



# Northfield Manor News

May 2018

## Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy time in school as usual. Year 6 have now completed their SATs and I would like to commend all of them for their hard-working and sensible approach; they have done their best and we are proud of them all. There is no down-time, however, as they are now straight into rehearsals and staging for their production of *Oliver!* Year 2 have nearly completed their SATs tests and they have also worked hard and deserve praise. Year 2 are also having fun planning and rehearsing their production of *Moana*. Other year groups are already well into their summer challenges. There are lots of trips and events towards the end of the year related to these challenges or related to transition for next year; see our dates below for further information. This term we have also continued to focus on making sure our children are getting their 'reading miles' this term, and I would particularly like to thank Miss Fouracre and our group of parent reading volunteers who are helping children who may need more practice.

You may be aware that we have something of a baby boom at Northfield Manor Academy and I would like to congratulate, Miss Rowe who we hear has just had a baby girl. We would also like to congratulate Miss Wright, Miss Fouracre, Mrs Young and Mrs Grey who will also start maternity around the time of the new school year. Miss Blaker will return from maternity leave this July. Staffing is in place for September.

On another subject, I am sure you know from the media, that school budgets are extremely tight. We are not immune in this difficult climate; however, some good news is that we have made a successful Capital Improvement Fund bid which has awarded us £130,000 to replace our leaky rooves. Work to replace the rooves will begin in the summer holidays and is the first necessary step to take before we can refurbish other parts of the building. More bids will be made, and I hope to have further successes.

May I draw your attention to our new *Emergency Management Plan* which is now on the website. The plan does what it suggests in that it reflects how we prepare for any factors which may pose a danger to the children, staff or the building. May I stress that there is no more increased risk of this than before, but it is essential we are prepared should a rare event ever occur.

Finally, if you have read the Parent Forum minutes you will know that parents have requested that newsletters are now sent via email rather than paper copies. This will also help to keep photocopying costs down and help our aim to become a more eco-friendly school. Newsletters will still appear on the website and there will be a few paper copies kept in reception.

I hope you and your children enjoy the rest of the summer term and I look forward to seeing you at our summer events particularly our Summer Fair on the 13th July. (more details to follow)

**Mrs Pennington**

## LEARNING CHALLENGES

Children are now working well along their journey towards achieving their Summer Learning Challenges. We have beach visits, theatre trips, fundraisers, productions and carnivals to enjoy.

**Reception: Magical World.** Einstein and Keller have been receiving some rather strange letters from a fairy in their classroom who needs a new home. They are working hard to plan a magical fairy garden for the fairies to live in.

**Year 1: Let's Play.** Year 1 have been busy exploring how they are going to entertain themselves over the summer holidays by thinking of exciting games and toys to make. Don't forget your buckets and spades for your beach trip!

**Year 3: Into the Woods.** Both classes have explored forests and rainforests, identifying issues and thinking of how they can improve a green space. I can't wait to see which green space they manage to improve.

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**Year 4: Culture Cultures.** Year 4 are working hard to plan a 'Carnival of Culture' across the entire school, planning cultural activities for each class.

**Year 5: Current Catastrophes.** Children have worked alongside charity workers to discuss catastrophes from across the world. They are currently investigating ways to raise funds to help improve people's lives, in this country and beyond.

**Miss Wright**

**'KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE'  
Raising Awareness of Cyber-Bullying**

At school most incidents of cyber-bullying raised by children and parents/carers take place at home. Such as sending mean or insulting messages to another person. Sending nasty or humiliating comments on posts and in chat rooms. Using offensive language on gaming sites. Leaving others out of groups online, messaging, apps or gaming sites. This can also be known as social-bullying.

Please help us raise awareness and keep your children safe:

- Check with them what social networking sites or apps they are using- are they age appropriate?
- Check with them what messages they are receiving, sending and deleting
- Check with them their settings, security, privacy and locations
- Check with them how to report, remove or block.

All incidents raised are referred to the school Designated Safeguarding Lead. At school we have monitoring and filtering software on all machines to help keep your children safe. Social –bullying awareness is also raised through assemblies, class circle time discussions and e-safety lessons. Parental guidance will also be shared on class DOJO.

**Mrs Sheldon**

<b>CERTIFICATE WINNERS</b>	<b>OTHER INFORMATION REMINDERS - DATES</b>
Keller – Anderson, Archie, Raghevy, Monae	24/5/18 9.00-10.00am Parent Forum – please send any items for the agenda by email to the school office.
Einstein – Kziah, Teddy, Riley, Harley	25/6/18 Yr6 to Theatre to watch Annie
Frank – Mason, Jason, Lewis,	25/5/18 End of half term
Jaewon	4/6/18 Start of half term
Mandela – Sukhmani, Riley, Leo,	4/6/18 29/6/18/ Year 6 Swimming Lessons
Freya	4/6/18 Reception and KS1 Transition Afternoon
Austen – Bella, Ben, Salih, Willima	5/6/18 Yr 3 to Cadbury World
Galileo-Aria. Kayden, Zain, William	5/6/18 Yr 1 to Western-Super-mare
Seacole – Mason, Jack, Tommie,	5/6/18 Yr2 Theatre trip <i>Pinocchio</i>
Oliver F	6/6/18 Reception to the Heart of Country Village
Malala-Thomas, Trishica, Daniel,	11/6/18 Reception and KS1 Transition Afternoon
Tasnim	15/6/18 Yr 2 Sleepover
Da Vinci-Fatima, Maysoon, Keira,	18/6/18 Reception and KS1 Transition Afternoon
Oscar	20/6/18 Reception Induction Evening for new parents ( 6pm-7pm)
Curie-Lacey, Hermyiionee, Ben, Lola	23/6/18 Football Selly Oak Festival
Rowling – Jariullah, Mackenzie,	25 /6/18 Reception and KS1 Transition Afternoon
Grace, Marcus	26/6/18 YR1-2 Parents Transition Meeting ( 2.30pm-3.00pm)
Sutton-Alisya, Codi, Isobel, Harriesh	2/7/18 Reception and KS1 Transition Afternoon
Banksy-Milly, Ethan, Kacey-Mae,	2/7/18 Yr1 –2 Parents Transition Meeting (3.30pm-4.00pm)
Dotto	3/7/18 Yr1 Inspire Workshop ( 9.00am-10.30pm)
Thomas-Tayla, Brody, Jack, Sobia	3/7/18 Yr2-3 Transition Meeting to Parents ( 2.30pm-3.00pm)
	4/7/18 Transition day for all classes.
	4/7/18 Yr6 Induction day and their new Secondary School
	5/7/18 New Reception Induction Afternoon ( 2.00pm-2.30pm)
	6/7/18 Yr6 to Western-Super-Mare
	6/7/18 New Reception Induction Afternoon (2.00pm-2.30pm)
	9/7/18 Yr4 Challenge Introduction to Culture Week
	9/7/18 Reception and KS1 Transition Afternoon



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10/7/18 KS1 Inter Trust Sports day  
13/7/18 Summer Festival  
16/7/18 Reception and KS1 Transition Afternoon  
17/7/18 KS1 Sports day  
17/7/18 Yr6 Production Performance (6.00pm-8.00pm)  
18/7/18 KS2 Sports day  
23/7/18 Yr6 Leavers Assembly and Parents ( 2.00pm- 3.15pm)  
24/7/18 (12.30 closure) End of Summer Term  
*Reminder: the KS2 gate opens early at 8.30am. Parents must be aware that although staff are on-site at this time, the playground is not supervised. If, as a parent, you send your child in to play football or meet friends, this is with the knowledge that it is not staffed until 8.45am. Please do not leave children outside the gate before 8.30am.*  
*Please remember that children should be wearing shoes not trainers unless there is a valid reason which has been shared with the class teacher.*  
**Free Internet Access at Weoley Castle Library - 9 free hours**  
Monday: 10am to 1pm, 2pm to 6pm  
Tuesday: 9am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm  
Wednesday: Closed  
Thursday: 9am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm  
Friday: 9am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm  
*1 form of ID required.*

## Guidelines for the use of Class Do-Jo

Class Dojo is useful as a form of communication between parents and teachers, but it is limited to the following areas:

Teachers will use Class Dojo for general reminders, general class information and individual reward points. For example:

- Whole class messages about educational visits and class activities.
- Whole class reminders about PE kit and events.
- Sharing positive experiences through photographs and comments.
- Whole class requests for non-monetary contributions.

Teachers will **not** use Class Dojo for

- Individual reminders regarding things such as trip money, P.E. kits etc.
- Concerns regarding behaviour
- Parental interactions over issues in school. E.g. lost clothing, behavioural issues, complaints

Teachers will only use Dojo between the hours of 8.00am and 6.00pm. Because teachers are with children for most of the day, parents should not expect a reply straight away, though we will try to reply within 24 hours. Anything requiring an urgent or immediate response (before the end of the following school day) should be passed on through the school office. Parents should not use Class Dojo to discuss pupil behaviour or lost clothing. Thank you.