

Parent Newsletter



Norwich
Primary
Academy



Date Friday 5th September 2019

Message from the Principal Ms Handley-Kirk:

I would like to introduce myself, I am the new Principal at Norwich Primary Academy. I am very much looking forward to meeting you all. I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and have had a good first week back in school.

The first week has been a great success, the pupils have come back motivated and excited about the new year. We have launched a new system for our expectations, the first expectation is STAR sitting, where pupils have to sit up straight, track the speaker, answer questions and show respect for everyone. Our next expectations is the 5S's, we use this when pupils walk around school, we expect pupils to walk in single file lines, with their arms by their side, silently. Finally, we introduced STEPS, so all of our pupils show good manners at all times, we expect pupils to speak politely, say thank you, say excuse me, say please and smile. We have introduced these new expectations so that the school is calm and purposeful at all time. Pupils this week have really enjoyed our new expectations and have been wonderful at showing how amazing they are.

Our new rewards policy is being launched as well. Pupils are deciding how they are rewarded for their hard work. The house point system is still in place, but house points will lead to prizes of the children's choice. Currently classes are discussing what they would like and the Student Council will make the final decisions for this term over the next two weeks.

Over the next few weeks parents will receive information about our new online system for logging rewards and behaviour. The system is called Class Charts and will mean parents will have a live feed of rewards and behaviour incidents in school via the Class Charts app. More information will be released about this over the next coming weeks.

Finally, our SENDCO, Anne Gooding will be joining us one day a week this year on a Tuesday. She will be meeting with parents on Tuesdays and will be working with pupils. If any parent has any SEND concerns on another day of the week please contact either myself or Sean Williams, Assistant SENDCO. We are employing a new SENDCO this term, who will be working full time and we hope they will be in post shortly.

I am very much looking forward to the coming weeks and working with you all.

Calendar Dates

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4th September- Thursday 17th October

INSET Day: Friday 18th October

Half Term: 21st - 25th October

Monday 28th October- Friday 20th December

Open Mornings: for new Reception admission 2020 9.30-10.30am

Tuesday 24th September

Thursday 17th October

Tuesday 19th November

Thursday 16th January

PTA MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 27th September

School Photographer

Tuesday 8th October

Sibling Photographs between 8-9am

Parent Evenings Reception - Year 6

Wednesday 6th November 3.45-6.00pm

Thursday 7th November 3.45-6.00pm

Trips & Visits

Sports for Champions: Athlete visit and sponsored sporting activities

Tuesday 1st October

Celebrations

We start our achievement assemblies next Friday after we have a full week of attendance, teaching and learning behind us. We are using a new system called Class Charts for recording attendance, house points and student achievements and the children and staff are excited about using this system.

Class Charts also has a parent app that allows parents to see the positive (house points) and negative points through a live feed and you will be able to receive communications from our school. This access to see how your child is doing at school is another way we are hoping to strengthen the communication between the school and parents.

We will be rolling this app out to you over the next couple of weeks and will offer some training for parents on how to use this app. We are hoping for 100% of parents to be able to access the app on their mobile phones/tablets computers and to start to use this for better communication with the school.

Uniform

You can purchase this uniform directly in the shop or online. Please see the link below.

[Stevenson Uniform NPA](#)

Notices

Drop off/ Pick up

Just a reminder to all parents/carers that for safety reasons, we ask that you do not bring dogs on site and that if your children have scooters/bikes etc that they are not ridden across the car park during these times. We would like to ensure the safety of not only your children but parents too at these very busy times.

Parking on Clarkson Road

When coming to pick up your children from school please be mindful when parking on Clarkson Road that this is also a residential street. Our neighbours still need access to their driveways and the pavement for pushchair and mobility vehicles. Please park safely and carefully with our neighbours in mind. Thank you.

PAG (Parent Advisor Group)

We are looking to start a PAG at Norwich Primary Academy and would like parents who are interested in joining to contact Mrs Denny (Vice Principal).

WHAT IS A PAG? The PAG is a group of parents, carers and family members of the children at Norwich Primary Academy. The group will meet once a half term with the Principal and provide advice, information and support to the school, helping us provide the highest quality education for our pupils. The objectives of the group are:

To support the school in achieving its targets in

- Personal development, behaviour, and welfare
- Outcomes for students.
- To contribute to the school's effectiveness.
- To enable decisions made by the leadership team of the school to be well-informed.
- To provide a connection between the school and community and reinforce a team approach.
- To give parents a way to provide feedback to the school, in the confidence that their feedback will be used in

- a positive way.
→ To advise on ways in which learning opportunities can be enriched in the school.

Enrichment & Creche

Enrichment and Creche starts this week on Tuesday 9th September. Please ensure that you have handed in your forms to the main office so that your child receives their place on the enrichment scheme. Just a reminder that Breakfast Club operates every morning from 7.30am each day. There is no need to book just please arrive at the junior hall and pay on the day for your provision. If you are in receipt of free school meals then the payment is 50p otherwise the payment is £1 for the club.

Sports for Champions

Sports for Champion will be visiting our school this term and our children will be taking part in a sponsored fitness circuit activity. The aim is to educate and inspire our children about sports and the possibilities of hard work and motivation and that they can achieve their dreams not only in sport but all aspects of their lives. Your child will come home today with a sponsorship form and letter explaining the events that will be taking place over this term. Please encourage your children to start practicing their circuit exercises and start to gather 'safe' sponsorship for this event. There are lots of prizes on offer too for class and student sponsorship!

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