

FRIDAY LETTER



Friday 27th 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	Ella A & Lorraine L-D
Year 1	Zachery W & Coby T
Year 2	Bavin R & Aaron P
Year 3	Theo K & Charlie P
Year 4	Kooba B & Layla-Mae C
Year 5	Ivy C & Teddy Mc
Year 6	Archie B & Muhamad R

THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 5
98.9%
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 but who are the current leaders...

Red Team	451
Yellow Team	331
Green Team	261
Blue Team	234

The **Red Team** are still in the lead with two weeks to go until 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



Year REC	Talia B
Year 3	Lucas B



Reception Class have been looking at 'parts' and 'wholes' in maths. They started by looking at different ways they could split numbers into parts and then moved on to exploring part-whole models inside and outside the classroom! Well done everyone on being fully engaged in your learning!



Year 5 and 6 Swimming Gala: Well done to the Northbrook Primary Academy Year 5 and Year 6 swim team, who competed in the South Ribble



Swimming Gala at Hutton Grammar School on Thursday. All the children performed really well against a number of talented club swimmers. Special congratulations to Archie B who won his race! As always, the children behaved impeccably! Well done...

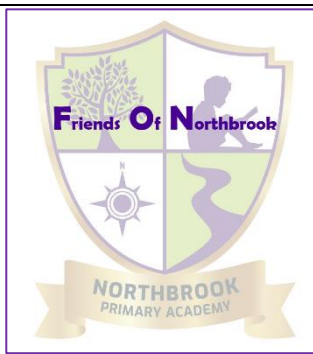


Young Voices 2023: The time has finally come for our wonderful Young Voices choir to attend the concert on Tuesday 31st January 2023 at the Manchester Arena. On the day, we will have our lunch at school and leave by coach at 12.30pm to arrive at the arena for 1.30pm. The afternoon will be spent in final rehearsals with the conductor, learning some new moves for our songs and finding out which parts we will be singing. We will break for tea at about 5.00pm and then rest up ready for the evening performance. The concert is expected to finish at 8.45pm, we will then leave the venue under instruction from the staff and return to the coach. The time we return to school is likely to be around 10.00pm. All children must be collected from school. We will send out a message via ParentApp text message to keep you updated on our expected return times. Thank you for all your support, the children have been so committed and worked so hard, we can't wait to sing and enjoy the concert now!



Spotlight Homework: We have been really impressed with the homework that has been completed across the school so far this half-term! Remember that children have until Monday 6th February to hand their homework in to be allocated their house points. The winning house for the half-term will be announced and rewarded on Friday 10th February!





We want to say thank you to the Friends of Northbrook who have supported school in a number of recent projects. We really appreciate the offer to purchase a new school football kit, the allocation of funds to purchase outdoor equipment for the children to use during break and lunchtimes and the much needed support for the costs of transport for previous and future trips and visits! FON are also busy planning the next 'Kids Night In' which will take place on Wednesday 8th February. More information will be sent to parents very soon!



How will strike action affect Northbrook Primary Academy?

When a strike takes place, those taking strike action stop work and withdraw their labour. This means that those teachers involved in the action will not teach their class(es) or undertake any other duties on a strike day.

It is therefore important to consider the impact that industrial action will have on the operation of the school. One of the key issues is to assess whether there are sufficient staff available for the school to remain open, or partially open, during a strike. To determine whether this school can remain fully or partially open, a detailed risk assessment has been conducted. This considers the impact that the action will have on the health and safety of our children, staff and visitors, and whether the school can run a full or amended curriculum, to determine whether it is possible to operate the school safely during the strike.

On Wednesday 1st February the school will be open to all children and as a result all children must attend.

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause some disruption. I would ask you, however, to be understanding. A national strike by teachers is very unusual. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the days that they are on strike. We will review our risk assessments and confirm our actions in writing, in advance of each of the proposed strike days (*Wednesday 1 February 2023, Tuesday 28 February 2023, Wednesday 15 March 2023 and Thursday 16 March 2023*)

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Key dates for the term:

Tuesday 31 st January	Young Voices 2023
Monday 6 th February	Final hand-in day for Spring 1 Homework
Monday 6 th February – Friday 10 th February	Children's Mental Health Week 2023
Friday 10 th February	School closes for half-term at 3:10/3:15pm
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

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Have a fantastic weekend! See you on Monday 30th January.