

FRIDAY LETTER



Friday 6th May 2022

VALUE FOCUS

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



- ✓ To work together to achieve more
- ✓ To take up opportunities to shape and develop the school
- ✓ To support and encourage others

STAR of the Week Award Winners:

Reception

Year 1 Izzy W & Fionn W

Year 2 Alex W

Year 3 Leon R & Caoimhe M

Year 4 Mya S & Lily-May B

Year 5 Bailey H & Harvey H

Year 6 Benny B & Oliver R

THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE GOES TO...

★ Year 3 & Year 4
100%
Awesome!



House Team Competition: Each week in the 'Friday Celebration Assembly' we have been checking the totals of the house points.

1 st	4563	Blue Team
2 nd	4490	Red Team
3 rd	4431	Yellow Team
4 th	3865	Green Team

The blue team have maintained their pole position!

Important messages

Year 6 SATs: Our Year 6 children will be taking their Key Stage 2 SATs next week from Monday 9th May.

Although these assessments are important, we have been approaching them in a balanced and supportive way to ensure our children have the understanding and knowledge to tackle the papers but also the resilience to deal with any stress or anxiety they may cause. During the year we have very much encouraged the children to simply 'try their very best' and to be determined in their approach even if they find some aspects of the tests difficult. We talk openly and honestly about why these tests are important but they do not totally encapsulate their learning during their time at Northbrook Primary Academy or them as individuals. Next week we will be offering breakfast to all our Year 6 children in our dining room from 8:30am. We will offer sausage butties (meat free option too), cereals, toast and juice. This will help us ensure all children are in school early, 'fuelled' for the morning and allow us to collectively ease any fears as well as foster the team ethos we have worked so hard to establish at Northbrook. Children should enter school through the Before-School Club entrance. As a staff we will be doing everything we can to support each and every child and it goes without saying that we wish them all the very best of luck!



Moving on to high school: Although our Year 6 children's time at Northbrook is far from over we need to plan for them to have a successful transition to their new secondary schools in September 2022. Part of this process will be our children attending their secondary schools for taster days and induction evenings. Parents of Year 6 children please make sure the following dates are in your diaries:



Wellfield Academy - Thursday 16th June and Friday 1st July. The Welcome Evening for parents and new starters will take place in Thursday 16th June at 6:00pm. *Please note that our Year 6 children will be at Robinwood from Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th June. Parents can still attend the induction evening and we will work with Wellfield to ensure that they do not miss out on any key information!*



Academy @ Worden - New Intake Evening on Thursday 30th June at 6.00pm with the children attending Worden the following day on Friday 1st July for their taster day.



Balshaw's CofE High School - New intake day and evening will take place on Friday 7th July with times to be confirmed.



St Marys RC High School - New intake day and evening will take place on Friday 7th July with times to be confirmed.

Spotlight on the NPA staff team...



Mr Austin (Intervention Tutor) who works with children across both key stages developing their skills in Maths and English. ★



Mrs Walmsley (Teaching Assistant) who works alongside Miss Cookson in Reception Class. ★



Mrs Carney (teaching Assistant) who works alongside Miss Sharrock in Year 2. ★

Friends of Northbrook (FON): As we move towards the end of the half-term we are working with FON to host additional fun raising events prior to the end of the academic year. We have booked in dates to host a **'Film and Hot Dog' afternoon on Wednesday 18th May** and also the date of our **'Summer Fair' on Friday 1st July**. We would love to have additional support to help organise or contribute towards either event. Find our Facebook page so that you know what we're planning - search for 'Friends of Northbrook Primary Academy'. If you want to get involved in any way, why not email us friendsofnorthbrook@gmail.com or speak to one of the teachers about how to connect with FON.

Important dates for the half-term ahead...

- **Monday 9th May to Friday 13th May** – SATS Week
- **Wednesday 25th May** – Young Voices
- **Friday 27th May** – School finishes for half-term at 3:10/15

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

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See you on Monday 9th May – have a great weekend!