

FRIDAY LETTER



Friday 10th February 2023

VALUE FOCUS

This half-term our value focus is **aspiration**. We have been supporting our children to...

- ✓ Believe in their potential.
- ✓ Aim high in everything they do.
- ✓ Be the very best they can be.



Aspiration Awards of Spring Term 1

Reception	George A & Harper H-C
Year 1	Reggie B & Amelia F
Year 2	Charlotte C & Lottie-Mae H
Year 3	Freya J & Jessica O
Year 4	India N & Theo B
Year 5	Robyn F & Jakeob D
Year 6	Leah E & Harvey H

THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE

Class 5

97.8%

Great - well done!



House Team Competition: Each week in the 'Friday Celebration Assembly' we have been checking the totals of the house points. Last half-term the **Red team** won the competition did the manage to make it

Red	1865
Yellow	1381
Green	1418
Blue	1185

The **Red Team** ended this half-term in top spot – well done!



Members of the Red Team enjoying their win!



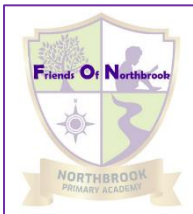
Reading Rewards.... To achieve the bronze award pin badge the children, need to earn 60 reading points, silver 200 reading points and gold 300 reading points. Well done to the children below for achieving the bronze award this week

Year 1	Maksims C
Year 2	Alex P
Year 4	Layla Cook
Year 6	Muhammed



A huge well done to our two **gold** winners! Simply amazing!

Year 6	Bailey H
Year 6	Paighton W



Kids Night In... Many thanks to all the parents and children for supporting the event on Wednesday this week. It was a really positive evening with happy and polite children having fun with their friends and staff. A particular thanks to the FON team for their support, arrangement and keeping all the children fed and watered! We are looking forward to working with FON next half-term to improve the equipment and resources available for our children at breaktimes.

Thank You



During Children's Mental Health Week, we have been considering how we connect with others and the world around us. Our children have been involved in Yoga sessions, Forest School sessions, PE sessions and considered how the internet and social media can impact our mental health.





Reception Class Forest School - Over the next term, all our reception children will have the opportunity to participate in Forest School sessions on our school grounds. We have sent letters out today to inform parents which days and dates this will be!



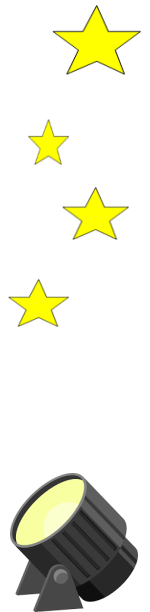
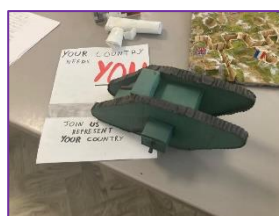
On the correct days, please ensure that your child is dressed in their PE kit on their Forest School day and has the following clothing with them:

- Outdoor shoes – walking boots or wellingtons
- Warm socks
- A warm, waterproof coat
- A change of trousers
- Waterproof over-trousers if possible
- Please write your child's name on their clothing- thank you!



We know that the children will love learning in the outdoors and we can't wait to get started!

Spotlight on homework... It was great to be able to showcase the children's homework completed this half-term! Well done to everyone that has handed in homework, in person or through Seesaw. All the house points you have earned were totalled to decide the winning house for this half-term!



HAF Plus ... Fun activities and healthy food for children on Free School Meals during the February Half-Term, funded by the South Ribble Borough Council.

- FREE Activities – including swimming, tennis, gymnastics, kick boxing and arts & crafts.
- FREE Food with every session.

For children aged 4-16 (restrictions apply across the activity range). Children who are not on free school meals are welcome to turn up and sign in on the day providing there are spaces on the activity. To book a child's place, visit www.southribble.gov.uk/haf or email haf@southribble.gov.uk

As you will be aware we have had cases of Strep A/Scarlet Fever in school. The symptoms of scarlet fever include:



- A sore throat
- A Headache
- Fever
- Nausea
- Vomiting

This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can also be flushed red but pale around the mouth. If you are concerned about your child, please seek medical assistance immediately. If your child has an underlying condition which affects their immune system, you should contact your GP or hospital doctor to discuss whether any additional measures are needed.

Please do remember that in most cases StrepA/Scarlet Fever is usually a very mild illness.

A message to all children, parents and staff of the Endeavour Learning Trust schools from Lesley Gwinnett, Chief Executive Office (CEO):

I have been a teacher since 1988 and subsequently moving into middle and senior leadership, I was privileged to be appointed the Headteacher at Tarleton Academy.

This marked a shift in my career, and the start of an adventure that led to me becoming the CEO of Endeavour Learning Trust. I am incredibly proud of the Trust that we have created and the wonderful people I have the pleasure to work with in our schools and overarching teams. I am honoured to be part of the Endeavour family, making a difference to the lives of our children and young people and the communities we serve, on a daily basis.

We are now at an exciting stage in our Trust, having worked hard to establish firm foundations and thriving schools, to be ready for our next phase of growth.

Following some deep reflection and re-evaluation, I have decided that now is the right time for me and for the Trust, for me to step away and make way for a new CEO. This will include some partial retirement on my part, but also inevitably some wider support and mentoring of others across the region, with a view to sharing the knowledge and experience I have developed.

As such, our Trust Board are now embarking upon the recruitment of a new CEO, with the aim of a September 2023 start. I am happy to support this process, including induction and transition into the Autumn term, if needed.

I have every confidence in the leaders and staff across the Trust, to ensure that this period of change will be stable and that we will continue to be highly effective. The strength and depth of the Trust is to be found in the people who make up the whole, and together, the Trust will continue to thrive.

Thank you all for your ongoing commitment and I look forward to working with you through the remainder of my time as your CEO.



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Key dates for the term:

Monday 20 th February	School re-opens for all children at 8:45am
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Friday 17 th March	Comic Relief (Non-uniform Day)
Thursday 23 rd March	Parents' Evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
Friday 31 st March	School closes for the end of term at 2:10pm
Monday 17 th April	School re-opens for the Summer Term at 8:45am

If you need to contact me at school please do not hesitate to email m.cunniffe@northbrookpa.org

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Have a fantastic half term! Stay safe, see you on Monday 20th February!