this week also. We are going to see if we would like to take part again; this year's theme is 'Our World, Our Future'. Despite the heat last time we took part it was a fantastic day and the workshops leading up to them were good fun and a great community effort.



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



**Keep a
look out
for a
date for
a PTA
meeting.**

**Coming
Soon!**



Women in Science Day:

This is on **Friday February 11th** and we are planning on getting some women to either come in to school to talk about the jobs that are open to everyone in Science or to make us some film clips that we can show the children. **Please let us know if you or anyone you know would be happy to support us with this.**

Covid restrictions

We are going to ask staff to continue to wear masks in the communal areas of school for the upcoming few weeks and then review the situation. We do still have cases and suspected cases within our community so we will continue to do this to keep us as safe as we can.

The rules in terms of testing are now as follows:

Asymptomatic testing

Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools. Staff and secondary school pupils should continue to test twice weekly at home, with lateral flow device (LFD) test kits, 3-4 days apart. Testing remains voluntary but is strongly encouraged.

There is no need for primary age pupils (those in year 6 and below) to regularly test, **unless they have been identified as a contact for someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 and therefore advised to take lateral flow tests every day for 7 days.**

Confirmatory PCR tests

You should follow the latest government guidance on confirmatory PCR tests in Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection following a positive LFD test.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Uniform

A reminder for all of our expectations for uniform. Whilst we are encouraging extra layers to be worn during the colder weather, the base uniform must still be adhered to. This includes ties for Key Stage 2 and black shoes for all - we are OK with black trainers. Our PE kit is the navy blue hoodie and navy or black joggers with the school PE top. A plea - as always - please name all items of clothing that your child wears to school.

Swimming

We are thrilled that we are able to catch up with the statutory swimming lessons at last. Years 4&5 are now attending Gurnard Pines pool each week for a total of ten weeks swimming lessons.

Parking

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

A world of opportunities