

FRIDAY LETTER



Friday 7th October 2022

VALUE FOCUS



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

- ✓ Work together so that we can all be happy, safe and secure.
- ✓ Care about each other so we create a positive learning environment.
- ✓ Show smiling faces, use good manners and offer a warm welcome to all our visitors.
- ✓ Value and celebrate all success.

★ 'Star of the Week' Awards ★

Reception	Talia B & Arla-Rae F
Year 1	Cohvan F & Melih O
Year 2	Marnee C & Joseph H
Year 3	Freddie H & Finn S
Year 4	Lacey-Sky BC & Elissia M
Year 5	Joshua E & Lorenzo J
Year 6	Oliver D & Paighton W

THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE ★

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Year 4 Miss Sharrock/Mrs Morris
100%
Well done!



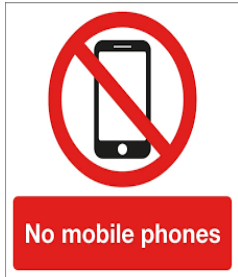
Yesterday we celebrated **National Poetry Day** around school. This year's theme was **'The Environment'** and children have looked at poetry based on the environment. National Poetry Day is an annual, national celebration that encourages everyone to create, experience and share poetry with family and friends. To mark this special day, children at Northbrook Primary Academy will take part in a poetry competition. To enter

the competition children should write or print their poem and bring this to their class teacher. The poems can be in any form, from a haiku to an acrostic poem, we just want pupils to get creative! **The deadlines for entries to the competition will be Friday 14th October and winners will be announced in the star of the week assembly the following Friday.** Additionally, on Friday 14th October we will be running a **'Poem in your pocket'** day where children will be asked to bring a poem in and keep it in their pocket. Throughout the day children can be asked if they have a poem in their pocket to share by other children and staff. We hope this will encourage them to share their poems widely with each other and their teachers. We have shared links on class Seesaw pages to a range of poetry sites for children if you are stuck for ideas!

A few reminders...



- It is important that all children bring a coat to school, especially with the weather turning cooler. We will go out for break and lunchtimes even if it is cold and we want all our children to be comfortable whilst outdoors!
- We have been really impressed with the number of children that have been attending afterschool clubs. However, it is important that children have the correct sports clothing for PE clubs. For some children this will mean bringing in PE kit or suitable clothing when it is not a their PE day – great training for high school! Staff running the clubs may allocate children to other roles such as an official if they do not have appropriate clothing to take part safely.
- Please park with consideration for our local residents when dropping off children or collecting at the end of the school day. Our neighbours have alerted us to an increase in parents blocking drives, parking on pedestrian paths and or blocking cars so they are unable to be used. Thank you for your consideration and co-operation.
- The school doors open at 8:45am each morning. Prior to this time and a hand over to the staff at NPA it is important that parents/carers supervise their children fully. Thank you.
- Please remember that mobile phones should not be used on the school site so we can safeguard our children. Thank you.



We are looking forward to hosting our 'Open Days' for children starting 'Reception Class' in September 2023!

During the sessions on Thursday 13th October and Wednesday 16th November we would like to invite parents and their children into school to meet key staff and have the opportunity to see our wonderful school. Please contact us at school to book into the most convenient time slot.



Northbrook Primary Academy
OPEN DAY

Thursday 13th October
2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 16th November
10am and 6pm

“A nurturing environment where every child is supported to achieve their full potential.”

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✉ enquiries@northbrookpa.org
🌐 northbrookpa.org



If your child is starting Reception in September 2023 we recommend you review the information on the Lancashire County Councils website [here](#).

The closing date for applying for a reception place is **January 15th 2023**.



Moving on to High School ...

If your child is in Year 6, information about applying for Year 7 places for September 2023 can be found [here](#).

The closing date for applying for a secondary school place is **October 31st 2022**. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you are having any difficulties with your application, we are only happy to help!



House Team Competition: Each week in the 'Friday Celebration Assembly' the house captains check the totals of the house points. The league positions so far are shown below:

1st	1018	Yellow Team
2nd	931	Red
3rd	778	Green Team
4th	697	Blue Team

The **Yellow Team** have into the lead in week 5 of the competition. There is only 2 weeks until the half-term! Keep demonstrating the school values, working hard, reading regularly and completing your homework to help your team...

Important dates...

Key dates for the term



Thursday 6th October	Parents' Evening – Engagement
Thursday 13th October	Open Day (New Intake) 2:00pm & 6:00pm
Half-term Holidays	Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October
Wednesday 16th November	Open Day (New Intake) 10:00pm & 6:00pm
Friday 25th November	INSET Day (School closed to children)
Tuesday 6th December 1:30pm & Wednesday 7th December 4:30pm	KS1 Christmas Play
Thursday 8th December 1:30pm & 6:00pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Party & Christmas Dinner
End of Term Holidays	Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January
INSET Day (school closed to children)	Tuesday 3rd January (School re-opens on Wednesday 4th January)

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](#)



As well as our Facebook page we also have a twitter feed ... Why not follow us to keep in touch with everything that makes us NPA! [Northbrook Primary Academy \(@NorthbrookPrim3\) / Twitter](#). Our school website is also being developed week on week and you can find us at [Northbrook Primary Academy \(northbrookpa.org\)](#)

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 10th October – have a great weekend!