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Autumn Term Week 1, 2021 Newsletter



10th September 2021

Hello Parents and Carers,

I hope you all managed to have a break and a rest over the summer. Unfortunately me and my family were given the gift of Covid for the first part of the holidays. Luckily we have been jabbed so were not too poorly but it still wasn't very nice. My eldest daughter suffered the worst by developing Covid toe. I didn't even know it was a thing!
If you have not been vaccinated I would urge you to do so.

The first week back has been amazing. The children have come back with a positive attitude. Wanting to come to school and looking forward to spending time with their friends. They are happy, positive, polite and well behaved. We couldn't ask for anything more.

I do not know what the next 16 weeks will hold. My gut feeling is that covid rates will increase as children are mixing back in school. The media would have us believe that we are in for a difficult season for cold and other minor illnesses. All we can do is keep washing our hands, cleaning meticulously and making sure there is lots of fresh air and hopefully we can get through without too many issues.

Thank you all for your continued support and here's hoping we have a fabulous Autumn Term.

P. Scragg
Head Teacher



Updates and Reminders

- **Covid Isolation Guidance**
 - As you know the Covid isolation guidance changed on August 16th. This is the latest advice from the Government:
From Monday 16 August unvaccinated young people up to the age of 18 years and 6 months and fully vaccinated adults, are no longer required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19.
 - If in doubt please ring 119 for advice.
- **School Trips and Enrichment Days**
 - We would like to take the children on educational visits to bring the curriculum to life. However, we are conscious about cost. Our main barrier is the cost of transport, this has gone up significantly in the last 18 months.
 - To try to keep costs down we are going to have more enrichment days in school, inviting specialists to work with classes in school and therefore cutting out the transport costs.
 - Hopefully this will mean the children can have more exciting experiences for just a few pounds each as opposed to one trip for £20.
 - We have a science day, Viking day and a visit to Mansfield Pantomime for the theatre booked so far with other things in the pipeline.
- **Water Bottles**
 - A polite reminder that Government Food Standards mean that we can only allow children to drink water in school.
 - If children bring juice in their bottles they will not be allowed to drink it and will be offered water instead.
- **Gate Opening Time**
 - The gate opens in the morning at 8.45am to allow you to wait safely on the playground until classroom doors open at 8.50am.
 - Please can you remind your children not to go into class or knock on the door until the teacher is ready.
- **Messaging Staff**
 - I have asked staff not to reply to direct messages, particularly out of office hours.
 - If you need to get information to school please email info@norbriggs.derbyshire.sch.uk or headteacher@norbriggs.derbyshire.sch.uk
 - You can also phone or text on 01246 473398
 - Please post questions on the school facebook page and we will endeavour to answer these.
- **Grumpy Neighbour**
 - I am aware that a neighbour has posted some pretty defamatory comments about the children, parents, staff and community of Norbriggs Primary School.
 - Unfortunately he struggles to understand the purpose of the fence around the school field and expresses his frustration in inappropriate ways.
 - He wants to trigger us to get a reaction so my advice would be to completely ignore him so that he does not get the satisfaction.
- **Newsletter Subscription**
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 - www.norbriggs.derbyshire.sch.uk



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Term Dates

Activity dates will be added as they are confirmed.

• Autumn 2021

- Monday 20th September 2021 Dickens Class Viking Day
- Wednesday 22nd September 2021 Swimming starts for Year 5
- Friday 24th September 2021 Sublime Science Day
- Wednesday 13th October 2021 Flu vaccinations in school
- Tues 19th + Thurs 21st October 2021 Parents Evening after school
- Friday 22nd October 2021 School finishes for half term
- Monday 1st November 2021 INSET Day – no children in school
- Tuesday 2nd November 2021 Children back to school
- Thursday 4th November 2021 Individual and Family photos
- Friday 12th November 2021 Children in Need – Norbriggs Has Talent
- Wednesday 22nd December 2021 Children finish for Christmas
- Thursday 23rd December 2021 INSET Day – no children in school

• Spring 2022

- Monday 10th January 2022 Children back to school
- Mon 17th – Weds 19th January 2021 Dobroyd Castle Residential Trip – Y6
- Thursday 3rd February 2022 Young Voices at Sheffield Arena
- Tues 15th + Thus 17th February 2022 Parents Evening after school
- Friday 18th February 2022 School finishes for half term
- Monday 28th February 2022 Children back to school
- Thursday 3rd March 2022 World Book Day
- Friday 8th April 2022 School finishes for Easter

• Summer 2022

- Monday 25th April 2022 Children back to school
- Monday 2nd May 2022 May Day
- Monday 9th May 2022 KS2 SATs week
- Tuesday 24th May 2021 Class Photos
- Thursday 26th May 2022 School finishes for half term
- Friday 27th May 2022 Extra Bank Holiday for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- Monday 6th June 2022 Children back to school
- Monday 6th June 2022 Phonic screen week for Y1 and Y2
- Monday 6th June 2022 Multiplication check for Y4
- Friday 1st July 2022 INSET Day – no children in school
- Friday 22nd July 2022 School finishes for the summer

• Autumn 2022

- Thursday 1st September 2022 INSET Day - no children in school
- Friday 2nd September 2022 INSET Day - no children in school
- Monday 5th September 2022 Children back to school



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