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Spring 1, Week 3, Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are halfway through this half term already. Where does the time go?

We have had some fabulous experiences already with plenty more planned.

- Ahlberg and Dahl came dressed as very scary Pirates to kick off their Pirate Topic.
- Year Swimming started again
- Year 4 Brass started again ready for their concert to parents at 2pm on Tues 7th Feb
- Young Voices are in the final run before we perform at Sheffield Arena on Thurs 2nd Feb
- Football, Gymnastics and Lego after school clubs are up and running.
- A team of Year 5 swimmers went to Graves Park Leisure Centre to play Water Polo.
- Our footballers played a tournament against Woodthorpe.
- Lots of children have earned 500 team point and have had rewards including Forest Schools, Discos, Large PE apparatus, Baking, Art, Computing, Pool and Table Football to name just a few.

Week Beginning 30th January 2023

- We **DO NOT** expect Norbriggs Primary School to be affected by teacher strikes.
WE WILL be open on Wednesday 1st February as normal.
We expect all children to in school this day, regardless of whether other local schools are closed.
- Year 6 will be having practice SATs tests every morning this week to get them used to what will happen during SATs week in May.
- **Monday**
9.30 – 10.30: Year 5 swimming
3.15 – 4.15: Young Voices
- **Tuesday**
1.30 – 2: Year 4 brass lessons
3.15 – 4.15: Lego Club
- **Wednesday**
9 – 12: Year 3 to Graves Leisure Centre to play dodgeball
3.15 – 4.15: Football
- **Thursday**
9.30 – 11: Year5 walk around the local area to develop map work skills
12.30 – 10pm: Young Voices at Sheffield Arena
3.15 – 4.15: Gymnastics
- **Friday**

- **Newsletter Subscription**

- If you would like this newsletter to be emailed directly to you please subscribe to Newsletters on the schools website:
- www.norbriggs.derbyshire.sch.uk

- **Attendance and Punctuality**

- Thankyou for getting your children to school on time every day. This has been a challenge for a while now due to the high levels of illness that continually circulate both children and adults.
- Please remember, I cannot authorise holidays in term time for any reason.
- If you take a holiday during term time it is very likely you will receive a penalty notice.

- **Uniform**

- The children look smart when they are in school uniform and it does help them to focus on their learning rather than be distracted by clothes.
- Please remember that on PE days the children still have a uniform that they should be wearing; dark coloured shorts or joggers, white t-shirt, sensible trainers designed for sports (not Converse, Vans or other fashion trainers), regular burgundy sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan.

- **School Work and Homework**

- Some children are complaining that the work is too hard and that they don't want to come to school.
- The reality is that the work is hard. The Department for Education sets targets that all schools have to get the children to and these are challenging.
- Our teaching staff and teaching assistants are amongst the best that I have ever worked with and they make the work as clear and interesting as they can.
- We have a high number of Teaching Assistants in each class to offer as much support to children as we can.
- We also signpost families and children to outside agencies for support where there may be addition special needs.
- Ultimately, the children need to concentrate and work hard in every lesson and complete their homework. As a minimum they need to read everyday, practise their times tables everyday and practise their spellings everyday and they will be able to cope with the work.
- Some of our children want a world where they achieve good results with minimum effort. Don't we all. Unfortunately for most of us, success comes from working hard.

- **Parking**

- On the whole parking outside of the school is okay.
- However, occasionally we have complaints so can I ask you please to think about where you have left your car and whether it is causing an obstruction.
- Don't park on the pavement in a way that it forces pedestrians to have to walk in the road.
- If you are parking with two wheels on the pavement please wait for any pedestrians that are using the pavement before you park up. Do not drive too closely to them.
- Do not narrow the Cranleigh Road so that cars cannot get past.

- **Complaints**

- We do the best that we can to ensure you and your children are safe and happy and have a positive learning experience at Norbriggs.
- Occasionally we make mistakes, we are only human, and I apologise for this.
- In the first instance if you have a complaint can I first ask you to speak with your child's class teacher.
- If you don't feel as though your complaint has been resolved then please speak to Mr Scragg.
- If you still don't feel as though your complaint has been resolved you can get in touch with the Governors by emailing the clerk to governors at:
Governors.clerk@norbriggs.derbyshire.sch.uk
- Occasionally parents feel passionate about something that has happened at school. We understand this, most of us have children of our own and we realise how precious your children are to you. However, sometimes this can make people disrespectful in the words used and the tone of voice. Nobody comes to work to be shouted at or insulted and I ask you to be mindful of this if you ever need to phone up to complain.

Thankyou for all of your support,

P. Scragg, Head Teacher



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Important Dates

Spring

- Thursday 2nd February Young Voices at Sheffield Arena
- Tuesday 7th February Year 4 Brass Concert to Parents
- Tuesday 14th, Thursday 16th Feb Parents Evenings
- Thursday 2nd March World Book Day
- Tuesday 14th March Year 2 & 4 Dance Festival at The Winding Wheel
- Friday 17th March Comic Relief / Red Nose Day
- Friday 24th March Y4 Handball at Graves Leisure Centre
- Friday 31st March Y3 Tag Rugby at Graves Leisure Centre

Summer

- Friday 28th April 24 KS2 children to compete in Cross Country
- **Monday 1st May** **May Day – school closed**
- **Monday 8th May** **Bank Holiday for King Charles's Coronation – school closed**
- Tues 9th – Fri 12th May Year 6 SATs – **all Year 6 children must be in school**
- Mon 5th – Fri 9th June Yr 1 phonics, Yr 4 Multiplication tests
- Friday 9th June Y2 Mini Tennis at Graves Leisure Centre
- Friday 16th June Y1 Football at Derby County Football Ground
- Wednesday 28th June Summer Fair
- **Thursday 29th June** **INSET Day - no children in school**
- **Friday 30th June** **INSET Day - no children in school**
- Monday 3rd July Y2 & Y6 to English Institute of Sport for Sport Festival
- Tues 4th, Weds 5th July Year 6 transition to their Secondary School
- 10th July Sports Week
- Tuesday 18th July Year 6 leavers performance
- Wednesday 19th July Year 6 leavers meal

Term Dates 2022/23

- Spring 1 Mon 9th Jan – Fri 17th Feb
- Spring 2 Mon 27th Feb – Fri 31st Mar
- Summer 1 Mon 17th Apr – Fri 26th May
- Summer 2 Mon 5th June – Fri 21st July

Term Dates 2023/24

- Autumn 1 Mon 4th Sept – Fri 27th Oct
- Autumn 2 Mon 6th Nov – Fri 22nd Dec
- Spring 1 Mon 8th Jan – Fri 16th Feb
- Spring 2 Mon 26th Feb – Thur 28th March
- Summer 1 Mon 15th Apr – Fri 24th May
- Summer 2 Mon 3rd June – Tues 23rd July



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