

North Ealing News



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"North Ealing works inclusively with our families to maximise the learning potential of all children in our community"

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Dear Parents and Carers

"The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you're not going to stay where you are." – J.P. Morgan

Welcome Back to Autumn Term 2019

It was wonderful to see everyone back in school on Wednesday all ready for the term ahead. The children came into assembly smiling and very pleased to see one another. We kicked off by thinking about gratitude and being thankful that we are all here back together again. We spoke about the many things that have happened in the world over the summer and how our learning values can help us work very hard to be the best citizens we can. In order to start the term in a positive way we looked at our whole School Code of Conduct and particularly how important it is to welcome new people to NES and our community as a whole.

We welcome all the new members of staff to North Ealing: Mrs Finn as our new Nursery teacher, Mr Rutherford who is joining Year 2 as a class teacher and our English lead, Miss Taylor is joining Year 4 as a teacher having completed the Schools Direct Programme. In terms of site staff we welcome Mr Califano as our new site manager, Miss Pond and Mrs Barsoum as our new SMSAs.

We have also welcomed a number of new children and families across the school this week and hope you all settle quickly into NES life.

It has been a particular challenge this summer to get the school ready and indeed there are still works continuing in the New Building following the floods. A number of us have had to work very hard during August with the Local Authority in order to fit in the schedule of repairs and decoration. We have also insisted that all the sprinkler heads at NES are replaced to safeguard against it occurring again. This work will continue throughout the autumn term and we must say a big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to get things ready. A particular thanks to Mr G Cox and Mr E Cox, Mrs Gordon and our wonderful team of cleaners for clearing and cleaning the school site. Some of the work completed to improve the environment in other areas of the school included; redecorating various aspects of the school, new carpets in the Year 5 and 6 classrooms and a new server.

EYFS

We welcome the new Reception children who started this week and the new Nursery children who have joined NES and some who have started to stay for lunch. We hope they all settle into life at North Ealing and enjoy becoming part of our school community.

New School Website

We are so excited to launch our new school website. We hope that the whole community will find the navigation easier and the wealth of information at your fingertips. The learning zone is still connected to the whole school website and we ask everyone to use this valuable resource to complement school life. Thanks to Mark Philips who has worked so hard with the school in order to get this launched ready for the start of the school year. We are still adding and adapting aspects of the site and are in the process of making a short school film for the school website and we will be writing to all parents asking for permission for all the children to be included in the film. Please take a look!

Rights Respecting School

Class Charters

Next week the children will be developing their individual class charters. Children and adults of a class select those rights they agree are the most important in relation to what is done in that classroom. The process of developing a charter is as important as the end product. The process must be participatory, inclusive and build on the prior learning about the difference between wants and needs.

Competitions

We have asked the children to get involved with the NESSIE poster competition and entries need to be in for Friday 14th September-the children know what to do.

We are looking forward to adding to the mini NES Art Gallery and we will be asking the children to enter some pieces of work-watch this space!

Climate Strike Day Friday 20th September

As you may be aware on Friday 20th September a number of people across the world will join the young climate strikers on the streets and demand an end to the age of fossil fuels and action to protect the earth from the severe impact of climate change. In solidarity with climate strikers we will ask all the children to come to school to wear something green. We will also be making placards and posters for children to display. The plan is for Years 2 to 6 to walk down Pitshanger Lane and through the park displaying their messages to the local community. Thanks for your cooperation in this very important event. Please speak to your children about the importance of looking after the environment at home.

Resources Fund

Thanks to the wonderful contributions from parents and carers we have managed to raise just over £4K for the replacement of the resources damaged by the flood. We are determined to meet the £5K target and so if you do want to give please-

How to donate:

Write a cheque made payable to North Ealing Primary School and hand into the school office Bank transfer - Sort Code: 60-07-10, bank account number 90522036, bank account name North Ealing Primary School Please mark payment 'Book Donation.'

Update Your Details/Allergies

Please remember it is vital that you keep us updated with your contact information. You can do this online here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/nesupdateyourinfo>

Please also advise the school office of any allergies or medical needs your children may have.

Pupil Premium – Free School Meals, are you entitled?

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive universally free school meals. However, if your family are in receipt of a low income you may be able to help the school receive extra funding. Find out if you can here: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

If your children are in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 you may be entitled to receive a free school meal with Harrison Catering. You can find out here: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

Thank you for your help.

Home School Agreement

The Home School Agreement will be circulated on Monday next week. Please ensure that you and your child/ren have read and acknowledged this. It is crucial that we work together to make life at NES positive and productive for the whole community and the agreement is an excellent foundation for this.

Attendance/Punctuality

Please ensure that your children get to school in good time so that they start their day ready and refreshed for school. It is also very important that you make sure your children are collected from school and any clubs that they attend on time. Please refer to the school website for the school day times and arrangements and take time to look at the School Attendance Policy; excellent attendance is directly linked to successful attainment.

Walk To School Register

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you would like them to walk to and from school alone then please let the school office know so we can update our records. Please send an email to admin@northealing.ealing.sch.uk. We have a special register and check that these children have arrived first in the mornings.

Walk To School and Parking

Can we please remind all parents and carers to walk/cycle to school as much as is possible. If you do need to drive, please park away from the school site and walk the last part of the journey. We insist that parents **do not drive down Summerfield Road or Woodbury Park Road** since this puts children

at risk and is particularly difficult for the residents of these roads. Please can we all work together to make the areas around our school safe and also environmentally conscious.

Years 5 and 6 Mobile Phones

Can we remind parents and children that all mobile phones must be handed into the school office before school and collected at the end of the school day. We ask that the phones are not used on the school site and are strictly used for communication with parents/carers until off the school site. All mobiles need to be identified with the child's name.

Years 3 and 4 Lining Up In The Mornings

Please could we ask parents to move away from the Years 3 and 4 morning lines once you have said goodbye to your child/ren. Some of the children are finding the crowds a little overwhelming and we ask parents to say a quick goodbye, allowing the classes to move into their classes quickly.

School Uniform

Please remember to send your child to school in the full and correct school uniform. All the information about what the children should be wearing are found on the school website. From the home page click **Quick links** and then **NES Welcome Pack** link and click on the **School Uniform Tab**. This will then display all the information you need to know. Do not forget all children should be wearing black trainers every day for the Daily Mile. Please can the children be in the correct PE kits at all times.

Volunteers WE NEED YOU!

Mr Belsito will be hosting a volunteer coffee morning on Friday 20th September at 9.00am in the School House. If you are interested in helping the school, please pop along and find out more. We are always in desperate need of volunteers for a range of jobs in the school.

Meet the Teacher Reminders

Wednesday 11th September Year 1-6

Meet the Teacher evening and the times are as follows:

Year 1 – 5: 5.30 – 6.15pm or 6.30 – 7.15pm (classrooms)

Year 6: 5.30 – 6.30pm or 6.30 – 7.30pm (classrooms)

We are also holding Safeguarding, Pupil Wellbeing and Curriculum update sessions on the same evening, all welcome.

5-5.30pm New Hall

6-6.30pm New Hall

Wednesday 18th September EYFS

Nursery: 5.45 – 6.30pm Nursery classrooms

Reception 5.45 – 6.30pm New Hall

PTA AGM Wednesday 18th September 6.30pm in the New Hall- All welcome.

Please come along and support our very active PTA-the school benefits hugely from the extra funds raised by the hard working PTA and they need all the help they can get.

Club Reminders

Most clubs will be starting next week. Please see the clubs List which will be posted on the school's website today for more details.

Diary Dates

You will find the updated diary dates on the school website and a PDF version is available on the site.

Harrison Catering School Dinner Accounts Year 3 – 6

Please remember that your child's Harrison Catering account for school lunches, if you use them, needs to be in credit to enable your child to have a school lunch. This can be topped up by calling 0208 280 0318/0318 or emailing www.ealingmeals.com The cost of a meal is **£2.35 per day**. If you have an outstanding balance you will need to provide a packed lunch until it is back in credit.

Nursery Places Still Available

We currently still have places available in our Nursery. Please email: nursery@northealing.ealing.sch.uk if you are interested.

Use of Scooters on the School Site

Please remember in line with school safety procedures, to dismount all scooters and bicycles before entering the school site.