

# FRIDAY LETTER



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 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.



## Stars of the Week

Reception	Harper-Lee S & Ollie D-F
Year 1	Efe I & Noah R-S
Year 2	Edward S & Alex P
Year 3	Harry P & Lily S
Year 4	Katie A & Elissia M
Year 5	Jacob O'c & Alfie Y
Year 6	Rorey W & Harvey H

## THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 6  
100%  
Awesome!



**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 but who are the current leaders...

Yellow Team	260
Red Team	400
Blue Team	208
Green Team	200

The Red team have taken the lead on week two! Can they maintain it to the end of the half-term?



**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 an award this week

<b>Year 3</b>	Lily S, Freya J
<b>Year 4</b>	Lacey B-C, Maison M, Elliott H-H, Leon R
<b>Year 5</b>	Lorenzo J, Kerem O, Scarlett F, Harvey B
<b>Year 6</b>	Alex B, Vinny B

Special recognition must also go to the following children who have achieved the Silver Award this week – an amazing achievement!

<b>Year 2</b>	Edward S
<b>Year 5</b>	Leona D

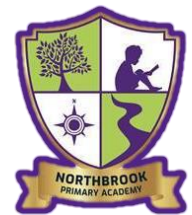
The closing date for applying for a reception place is **January 15th 2023**. More information about applying can be found here <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/> We are looking forward to finding out who are youngest members of the NPA family will be in September!



**Attendance & Punctuality:** Attendance and punctuality continue to be the one of the key factors in determining how well a child achieves. It is great to see our attendance figures return to their usual high levels this week. School opens each morning at 8:45am and 'late' marks are issued from 8:55am. Being just a few minutes late each day can have a significant negative impact on learning. Remember our target is that children achieve a 98% attendance for each academic year and we

write to parents termly to make sure you are fully aware of your child's attendance figure.

**Uniform and Appearance:** A smart uniform is important to us in school as it helps foster a sense of belonging and equality. Please remember that our uniform and appearance policy states grey trousers or skirts and school shoes (trainers are only for PE days). With PE kit shorts, tracksuit bottoms/jogging bottoms or leggings must be plain black. You can find key information on our uniform and appearance policy on our academy website <https://northbrookpa.org/parents-carers/school-uniform> . Please do not hesitate to contact us if have any questions or require support around ensuring your child has appropriate uniform.



**Impressions Uniform** run a 'Savings Club' that allows parents to spread the cost of uniform and they also have a 'Smart Futures Pre-Loved Uniform' section where they sell second hand uniform for a really good price. Impressions Uniform is on Leyland Lane and can be contacted on 01772 431431. Impressions state that..



- Their uniforms are the best quality and designed to last – pence per wear - the best value clothing children wear.
- Their Savings Club allows parents to spread the cost.
- Their Smart Futures Pre-Loved Uniforms available at a fraction of the cost
- We regularly advice to parents on ways to make uniform last longer.

It has been fantastic to welcome Mr McCormick from the West Lancashire Sports Partnership into school



last week. Mr McCormick will be working with us every Friday delivering PE sessions to Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6. Mr McCormick is a Striking & Fielding specialist and the children have loved developing their throwing, catching, bowling and batting skills. Having Mr McCormick in school is even extra special as he previous pupil from Northbrook and Wellfield Academy and he has loved being back at his old primary school!



**National School Breakfast Programme:** The daily morning breakfast club has been a real success this week, with approximately 50 children attending every morning. The free breakfasts are available to all our children from 8:30am-8:40am each morning in the dining hall. Children attending the breakfast club need to enter school through the main reception. They will be signed in before making their way to the dining hall. The club is staffed by Northbrook Primary Academy teaching assistants, who oversee the children and then ensure they move to their classrooms at 8:45am in time for registration. The breakfast on offer includes bagels, a range of cereals and porridge. **We are excited to let you know we will be running the breakfast club for the rest of the academic year!**



## Extra-Curricular Clubs: Spring 1 (Jan-Feb)



Day	Year	Activity/Time	Staff Lead
Monday	Year 5 & 6	Multi-skills/Multi-sports Club 3.15 - 4.15	Miss Vanroose-peer
Wednesday	Years 4, 5 and 6	Young Voices 3.15 – 4.15	Mrs Spence
Thursday	Year 1 & 2 Year 3 & 4	Lunch club 12.20 - 12.50 Multi-skills/Multi-sports Club 3.15 - 4.15	Miss Vanroose-peer
Friday	Years 1 & 2	Multi-skills/Multi-sports Club 3.15 - 4.15	Mr McCormick



All clubs start at the end of school and finish at 4.15pm. Children must return a letter signed by parents to attend the club and wear appropriate clothing such as their PE kit.

### Key dates for the term

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Key Stage 1 Multi-Skills Cluster Comp ( <i>Selected children only</i> )
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Young Voices 2023
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Final hand-in day for Spring 1 Homework
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week 2023
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>School closes for half-term at 3:10/3:15pm</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>School re-opens for all children at 8:45am</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief (Non-uniform Day)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents' Evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>School closes for the end of term at 2:10pm</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>School re-opens for the Summer Term at 8:45am</b>

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**Have a fantastic weekend! See you on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January...**