



Northowram Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023



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Term Dates

2023/2024

Autumn Term

September – December 2023

Closes: Thursday 26th October

Closed: Training Day Friday 27th October

Reopen: Monday 6th November

Closes: Friday 22nd December

Spring Term

January – March 2024

Reopen: Monday 8th January

Closes: Thursday 8th February

Closed: Training Day Friday 9th February

Reopen: Monday 19th February

Closes: Friday 22nd March

Summer Term

April – July 2024

Reopen: Monday 8th April

Closed: Monday Mayday 6th May

Close: Friday 24th May

Reopen: Monday 3rd June

Close: Thursday 18th July

Closed: Disaggregated Training Day Friday 19th July

Closed: Disaggregated Training Day Monday 20th July

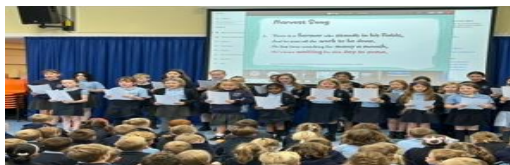
**Term Dates for
2024/2025 are now
available on the school
website**

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

It's been a very Autumnal week in school! Our Harvest Festival yesterday was wonderful - children have been really engaged with our school value of gratitude during the Harvest Season and were full of 'Thank you's' to our marvellous kitchen team at their special Harvest lunch yesterday. We all enjoyed our Harvest Festival assemblies and thanks must go to our year 6 speakers and school choir who led the celebration so well! Thank you to you all for all of your Harvest donations which will be collected today by the Happy Days charity and taken straight to their food bank. Next week, we are focusing on the British value of Democracy and children will all have the opportunity to take part in a democratic election as they elect their Heads of Houses for this school year - Good luck to all our year 6 candidates!

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers in school this week for the welcome and information sessions for each year group. Your feedback from these sessions was really positive with the walk through of techniques used for teaching Maths being particularly appreciated. Forthcoming events for families include parents' evenings and phonics workshops so do look out for details of these.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend - I hope all our families enjoy the warm Autumn sunshine which is forecast!



YEAR 4 TAKE A LOOK AROUND NORTHOWRAM VILLAGE

Over the past two weeks, Year 4 have been on a local walk around Northowram. They have been looking at key areas of the local area including places to eat, shops and things to do. We will then collate this information, along with pictures they have taken to create an information text about our local area.



Safeguarding

If you have any Safeguarding concerns or queries please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead/Pastoral Manager - Jane Jennings on 01422 202704 or you can call or text 07494691167

Greetings from Touch type/Computing club with Mrs Powell and Mrs Lee-Hamilton!

Touch-Typing club runs for KS2 pupils throughout the school year.

What is touch typing? The practice or skill of typing using all one's fingers and without looking at the keys. Touch typing typically involves placing the eight fingers in a horizontal row along the middle of the keyboard (the home row a to ;) and having them reach for other keys.

Why learn to touch type? When you can do it well, touch typing is the fastest way to write. Many people quickly learn touch type faster than they can write with a pen.

The important things to remember are:

- use the correct fingers
- there's no need to rush!
- find a comfortable working position with support for your wrist and forearm.



TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

Once again, the Travelling Book Fair will be coming to school.
Thursday 9th November to Tuesday 14th November 2023 in the school hall.



Forest School Requests

Forest School are looking for any OLD plain, light coloured, cotton bed sheets.

Please send any donations to Mr Wood or leave at the school office.

Parents' Evening will take place on the following dates:

Monday 23rd October – Years 3 Pine, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday 24th October – Rec, Years 1, 2 & 3 Oak

Wednesday 25th October – Years 3, 4 Holly, 5 & 6

Thursday 26th October – Rec, Years 1, 2 & Y4 Sycamore

Nursery – Information about the Nursery Parents Evening will be sent our directly to nursery parents.



Vacancies in school

We currently have vacancies in school for a Senior Midday Supervisor, a Midday Supervisor and a General Kitchen Assistant. Please see the school website for more information.

PARKING AND SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please may we remind parents that sensible and legal parking rules must apply even when collecting children out of normal hours. We have had several complaints about parents parking dangerously whilst collecting children from after school clubs.

We know that parking is at a premium during school drop-off and pick-up times.

Baxter Lane is closed each day from 3.15pm and re-opens as soon as the school grounds are clear. This is for the safety of all of our children during such a busy time.

Please may we remind parents that if you are parking near to school you should not block the driveways of the residents and always consider the safety of our children and the local residents when you park at these times.

Parents should also be reminded that the staff car parks are not to be used at any time.

They must not be used for walking to and from school

We continue to work with the local council and police to ensure that we keep our children as safe as possible at these busy times.

Please think carefully about the safety of your parking - it really could cost a child's life.

Many thanks to all our careful and considerate families including many who make the sensible decision to walk to and from school!



FOREST SCHOOL FUN FOR YEAR 4 HOLLY

Year 4 Holly have been busy at Forest school with Mr Wood making pictures using natural products including mud, dock leaves, grass, beetroot, carrots.

They have also been enjoying making and sampling nettle tea!

