



Norwood News



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Friday 13th September 2024

THE WORLD OF HARRY POTTER STARTS THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH SOME QUIDDITCH MAGIC



The Sorting Hat ceremony

The world of books and PE came together this week as Norwood held its second Quidditch Festival. The event, organised by Enrich Education, saw all the children from Year 1 to Year 6 organised into one of the four famous Hogwarts houses at the infamous Sorting Hat ceremony. Following this, each class was introduced to the rules of the wizardry game and practised the various skills of beating, chasing and keeping. Unfortunately there were no broomsticks to fly on and no children's feet ever left the ground.

Everyone (even the staff) ENJOYED themselves as well as being very tired with playing this incredibly active and non-stop game. The children have requested that we have some Quidditch after school clubs.



5HW play Quidditch

The overall winners were HUFFLEPUFF (Johnson-Thompson).

Congratulations to the "best in the school".

Best Beater: Meadow C (3C); Bethany T (4H) and Ivie R (5HW)

Best Chaser: Alfie H (1P); Iris G (4HB) and Francesca V (5F)

Best Keeper: Elliot B (4C); Jak J (5D) and Derry M (6D)

Best Snitch: Mrs. Roughley; Mr. Jordan and Mrs. Griffin-Brown

COMMUNICATING WITH TEACHERS THROUGH DOJO

Staff are **not** accessible 24 hours a day and will try to respond to messages **within** their working hours - between 8am and 5.30pm.

Remember staff are teaching from 8.30am to at least 3.00pm and so **ARE UNLIKELY** to have read emails or dojo messages.

If you want to pass a message to your child or staff about collecting after school or how they are getting home, CONTACT THE OFFICE.

Thank you for your understanding.

••••• LOST PROPERTY MADNESS •••••

During the summer, we donated **6 bags** of **UNNAMED** coats, school sweatshirts, cardigans and hoodies to local charity shops as well as taking a large number of plastic bottles and lunch boxes to the recycling centre.

In these financially difficult times, it is incredible to see so much money being wasted like this.

NAME everything otherwise it will be lost forever!



NEXT WEEK'S MENU is Week 3

See the Parents section of the school website for full details of the menu.



PARENTS' EVENING DATES

The first Parents Evenings of the new school year will be taking place on:

Wednesday 23rd October or Thursday 24th October
3.00 - 6.00pm

There will be a choice of face-to-face meetings in school or telephone appointments.

This meeting is **important** so that you can: meet your child's teacher (s); see how your child has settled in the first couple of months; let us know about any issues and have any questions you have answered.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US SUPPORT YOUR CHILD!

HOMEWORK AND READING UPDATE

Homework

Following the most recent Parent Survey in July, we received so many honest comments about parents views on homework at Norwood.

Whilst overall homework appeared to be liked and enjoyed, we wanted to take some of your main concerns on board and really look at how we can address this in school by discussing it with staff and the children.

Therefore over the next few weeks of this Autumn half term, we are going to consult with staff and children, before unveiling a new policy ready for the next half term.

However the main part of the KS2 homework will be continuing with **Times Table Rockstars** every week.

Reading Records

In Reading, children in Year R, 1, 2 and 3 are expected to read at least **THREE** times a week and have their home reading record signed.

In Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6, as the feeling from staff was that the enthusiasm for reading records was waning, we will trial a new initiative during this term. We expect children to read regularly at home, but once a week **IN SCHOOL**, they will complete an activity about their home read in their Reading Journal. They are still welcome to bring in their book and leave it in their book bags. Staff will monitor children who are not reading at home and will let you know, so you can encourage them.

Any further questions, please contact a.mccarthy@norwoodmail.co.uk

IT'S TIME FOR GOODBYE AND HUGE WISHES FOR GOOD LUCK

Unfortunately as summer holidays ended, we received the sad news that we were going to have to say a goodbye but good luck to Mrs. Ashton, who has been one of our brilliant office team for the last 10 years. She has really been at the forefront of why Norwood's office area looks so superb and why the first welcome at Norwood is met with such a happy, smiling and professional team.

Naturally she will be missed by staff and parents but we know she will enjoy her new ventures working in a doctor's surgery. We hope she will always keep fond memories of her time at Norwood as a member of staff and as an ex-parent!

