



Northowram Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22 September 2023



Northowram Primary School

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Term Dates

2023/2024

Autumn Term

September – December 2023

Closed: Training Day Monday 4th
September

Reopen: Tuesday 5th September

Closes: Thursday 26th October

Closed: Training Day Friday 27th
October

Reopen: Monday 6th November

Closes: Friday 22nd December

Spring Term

January – March 2024

Reopen: Monday 8th January

Closes: Thursday 8th February

Closed: Training Day Friday 9th
February

Reopen: Monday 19th February

Closes: Friday 22nd March

Summer Term

April – July 2024

Reopen: Monday 8th April

Closed: Monday Mayday 6th May

Close: Friday 24th May

Reopen: Monday 3rd June

Close: Thursday 18th July

Closed: Disaggregated Training
Day Friday 19th July

Closed: Disaggregated Training
Day Monday 20th July

**Term Dates for
2024/2025 are now
available on the school
website**



Words from the Headteacher - Celebrating Autumn

One of the loveliest things about Primary School is celebrating the changing of the seasons with special seasonal events which happen throughout the school year. Autumn brings lots of opportunities for our children - older and younger to appreciate the world around them and learn about a range of festivals which occur between now and Christmas.

Our Harvest festival takes place in school on **Thursday 6th October** and links well with our school value of Gratitude which we have been exploring in our assemblies for the past weeks. We'll have special harvest assemblies and ask the children to bring a contribution (usually tinned or non-perishable goods) throughout the week which we will donate to "The Happy Days" charity.

We also have a conker competition for the largest conker collection (organised by our marvellous pupils Matilda, Juno, Phoebe, Ella and Daisy who have also designed their own trophy - pictured!) and our first special meal of the year to celebrate Harvest with a chance for the children to enjoy hotdogs and a range of autumn themed delights - look out for the special menu.

For any keen gardeners amongst you or your families - if you would like to contribute any fresh produce (from potatoes to pumpkins!) for our Autumn/Harvest display, we'd be delighted!

Safeguarding

If you have any Safeguarding concerns or queries please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead/Pastoral Manager - Jane Jennings on 01422 202704 or you can call or text 07494691167



APPLY FOR A BLUE PETER BOOK BADGE



Years 1 – 6 children were introduced to this in assembly last week. We would love children to apply for a new book badge and wear them with pride in school. Children can read a book from the book club or use a book of their own.

Please help children to apply using this weblink:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

They can apply online or by post! Links to the book club for book titles to read is at the bottom of the page.

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

Once again, the Travelling Book Fair will be coming to school.
Thursday 9th November to Tuesday 14th November 2023 in the school hall.



Forest School Requests

Forest School are wanting to make some charcoal and are asking for your help:

Any donations of Metal Lyons Golden Syrup Tin (with Lids) would be very grateful. These can be brought into school at any time.



Parents Evening will take place on the following dates:

Monday 23rd October – Years 3 Pine, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday 24th October – Rec, Years 1, 2 & 3 Oak

Wednesday 25th October – Years 3, 4 Holly, 5 & 6

Thursday 26th October – Rec, Years 1, 2 & Y4 Sycamore

Times for the above dates will be sent out on Parentmail over the next week or so.

Nursery – Information about the Nursery Parents Evening will be sent our directly to nursery parents.



WELCOME MEETINGS

Parents/Carers are invited to attend welcome meetings on the following dates/sessions. Lots of useful information will be shared about your child's new year group and the work that they will study across the year.

Monday 2nd October 9.00am – 9.45am Year 1 parents Monday 2nd October 2.30pm – 3.15pm Year 4 parents

Tuesday 3rd October 9.00am – 9.45am Year 3 parents Tuesday 3rd October 2.30pm – 3.15pm Rec parents

Wednesday 4th October 2.30 – 3.15pm Year 6 parents Thursday 5th October 9.00am – 9.45am Year 5 parents

Friday 6th October 9.00am – 9.45am year 2 parents

All sessions will take place in the Hall.

PARKING AND SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL GROUNDS

As we know parking is at a premium during school drop-off and pick-up times. Baxter Lane is closed each day from 3.15pm and re-opens as soon as the school grounds are clear. This is for the safety of all of our children during such a busy time.

Please may we remind parents that if you are parking near to school you should not block the driveways of the residents and always consider the safety of our children and the local residents when you park at these times.

Parents should also be reminded that the staff car parks are not to be used at any time.

They must not be used for walking to and from school

We continue to work with the local council and police to ensure that we keep our children as safe as possible at these busy times.

Please think carefully about the safety of your parking - it really could cost a child's life.

Many thanks to all our careful and considerate families including many who make the sensible decision to walk to and from school!



Is your child starting school in September 2024?



We warmly welcome prospective nursery and reception parents to visit Northowram Primary School.

Tours of the school are held daily at 2pm on the following weeks:

6th – 10th November
13th – 17th November
20th – 24th November
27th November – 1st December
4th – 8th December
11th – 15th December

We are also holding a prospective parents information evening at the school on Wednesday 22nd November at 6pm.

For further information or to book your tour and your place on our information evening please contact the school office on

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