

NORTHSTEAD NEWS

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WELCOME BACK!

Dear Parents and Carers of the Northstead Community,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break, filled with memorable moments with your loved ones. As we embark on this exciting journey together, we are so happy to see the children return with energy, enthusiasm and a readiness to learn. We can already see that they are ready to meet our expectations and demonstrate our CORE values in all that they do.

At Northstead, we believe in the power of community and shared responsibility. This year, we are particularly focused on three key areas where each of us—students, parents, carers, and staff—play a vital role.

Responsibility for Learning: Learning is a lifelong journey, and we are committed to fostering a love of discovery and knowledge in every child. Together, we can encourage our children to take ownership of their education, nurturing their curiosity and perseverance. By supporting them at home, and in school, we can ensure they strive for excellence and develop the skills they need for the future.

Responsibility for Caring and Looking After Each Other: A strong, supportive community is the foundation of a successful school. At Northstead, we are more than just a school; we are a family. We ask everyone to practice kindness, empathy, and respect in all their interactions. Let's work together to create a safe and welcoming environment where every child feels valued and understood, and where we all look out for one another.

Responsibility for Making Sure Our School is the Best It Can Be: Our school's success is a collective effort. We each have a part to play in making Northstead the best it can be. Whether it's by participating in school events, volunteering your time, or simply ensuring your child comes to school ready to learn each day, your involvement is crucial. Let's aim high and work together to continue building a school we can all be proud of.

We are thrilled to start this new chapter with you and look forward to all the wonderful experiences this year will bring. Together, let's make this school year the best one yet!

Warm regards,

Mr Hopper

Punctuality

Can we please remind parents of the need to ensure that all children arrive at school on time. The school day begins at 8:40am, and children should arrive any time after 8:30am. Children who arrive after 8:40am will need to enter through the dining room doors and will automatically receive a late mark. On the rare occasions that children arrive after 9:00am they should enter through the school office.

Illness and Absence

Please telephone the school before 8:30am on the first morning of absence, indicating the reason for absence and the likely length of absence. We ask that you keep us informed about your child's illness if they are off for longer than a couple of days.

It is school policy that any child with a sickness bug should remain off school for 48 hours after their last dose of sickness to avoid the spread of infection.



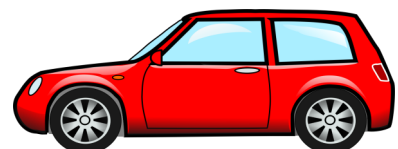
This week, we sent home to year 5/6 the Walking Home Alone letters. This permits year 5/6 children to walk home whilst the nights are still light. It will be reviewed when the nights get darker. Please can you make sure you are familiar with the content of these documents and support school by upholding the procedures documented. [Click here](#)

Please, please please park considerately

If you are parking on Maple Drive please do not park across residents' driveways, on the double yellow or hazard lines, or near to the car park exit where our children and families may be crossing the road.

Please be respectful of our neighbours and help to keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.





Packed Lunch Reminders

Packed Lunch Guidelines for Northstead Community Primary School

Please pack lots of:

- **Healthy Choices:** Include fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and dairy or dairy alternatives.
- **Water:** Encourage hydration with water or no sugar flavoured water
- **Balanced Meals:** Aim for a variety of foods to ensure a balanced diet
- **Small snacks:** Just a little treat please. Not a large chocolate bar!

Please do not pack:

Sweets like jellies etc please

Sugary drinks, especially cans or bottles of pop.

No nuts please. We are a nut free school to protect the safety of our children.

This includes Nutella and / or peanut butter.

We appreciate your support in promoting healthy eating habits at school!



SATURDAY CLUB

9-10AM NORTHSTEAD FIELD

- * AGE 4-6**
- * ALL COACHES DBS CHECKED**
- * COME AND HAVE SOME FUN**
- * POTENTIAL TO JOIN NEXT SEASON UNDER 7s**



Contact coach Pete
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Rock Kidz Uk—Monday 21st October

Following the enormous success of 'RockKidz UK' last year, I am thrilled to announce that they will be returning to school on Monday 21st October 2024! Staff and children are welcome to dress up for the day as a rock star / popstar!

A contribution of £2 per child (or more) will help school cover some of the costs for the day and this would be much appreciated.

Please send this in with your child on Monday 21st October.

Sponsored Barefoot Walk

Mrs Squire is organising a sponsored barefoot walk to take place on 29th September.

It will be at 9:30am from Luna Park to North Bay and is to raise funds for FONS to provide a sensory room in school.

Any adults are welcome to join the walk.

Please click the link to the online giving page for more information.

[Click here](#)





Parent / Teacher Discussions

Please look out for an email from www.schoolcloud.co.uk in the next week.

This is our online system for booking a slot for our parent and teacher discussions in October.

Our parent and teacher discussions take place in our school hall from 1:10pm to 6:00pm.

Once you have received an email, please login and book the required slot.



Can we please request that all payments for school dinners / clubs / trips are paid for **in advance** using parentpay.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Contact Details

Please could you make sure that school are kept up to date with any changes in address / phone number / e-mail so we have your current details on our system.

Many Thanks



Policies & Privacy Notices

Please follow the link for the latest versions of school policies and privacy notices:

[Click here](#)

Upcoming dates for your diary

Thursday 19th September	Y6 Peat Rigg Information Evening 5:30pm
Tuesday 24th September	Autumn Discos 3:45—6:00pm
Thursday 26th September	Y6 Information Evening for SATs Time TBC
Tuesday 1st October	EYFS Parent / Teacher Discussions 1:10—6pm
Thursday 3rd October	Y6 Parent / Teacher Discussions 1:10—6pm
Friday 4th October	KS1 Harvest Assembly 9:00am
Monday 7th October	Y5 Parent / Teacher Discussions 1:10—6pm
Thursday 10th October	Y1 Parent / Teacher Discussions 1:10—6pm
Tuesday 15th October	Y2 Parent / Teacher Discussions 1:10—6pm
Wednesday 16th October	Y4 Parent / Teacher Discussions 1:10—6pm
Thursday 17th October	Y3 Parent / Teacher Discussions 1:10—6pm
14th—18th October	Y6 Peat Rigg Residential
Monday 21st October	Rock Kidz UK—The Return!
Friday 25th October	Fire Safety Talks
Friday 25th October	Break up for Half Term

Dates after Half Term will be shared on the Headteacher's blog on the school website.