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Northway News



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CURRENT WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 97.2% AMAZING START!

BEST INFANT CLASSES

100% - Y1 Miss Veney &
Y2 Mrs O'Connor

BEST JUNIOR CLASS

99.2% - Y5 Mrs Windham

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 11th Sept @ 3.20pm: Y1-6 Art Gallery (Infant Hall)

Wed 13th Sept @ 9am: UJ Meet the Teacher

Thurs 14th Sept @ 9am: KS1 Meet the Teacher

Fri 15th Sept @ 9am: LJ Meet the Teacher



First Newsletter of the Year!

What a fabulous first week back- we could not have asked for a better start to the year. It has been so lovely to see your smiling happy faces back and making Northway the place it is again! Everyone has worked so hard and we know we are in for a great year ahead! Keep it up!

Art Week

What a fantastic way to start the new school year- immersing ourselves in Art and being creative. The week has been a huge success which will culminate in our tin forest exhibition next Monday 12th September from 3.20pm in the Infant Hall. It will be lovely to see you join us to celebrate the children's fabulous work. I am sure you will agree when you visit that it would not look out of place at The Tate Gallery! If you aren't able to attend, please check the school website and Twitter for photographs. Many thanks for Mrs Crellin for organising this!

ATTENDANCE

A reminder as we start the year how vitally important good attendance is. This classes as 96% and above for the academic year. We know illness cannot be helped and we appreciate that. However, term time holidays impact greatly on children's education. They miss great chunks in their learning and then have to try and catch up on their return. This is a reminder that term time holidays are not allowed and will not be authorised. The updated Attendance Policy will be shared when we have it from Sefton. It is Sefton's policy that absences will be referred for penalty notices depending on the time a child is absent from school. We consistently follow this policy so it is fair to all families. We appreciate your support in helping your child to be in school as much as possible.

UNIFORM

In one of the newsletters towards the end of last year, there were clear reminders about uniform and the expectations we have at Northway regarding this. We expect all children to follow the Uniform Policy and maintain high standards of presentation, giving them pride in being part of the Northway family. Trainers, even black ones, are not permitted and children will be provided with pumps to wear during the school day if they continue to wear them. We understand that there are exceptional circumstances that a child may require trainers for a limited period of time. This must be agreed with your child's class teacher. If it continues beyond the agreed time, pumps will be provided during the school day. Please see the attached uniform poster for a reminder of all of the expectations. Thank-you for the fabulous start to the year with children dressed smartly! Your support in ensuring this continues means we all work together for the best outcomes.

Click on our QR code to find out what has been happening each week in our curriculum.



Workshop for Reception Parents

On Tuesday 19th September at 9am, there will be a Basic Skills Workshop for Reception parents delivered by Mrs Harrison and Mrs Sumner. This is a great chance to learn more about how to support your child's learning at home. If you wish to attend, please wait at the main entrance to the Infant building after school drop off.

New Year, New School Rules

Our school values are golden threads through all we do at Northway. The values of Aspiration, Courage, Honesty, Perseverance and Resilience link clearly to our school mission to 'nurture today's minds for tomorrow's challenges'. To focus all of us at Northway, we have considered what are the three most important rules that will ensure we are demonstrating those values and so that children are very clear on the expectations.

Our school rules are BE PREPARED, BE SAFE and BE RESPECTFUL.

In all situations, if children are following these then they are showing those Northway values, treating everyone with kindness and ready to learn. You can support the children to learn and follow these by asking things they have done in school to demonstrate them. In cases where something may have happened discuss how their choices and behaviour meant they didn't follow one or more of the rules and what to do next time to make a better choice.

Extra-Curricular Activities

One of our school priorities this year is to focus on enriching the curriculum and children's lives further through our enhanced offer. We have planned the year out already to ensure a greater offer for all year groups to a wider range of clubs. This year, we are mainly offering clubs by members of staff which will be free of charge. For certain clubs, there may be a slight charge for materials if required. Individual club letters will go out at the start of each half term.

One club we are going to offer this year which will initially be open to children from Years 3 to 6 is a running club. This will run before school on Thursday mornings and anyone from the Juniors is welcome to come along. The entrance is at the gate between the Infant and Junior building. The gate will open at 8.10 and close at 8.15. This will give those wanting to attend 20 minutes to run or walk around our circuit before the gates open as normal at 8.35 for the rest of the school. You don't need to sign up for the club- just turn up at the gate before 8.15 and you will be signed in then. Entry by 8.15 is a strict rule so that the staff involved can then be around the circuit with the children. No one will be policing the gate to allow late entries. The first session starts on Thursday 14th September. Please can children arrive with trainers on, and their school shoes in their bag. They will run in their school uniform- just like when they play out at playtimes and lunch. If it is raining, then the club won't be on and we will send a message by 7.30am informing you. Let's get moving and stay fit and healthy together!

Brand New School Football Kit

A huge thank you to the parent of Harry and Olivia who works for Coolwell Air Conditioning, the sponsors of our new football kit. Along with Daikin, Coolwell have very kindly sponsored our new yellow kit which means that both the boys' team and the girls' team now have another brand new kit to play in. The new outfield and goalkeeper kits were modelled in assembly this afternoon and, from all of the applause and cheers they got, it's safe to say that the children love them!



FAMILY SUPPORT INFORMATION

School Safeguarding Team: Mrs McKenzie, Mrs McGhee & Mrs Harrison. Please arrange a meeting via the school office, if you require support.

Maghull Food Bank: Based at St. Georges United Reformed Church, Northway, Maghull. Open Tuesdays 10am-12pm. No vouchers needed.

CAMHS Crisis Care Team: 0151 293 3577 or Freephone 0808 196 3550. This team offers 24 hour support to children and young people (under 18) who are in mental health crisis in Liverpool or Sefton.

Domestic Abuse support: SWACCA - www.swacca.com for women, young people and children throughout Sefton

Mental Health Support for Men: Sean's Place in Sefton and Liverpool www.seansplace.org.uk

Mental Health Support: MIND - www.mind.org.uk

Mental Health support for young people: Young minds www.youngminds.org.uk