



Norbriggs Primary School Newsletter

Spring Term 1, Week 1, 2020



It's lovely to see the children back with smiling faces, eager and ready to face the challenges that a new year / new decade has in store for

them.

Can I remind you that **school is closed to children this Friday 17th January** for staff training.

Round Up Of The Week

- You may have seen a tent in the garden. Year 5 have been learning first hand some of the hardships faced by the early explorers of the Antarctic. They are clearly enjoying the experience and are looking forward to some outdoor cooking today.
- Year 5 enjoyed mini leader training yesterday and will start running games at lunchtimes for younger children.
- Reception have started their bike ability training and are already looking like professional cyclists!!

Coming Up

- Tuesday – Mini Monkeys Parent Toddler group runs in the hall from 9.30 – 11. This is such a fabulous morning with lots of lovely activities for the children and time for parents to chat. Pop down with your little one if you get the chance.
- On Tuesday afternoon we will be taking 29 children to sing in the massed Young Voices Choir at Sheffield Arena. We've been working hard on our songs and dance moves and are very excited, it is always such an amazing experience!
- On Wednesday afternoon the Reception children will be having their vision checked.
- On Wednesday afternoon Year 5 begin swimming again.
- At 3.30pm on Wednesday there is a meeting for Year 6 parents about the residential trip to Dobroyd. We aim to give you all the information that you need to know and answer any questions that you may have.
- At 8.40am Mrs Richardson will take banking deposits from your fabulous savers.
- On Thursday Martin Mansell will be working with staff and children to develop sporting provision and ensuring it is accessible for all.

All after school clubs, except film club, run from 3.15 – 4.15pm

- Monday – gymnastics after school club – please sign up if you would like to join
- Tuesday – Dance after school club – please sign up if you would like to join
- Tuesday – SATs club for Year 6 will begin on 28th January
- Thursday – Boogie Bounce will begin on 23rd January – please sign up if you would like to join
- Friday – Film Club until 5pm

And Finally

- One of our families raises money for us by taking donations when people look at the incredible Christmas Lights that they decorate their house with. This year the Johnsons raised £110 and I would like to say a massive thankyou to them.
- Mr Taylor has taken up post as Year 6 teacher / Deputy Head. The children have already made lots of positive comments and I hope you feel the same way. He is very approachable so please feel free to introduce yourself and make him feel welcome.
- I was hoping that Mrs Pratt was going to return to teach Year 1 but it looks like this may not be the case. Until I am sure of the arrangements moving forward Miss Dicker will teach the class on Monday and Tuesday. The children know her and this will provide the best consistency, rather than use supply teachers. I will keep you informed of plans as I know more.
- Can I remind all children to bring a PE kit and keep it in school. The PE kit should have black shorts and white t-shirt in – not a football kit which some of the year 5 and year 6 seem to have started bringing in.
- Also can I remind you that children should only bring water in their drinking bottles. They can have juice with their lunch but we are not allowed to let them drink squash or juice during the day.
- I talked to the children on Monday about New Year Resolutions and about finding one small aspect of their behaviour or personality that they could try to improve. I suggested to them things that they did that might annoy others such as being unkind, swearing, pushing or shouting at others. Maybe you could chat with them to identify just one thing and help them by giving reminders and alternative behaviours that they could try.



Dates for your diary

January

- 14th Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena
- 17th Inset Day - Curriculum design – **school closed to children**
- 20th – 22nd Y6 residential at Dobroyd Castle

February

- 4th 2.30pm – Brass concert for Year 4 parents
- 6th Year 6 Athletics reward
- 10th Bike / scooter to school week
- 11th 3.30 – 7pm Parents Evening
- 12th 10.30am – Governors Award Assembly
- 13th 3.30 – 5pm Parents Evening

March

- 9th Science / D+T week
- 13th Sport Relief Day

April

- 1st 9.30am – Nursery and Reception Easter Bonnet Parade
- 1st 10.30am - Governors Award Assembly

KS2 SATs are the **week beginning 11th May** – please make sure your child is at school during this week and the weeks leading up to it to ensure they have the best opportunity to show off their ability.

Holiday Dates

- Spring Half Term Sat 15th Feb – Sun 23rd Feb 2020
- Easter Sat 4th April – Sun 19th April 2020
- May Day Fri 8th May 2020
- Summer Half Term Sat 23rd May – Sun 31st May 2020
- Summer Holiday Sat 18th July 2020 – Weds 3rd Sept 2020