

# Norbriggs Primary School Newsletter

## Spring Term 1, Week 5, 2020



### Round Up Of The Week

- The Reception children have finished their Balance Bike sessions and have made incredible progress. Some of the children were nervous to begin with but all of them were riding with confidence by the end. Well done!
- We had a real Roman come into school on Friday to train the Year 3 and 4 children to be a good Roman citizen. They really enjoyed it and it brought their learning to life.
- This week our Year 6 children have had a go at some practice SATs in the hall. Many of them like working quietly with their own space and they certainly worked hard.
- On Tuesday the Year 4 children put on a performance to parents on their trumpets and trombones. They had huge smiles on their faces and clearly enjoy learning to play a musical instrument.
- Also on Tuesday Year 5 went to Springwell to take part in Spring Fest, a range of sporting activities competing alongside local schools. They enjoyed themselves, had excellent sporting skills and were superb ambassadors for Norbriggs.

### Coming Up

- There are lots of rewards this week for children who have behaved well or who have reached 500 team points.
- On Tuesday from 3.30 – 7pm and Thursday from 3.30 – 5pm Parents Evening will be held in the school hall. This is your opportunity to see your child's work and speak to their teacher about how they are doing. If you haven't already done so please book an appointment.
- Tuesday – Mini Monkeys Parent Toddler group runs in the hall from 9.30 – 11.
- On Tuesday Mr Scragg is meeting with a team from Avant Homes. We have been chosen for their Make A Difference Project and will be discussing ripping out the vegetable garden and rebuilding it so that we can run gardening activities, and building a secure bike / scooter store.
- On Wednesday morning the Governors will be presenting awards to Two children in each class who have shown excellent attitude to learning and behaviour. Children who receive an award will be treated to Dominoes Pizza for lunch on Friday.
- On Wednesday afternoon Year 5 will be going swimming at the Healthy Living Centre.
- On Thursday at 8.40am Mrs Richardson will take banking deposits from your fabulous savers.
- On Thursday all children will have a Karate taster session in the hall.
- On Friday morning S44 are running dance workshops with children.
- In the afternoon the team with the most points will have their afternoon reward for their hard work.

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

- Monday – gymnastics after school club
- Tuesday – SATs club for Year 6 - cancelled this week
- Wednesday – Dance after school club – moved from Tuesday
- Wednesday – cooking club
- Thursday – Boogie Bounce - cancelled this week



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### Behaviour Rewards and Sanctions

- In the past parents have asked how we reward the children who consistently work hard and behave well.
- We have team point rewards throughout the term and regular celebration assemblies every Friday.
- This coming week we have lots of extra rewards for those excellent children who do themselves proud every day.
- There are 500 team pt rewards including art and craft, baking, football and dance.
- There is a Governor's Award on Wednesday where children will receive a certificate in front of their family and friends and then a Dominoes Pizza lunch on Friday.
- Attendance certificates and badges will be given out in assembly to those who have 100% attendance since Christmas.
- Each class is holding a reward for all children who have not had a behaviour warning in class or outside since the start of term.

On the flip side we are constantly working with children who exhibit inappropriate language or behaviour, a disrespectful attitude to others or a poor attitude to work.

The vast majority of our children are exceptionally well behaved all of the time. However there are a small minority who struggle to meet acceptable levels of behaviour and they will then become subject to a range of sanctions.

- Children who cannot manage their behaviour miss playtimes and lunchtimes so that others can play happily with their friends without being exposed to those who struggle to maintain acceptable standards. This is a small minority of children and often it is the same children who miss their breaks day after day.
- We have a sports coach who runs training sessions on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Some children are not able to play sport without their competitive nature boiling over into physical aggression. We work with children to help them to improve their attitude but ultimately the children have to make the right choices. Some children from Year 5 and Year 6 are no longer able to join in with these sessions because they continually make the wrong choice.
- The Year 5 class go swimming on Wednesday afternoons. Some children are not able to go due to them constantly refusing to follow simple procedures designed to keep them safe.
- Unfortunately, due to repeated inappropriate behaviour some children have received exclusions from school. I don't like to use this sanction but sometimes I am left with no alternative.

I know that children feel aggrieved when they receive a sanction and I now that some parents feel that we are being unfair to their children when they miss out on things.

However, it is our job to instil high standards of work and behaviour and therefore my staff cannot ignore children who blatantly do not meet these standards.

