

North Ealing News



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'At North Ealing Primary we inspire and nurture all our children to become aspirational, lifelong learners through an inclusive, ambitious and engaging curriculum.'

'Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.'
Henry Ford

Welcome to Autumn 2021

We cannot express how wonderful it was to see everyone back on the school site on Monday. The backbone of NEPS is the strength of community and this has been missing from school life during the covid restrictions. We are of course asking people to remain cautious around social distancing, hygiene and continuing to use lateral flow tests in order to keep everyone safe.

The Summer building works carried out by the local authority overran, not finishing until Sunday 5th september. This proved an immense challenge for all the staff in terms of being ready for Monday's opening. I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication over the last few days resulting in the school being just ready for the children's arrival.

We started the term with our first live whole school assembly since March 2020. The theme was community, our whole school code of conduct and of course a reminder of our learning values. Parents can find all this information on the school website. It is always a good idea to run through this at home with your child/ren as it supports our approach in school.

We also look forward to welcoming our new Nursery children and the rest of our new Reception cohort as they settle into their new routines throughout the next two weeks. Once again if new families are not sure about any aspects of school life please email the school office and/or check the school website.

Behaviour

We are placing renewed emphasis on behaviour in school this term. Behaviour for learning in classrooms is always strong at NEPS, however we are focusing upon moving around the school (walking, not running), care of school property and proper use of toilet facilities. The children are aware of the playground rules which they developed and of course our whole school code of conduct. We have zero tolerance on any forms of bullying at NEPS and will be working with you as parents if incidents do arise. If you have any concerns at all please contact your class teacher through the school office in the first instance.

Parent Survey

We are so grateful to all those parents who took the time to complete the parent survey. This was in the main incredibly positive, especially considering the challenges we have faced throughout the pandemic. However, we have acted upon concerns over consistency with homework across the school. We have introduced a new policy and all staff have received updates. Please see your class teacher if you have any queries regarding homework. We are also in the process of reviewing the school communications and the office staff are working hard to come up with solutions. We continue to analyse the survey and will publish a summary on the school website this half term.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is key to your child enjoying and getting the most out of school life.

- Statistics show a direct link between underachievement and poor attendance.
- Regular attenders make better progress, both socially and academically.
- Regular attenders find school routines, school work and friendships easier to cope with.
- Regular attenders find learning more enjoyable and satisfying.
- Regular attenders settle into High School more easily.

<https://www.northealingprimary.org/attendance-policy/>

Punctuality

Dropping off - It is important to be on time as the first part of the school day is used to give out instructions or organise school work for the rest of the day. Late arrivals are disruptive to the whole class and often embarrassing for your child. We take the view that there are no late children, only late parents. The school gates open at 8.45am and we expect children to arrive to enter the classroom in time for lessons to start at 8.55am.

If you are late in the morning – from 8.55am – your child will be required to go directly to the Office to sign in.

School Uniform

The North Ealing uniform should be worn at all times. Please refer to the school uniform list below.

- No jewellery should be worn other than religious jewellery or SMALL stud or sleeper

earrings for pierced ears

- Wristwatches may be worn (no Smartwatches)
- Long hair should be tied back

Nursery - Navy blue school logo sweatshirt, navy tracksuit trousers, white polo shirt, black trainers.

Reception - Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress with grey socks/tights, white polo shirt, navy blue school logo sweatshirt, black trainers.

Summer uniform - grey shorts with grey socks or summer dress (blue/white checks or stripes) with white socks and black trainers.

Years 1-6 - Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress with grey socks/tights. White buttoned shirt, school tie and grey jumper/cardigan.

Summer uniform - grey shorts with grey socks or summer dress (blue/white checks or stripes) with white socks and black trainers

Shoes (Nursery– Year 6)

- Children are required to wear **black** trainers without logos.
- Trainers must be worn for the daily mile.
- Children should *not* wear open-toed sandals or Crocs.

Small selection of plain black trainers are available from our school uniform shop, Juniper (details are on the school website)

<https://www.northealingprimary.org/north-ealing-primary-school-uniform-policy/>

P.E. Kit

- Navy shorts, yellow school logo T-shirt and black trainers – all in a labelled bag.
- School logo sweatshirt and plain navy tracksuit trousers may be worn for outdoor games in winter.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD’S NAME IS ON EVERY ITEM OF SCHOOL CLOTHING, LUNCH BOXES, BOOK BAGS AND WATER BOTTLES.

School Lunches

The new arrangements seem to have been working well. Again, if you have not informed the catering company of medical allergies this is vital and must be done without delay.

Scooters and Bikes on School Site

Please park these in the designated bike sheds and do not ride them on the school site and

playgrounds.

Meet the Teacher

These will be held virtually again this year.

Tuesday 14th September 5.00-5.45pm Key Stage 1

Wednesday 15th September 5.00-5.45pm Key Stage 2

Thursday 16th September 5.00-5.45pm Reception

Links will be through the Google Classrooms.

Travel Plan

Healthy Streets Everyday Mural Competition: Please encourage your child to submit a drawing to celebrate car free day (see details attached). These drawings need to be in school by Monday 20th September.

Volunteers

We need your help! Please come to the coffee morning Friday 10th September 9.15am in the school house Pitshanger Lane entrance.

P2B School Counselling Service

Liz, our School Counsellor, is in school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and an explanation about the Place to Talk service will be sent to all parents this week.

PTA AGM Thursday 23rd September 2021

All welcome, come and help NEPS raise much needed funds for resources for all the children and also get involved in the school community as a whole. We will hold our first PTA AGM for 2021-22 on Thursday 23rd September 7-7.45pm in the school. If you use the Woodbury Park entrance, the meeting will take place in a Year 2 classroom-details to follow.

Diary Dates

We will circulate these this week and they will also be posted on the school website. Our aim is to have them on the online calendar in the coming weeks.

Clubs

As ever in NEPS we have a wide range of school led and privately run school clubs. The new list will be circulated this week and will be on the school website. A number of clubs will start the week beginning 13th September and some the following week beginning September 20th.

Breakfast and After school club details please see the school website:

<https://www.northealingprimary.org/the-childrens-house/>

Online Safety Information

North Ealing is launching a new online safety platform for the whole school community, full of helpful tips and information. There will be further information sent on Monday from Mr Mehew - please do read and sign up on the link and app.

Welcome back to school and we look forward to a purposeful and engaging Autumn term.

Please keep checking all school communications and the website on a regular basis as we have a number of events planned for this term.

Mrs Flowers