



4th September 2019



NORTH SOMERCOTES CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Welcome back...

It was fantastic to see all the children again this morning, they have all settled back brilliantly to school life as they start the next year of their adventures through school! A special welcome to the children in Reception and their families. We are all looking forward to another brilliant year in school. We also welcome Mrs Walmsley into school who will be teaching Year 6 alongside our super TA support team. As always, we want to **work with parents and families closely in supporting the children to have the best possible educational experience** – should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to discuss this with your child's class teacher, in the first instance. We have lots of exciting plans for the year and I am sure all the children will have an enjoyable and successful year.

Arrangements at the start and end of the school day

Please note the following information:

Rec/KS1 (Y1 and Y2)

Doors open 8:45am and children should be dropped off at their classroom door between 8:45am and 8:55am. This ensures by 9am all children are registered and ready to commence their learning. Children are collected from their classroom door at 3:25pm. *It is of vital importance you inform a member of staff who will be collecting your child if this differs from the norm. **School staff will not allow children to be collected by other children's parents unless this has been specifically requested.** If you have more complex collection arrangements, please put this in a note to your child's class teacher.*

KS2 (Y3 – Y6)

All children are collected by their teacher from the main playground. **The whistle is blown at 8:50am** and all children must be on the playground for this time. Children are escorted into school ready to start learning promptly for 9am. **No children are allowed on the playground until it is supervised from 8:35am.** If children need to arrive at school earlier, then Breakfast Club is open from 8am and costs £1:50 a day. At the end of the day children leave school independently, however school staff monitor this and children do not leave the premises on their own unless they have parental permission to do so.

Fencing/Access

You may have noticed we now have **extensive security fencing at the front of school to enhance our safeguarding of the children.** At the beginning and end of the school day, school can be accessed by the gate that leads on to the playground or the gate that leads to the main reception. **For collection at the end of the school day these gates will be opened at 3:15pm. Access to school at all other times must be by the gate leading to the main reception only.** This is fitted with an intercom to the school office. Once we have full routines established we will add some signage. Please bear with us whilst we adapt to this new system. All changes have been made in the interests of safeguarding the children.

Guitar Lessons/Brass Tuition

Guitar lessons continue to take place on a **Monday and will start on the 9th September. Brass lessons continue on a Tuesday and begin on the 10th September.** These are available to all children in KS2. Children in Y3, or any other KS2 children, who now wish to start lessons can pick up an information letter for either guitar or brass from the school office.

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Enrichment Week – Monday 9th September

We have arranged **2 hugely exciting enrichment activities for the children next week** to inspire their learning and capture their enthusiasm. Firstly, on **Monday 9th September we will be visited by well renowned poet A. F. Harrold**, who will spend time in every class sharing his wonderful performance poetry with the children. We have also arranged for **all the children in school to view a touring production of Pinocchio**. This will take place next **Thursday (12th) in the afternoon**. As well as viewing the production the children will also get the opportunity to **participate in a short workshop session**. These whole school experiences have **kindly been supported by our PTA** and we are grateful for all the work they do in supporting all the children of our school. I am sure they have many interesting and exciting plans for the upcoming school year. **Thank you also to everyone who supports PTA events and fundraising.**

11+ Tests

Mrs Walmsley will be leading some short lunchtime sessions for the Y6 children taking the upcoming 11+ tests. These will take place on **Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th (Verbal Reasoning) and Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th (Non-Verbal Reasoning)**. The children will work through papers provided by King Edward. These sessions are optional for the children taking the tests. Please **discuss with your child** whether they would like to attend.

Christian Values

Our Christian Values continue to underpin all we do in school. Accompanying this newsletter are our values for the year. Please help us in school by promoting these values both within school and at home.

Do you want daily updates of the children learning and enjoying school?

The best way to do this is to **follow us on Twitter @nsceprischool**. Photos are posted regularly from different classes or during whole school events. This includes pictures of all our Superstars, straight after assembly. We have taken a photo of every class today and tweeted it! It is also a good source of news updates.

SuperStars Assemblies – Autumn Term

Everyone welcome from 9am:

Friday 13 th September	Friday 22 nd November
Friday 27 th September	Friday 6 th December
Friday 11 th October	Thursday 19 th December
Friday 8 th November	

Diary Dates

Diary Dates for the year will be sent out with next week's newsletter.



Please complete and return to the school office if you wish to receive this newsletter by email:

Name:

Child's Name:

Email Address: