



## WELCOME BACK!

We have had the very best start to the new school year at Northway! There have literally been non-stop smiles all week with so many friends reunited, especially with everyone back together at playtimes. We hope this continues for the foreseeable future as it has just been wonderful having the school community back together.

The children all looked so smart returning last week after the summer holidays and they have all settled in so well to their new classes. It gives me the greatest pleasure to walk around school and feel the buzz of enthusiasm and learning. This morning we have had our first whole school assembly together, which was just fantastic to be able to celebrate the achievements of the week altogether.

## COVID ABSENCES

If your child has symptoms of COVID or tests positive on a lateral flow test, then they must go for a PCR test. If they are positive on a PCR test, they have to self-isolate for ten days. The Government has now said that children under 18 do not have to isolate if a member of their household tests positive. However, if they have had close contact with someone who has tested positive then they are advised to have a PCR test themselves. If they are negative, then the child has to be in school. We can no longer authorise self-isolation because of contact with someone as the Government states they must be in school. I appreciate this is contrary to everything we have followed previously, however we are bound by the current legislation. If you are unsure and need advice, please contact the school office and we can talk through the procedures.

## CONTACTING SCHOOL

Please remember to use the year group emails to contact class teachers directly with queries or concerns regarding your child. The email address is year followed by the number, for example [year1@northwayprimary.co.uk](mailto:year1@northwayprimary.co.uk)

If you need to get in touch with other related school matters, please email using [admin@northwayprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@northwayprimary.co.uk) Please remember this is the new school email address.

## START OF THE YEAR REMINDERS

- Water bottles must be transparent, with a sports lid as they are less likely to spill, and children must only bring water into school.
- Earrings must be taken out for PE. If they have recently been pierced and your child can't remove them, then please send in tape for your child to cover them or they cannot do PE.
- All items of uniform need to be labelled or they may not find their way back to their owner if your child loses them.
- Only book bags are to be brought into school- the cloakrooms do not have the space for bags or rucksacks so we have kept this change that we introduced because of COVID.

## PREFECTS AND TEAM CAPTAINS

It was an absolute pleasure in this morning's assembly to present all of our Year Six pupils with a prefect badge. They have already been embracing their duties since the start of term and are going to be an asset throughout the school year. The children are responsible for taking care of their badges and we hope they wear them with pride every day. If your child does lose their badge during the year, they can purchase a replacement from their class teacher for £1.

We also announced the team captains for the year in assembly. Well done to all of these children-

<b>Aspiration</b>	Chloe D	Leo R
<b>Courage</b>	Dylan F	Joseph D
<b>Honesty</b>	Isabella N	Joshua O
<b>Perseverance</b>	Macie M	Peter B
<b>Resilience</b>	Matthew P	Niamh H

## CONGRATULATIONS

Huge congratulations to Mr Wright and his family on the birth of their new baby boy. We were all over the moon to hear of the safe arrival of Charlie on 31<sup>st</sup> August. Mr Wright has been on paternity leave at the start of the new term and we're looking forward to welcoming him back next Wednesday. Congratulations and love to you all from all of us at Northway!

## DOODLE TRAINING FOR PARENTS

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**The end of the first full week.....  
what a wonderful week!**  
**Here's to the start of a fabulous school year ahead  
where we will make many memories together.**  
**Together we are stronger - let's continue to work  
together to achieve the very best for our children.**

