

# FRIDAY LETTER



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## VALUE FOCUS

This half-term our value focus is **empathy**. We are challenging all the children to:



- ✓ To treat each other with care and compassion.
- ✓ To listen to each other and show kindness.
- ✓ To support to each other through difficult times.



This week we have considered what it means to be kind to others and the impact of bullying. The children made pledges of how they would show kindness and worked hard to ensure that they kept their promises. At the end of the week we reflected on all the positive things we had achieved and recorded on each class' 'Kindness Confetti' board. As staff we have been super proud of our children and how they have demonstrated true Northbrook values and done everything the NPA way! It is what makes our school unique and proud to be a part of. All of our children were awarded the #onekindword award in recognition of their efforts.

## THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 1

100%

Awesome!



## A window into the Northbrook world...

We work hard to celebrate the pupil's achievements and showcase the superb learning that takes place in school on a daily basis. Our Facebook and Twitter pages are excellent ways to keep in touch with everything that makes us NPA! To see more go to [Northbrook Primary Academy - Home | Facebook](#)



**House Team Competition:** Each week in the 'Friday Celebration Assembly' we have been checking the totals of the house points. Last week we had the yellow team in the lead but who are the current leaders now...



Yellow Team	1185
Red Team	1035
Blue Team	1009
Green Team	997



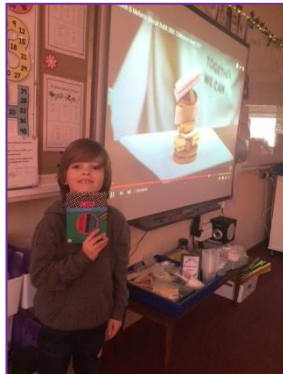
Well done to the **Yellow team** who have maintained their lead!



This week the whole school participated in anti-bullying week. We launched the week by wearing odd socks to school to celebrate or individuality but also our collective effort to ensure that we are kind to others. We made pledges stating how we were going to be kind to others and identified on our 'Kindness Confetti' boards when people had been kind to us. We learned to sing and sign 'One Kind Word' with Andy & The Odd Socks and considered how bullying can have an impact on people. Throughout the week the children really demonstrated our values of HAPPINESS, EMPATHY, RESPECT and TEAMWORK and doing things the NPA way really shone through and demonstrated why our school community is so special to be a part of!



Today was our non-uniform day to raise money for 'Children In Need'. During the day we held an assembly to reflect on why we were raising money, we worked out with Joe Wicks and took part in Richie's and Marvin's biscuit stack. We will calculate the total we have raised early next week and add to next week's newsletter. Thank you for all your support!



## Important messages



**Building Works:** During next week we will be having building works taking place on the roof above the Reception and Year 1 classrooms. To ensure that all the children are not disturbed by the noise and are safe, we will be moving Reception to be based in the Before and Afterschool Club classroom and Year 1 to the vacant classroom in Key Stage 1. Year 1 should enter and be collected through the usual door. Reception children should enter and be collected from the door near the bike racks. We will be planning lots of interesting activities for the week and we have explained and shown the children where they will be based so they are not confused on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**The weeks leading up to the Christmas break...** To give parents as much notice as possible we have listed the key dates over the next few weeks below. We will be writing to parents with more detail early next week!

- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – deadline for ordering Christmas Eve boxes on ParentPay
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – ‘Kids Night In’ (film and a Hot Dog organised by the Friends of Northbrook - starting after school)
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 6 Bikeability.
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity – 1.45pm for a 2pm start on both days.
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - Key Stage 2 Christmas Show – 1.45pm for a 2pm start and then 5.45pm for a 6.00pm start (children will need to go home and then return for the evening performance).
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Party day (non-uniform day).
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – School finishes at 2.10/2.15pm.

## CHRISTMAS EVE BOXES

The Friends of Northbrook are giving all parents a chance to get hold of Christmas Eve boxes packed with fun stuff, whilst also raising funds for Northbrook Primary Academy!

There are two options so something for everyone!

1. **Small But Super Box - £3**
  - Colouring and activity sheets
  - A Christmas craft hot chocolate stirrer
  - Sweets
  - Reindeer food
  - Small Christmas gift
2. **Mega Mighty Box - £6**
  - Colouring and activity sheets
  - A Christmas craft hot chocolate stirrer
  - Sweets
  - Reindeer food
  - Christmas penguin duck
  - Recipe, cookie cutter & dry ingredient mix to make ‘Sugar Cookies’ (*just add butter and an egg!*)



Please order and pay through ParentPay. The Friends of Northbrook will make these to order, and will not be able to accept any late orders as they will not have spare stock. For some, this will be an extra unmanageable cost at Christmas so if you would like to fund an “extra box for someone else anonymously there will be the option to do this on ParentPay too.” School staff will allocate any of these discretely.

**ORDERS MUST BE MADE BY FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**See you on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Have a fantastic weekend!**