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12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been absolutely lovely welcoming all of our children back into school this week. They have been a real credit to you in the way they have very quickly adapted to all being back together again and they've worked extremely hard with their learning and the new routines we have put in place.

The staff have been amazing in helping the children settle back into school and we understand that they might not be able to concentrate as well as they used to. We are working hard to help them build up their stamina for learning and get them back on track, but we will not do that by pushing them too hard, testing them or putting additional pressure on them.

We have ensured that all of the safety measures are fully in place to keep your child(ren) as safe as we possibly can. Please continue to help keep our school safe by following all of the measures we have put in place carefully.

## **Reporting Covid.**

Please continue to let us know if your child has tested positive for Coronavirus or has been in contact with a positive case regardless of whether you are home learning or in school. Please email: c.mccrory@northbrook-pri.lancs.sch.uk.

If your child is due to be in school, please stay at home to isolate as per the guidelines and notify school immediately.

### Toast

The decision has been made that, after Easter, you will not be able to purchase toast. Infants will be provided with a free piece of fruit and juniors are welcome to bring a healthy snack into school.

Any children who have credit for toast will be able to continue receiving toast until the credit runs out, even after Easter.





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We will however be re-starting with Bacon or Sausage sandwiches for juniors on a Friday at a cost of 70p. If you would like your child adding to the Bacon Butty list, please email Luke on the following email address: <a href="mailto:bursar@northbrook-pri.lancs.sch.uk">bursar@northbrook-pri.lancs.sch.uk</a>

# Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)

Just a reminder that in addition to all infant children (Reception to Y2) being eligible for Universal Free School Meals, all children from **Nursery to Year 6** may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

In addition to your child receiving free school meals, schools receive valuable funding of £1,345 per pupil to help improve progress for children who may need it. You can apply to check your eligibility at any time, as understandably, family circumstances may change, especially in the current uncertain times we are facing.

To apply please click here or speak to the school office if you need any help:

https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free school meals and pupil premium

# **Wellfield High School**

Mr Lewis, the head of Wellfield High School, has been in contact to tell us that any year 6 child who is transferring to Wellfield High School in September are welcome to contact the school to arrange a socially distanced visit to take a look around. Please feel free to call the school office to book on 01772 421303.





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#### Uniform

Thank you to everyone for sending your children back in uniform. Please remember that if your child's uniform no longer fits you can contact us in the school and we will check if we have any spares.

If finances are an issue with regards to replacement items (uniform or equipment), then please don't hesitate to contact us so that we can support you with this.

If your son/daughter has any items of uniform that are still in good condition but they have outgrown, then we will happily accept donations in school which we will pass on to good homes.

### Start and finish times

The school will now be opening at 8.45 for everyone, we still ask that when you arrive to drop off your child you do not congregate at the gates if you arrive early. Please move through as quickly as possible to avoid any bottlenecks.

Collection: Reception and infants will finish at 15.10 and juniors will finish at 15.15. Please collect from the usual playground area, **PLEASE USE THE WHOLE YARD TO DISTANCE**, **DO NOT GATHER AROUND THE GATE**.

If you have siblings in different classes, please collect infants first then move round to collect juniors.

# **Comic Relief**

To end on something feel good, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March is comic relief and 20<sup>th</sup> March is International Happiness Day. At Northbrook we have decided to combine the two. On Friday children and staff are welcome to dress in something that makes them happy. Be it your favourite colour or your favourite outfit.

Each child will need to donate at least £1 for comic relief so we can make many other needy people happy as well.

Please follow this link to make payment:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/northbrook-primary-school-rednoseday21

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs McCrory

