

## Welcome new staff:

It is an absolute pleasure to introduce new staff to you and reaffirm a couple of more familiar ones! **Miss Messham** joined us in February last year and we were so pleased to be able to keep her at Northway to teach our Nursery children. We were also able to keep **Mr Hoey** to continue to develop our School Sports curriculum. Both members of staff have made such a positive impact at Northway.

You may remember Miss Cordner who completed her final placement as an outstanding Student Teacher with Mr Roberts last year. **Miss Cordner** successfully applied and was offered the post to teach 4McCartney for this year. Her welcome video on SeeSaw showed just what a great teacher she will be.

In September we were also joined by **Miss Watt**, as Teaching Assistant in 1Morris. **Mrs Abdula** began to help as a Mid-day Assistant. **Mrs Budd** who was here a week before lockdown (!) returned to work with individual pupils. We look forward to seeing all these new members shine and see what they will bring to our school family.

## Other staff news:

**Miss Gadawaine** shared the fantastic news with us at the start of term that she got married over the summer. Congratulations to both her and her husband.

You may have already noticed or heard... **Miss Grace** will be having a baby in the new year. We wish her oodles of congratulations and best wishes at this very important point in her journey. We have been sourcing the very best person to teach during Miss Grace's maternity leave and we are pleased to announce **Miss Bell** will be taking on this very important task. Miss Bell will be working with Miss Grace for a significant amount of time before beginning her Maternity Leave so transition will be attended to. More information will follow.

**So much Northway news to share!**

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# NEWSLETTER



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## Notes from the Headteacher's Study



All learners...all achieving

**'Welcome'** to our first Newsletter of this Academic Year. There have been so many messages and letters regarding temporary procedures ... but now is the right time for our newsletter to re-start. To begin with, I want to **thank you** for your support and words of encouragement over the past few weeks – I cannot express how uplifting they are.

Coronavirus has been the main headline across the educational world for several months but now the term has started, more non-Covid headlines are beginning to appear. Within the Local Authority, Mr Jonathan Jones has been appointed as Director of Education, to work alongside Steve Reddy (Director of Children's Services). He has already started the journey of reviewing Liverpool's educational offer and reflecting on what it is like to be a child in Liverpool. New Officers have also been appointed; one for Inclusion and one for SEND. This will allow greater capacity within two essential elements of the Local Authority.

Over the last two weeks staff have invited parents to **'Welcome to Year Group' Zoom Meetings** where I hope you have been able to 'meet' your child's class teacher. It seems strange not being able to do these face to face but we wanted to ensure you had the opportunity to meet in some way. Please also remember SeeSaw has a message board if you need to alert a member of staff about something regarding your child. Mrs Clay or Miss Sultan also host a 'Remote Office' at the main gate each morning and afternoon for messages.

I hope you find this Newsletter useful and wish you a very happy weekend.

Mr Hargreaves  
HEADTEACHER

## One of our youngest Reception pupils:

Isabelle says:

"I've liked drawing and dressing up! I look forward to playing with the magnets."



## One of our oldest Y6 pupils:

Connie says:

"It's fun to see everyone and enjoy your time. Everyone has been off for six months which is a long time. School rules are different but they are easy to understand. I have enjoyed English mostly because there are challenges, but I still enjoy all the other lessons as well. I'm looking forward to learning more about the Victorians because it's really interesting to know about what happened in the past. I hope to carry on having the best time learning and seeing everyone."

App:



**So many parents have now downloaded our School APP which is amazing!**

If you need assistance with Northway ParentAPP please telephone our School Office. The APP is **ESSENTIAL** for survival at Northway. Please also remember it is available for up to four members of your extended family so anyone who will collect your child is kept updated.

#keepintouch



98+ **Green**  
95%-97% **Amber**  
94% and below **Red**

### Week 4 ATTENDANCE

Reception Gruffalo	97%
Reception Stickman	98.3%
Year 1 Morris	89.6%
Year 1 Sharman	98.6%
Year 2 Churchill	99.2%
Year 2 Windsor	94.4%
Year 3 Roscoe	99.3%
Year 3 Archer	94.5%
Year 4 Lennon	95.5%
Year 4 McCartney	96.4%
Year 5 Hawking	93.8%
Year 5 Turing	99.2%
Year 6 Anning	96.7%
Year 6 Darwin	96.4%

### Week 4 LATES

Rec Gruffalo  
Rec Stickman  
Y1 Morris  
Y1 Sharman  
Y2 Churchill  
Y2 Windsor  
Y3 Archer  
Y3 Roscoe  
Y4 Lennon  
Y4 McCartney  
Y5 Hawking  
Y5 Turing  
Y6 Anning  
Y6 Darwin

**This week  
Congratulations!**

**Attendance:**  
**Roscoe**  
**Churchill & Turing**  
**Total:**  
**96.6%**

This week's  
**HOUSE WINNER**  
(Not started yet)



Arrive on time **FOR**  
ten to nine.  
It's the smart-way and  
the North-way to start!

## Breakfast and After School Club:

Breakfast and After School Club have now been running successfully under new Covid-safe rules for the past couple of weeks. We were so pleased to be able to offer this wrap around service once again. All enquires and bookings should be directed to the Office / ParentApp.

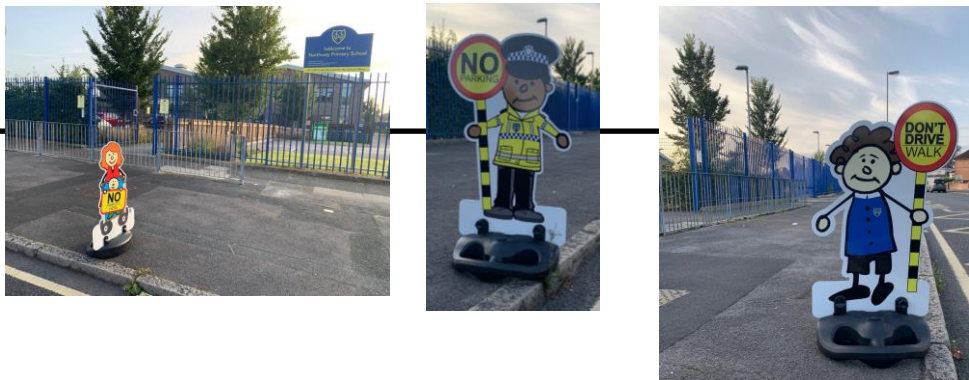
Breakfast Club – Mrs Clay  
After School Club – Miss Sultan

## Parking and Road Safety:

Parking safely helps every member of our community. By parking away from the zig-zag lines, children and parents will be able to arrive and leave Northway without a fear of vehicles blocking their way or coming towards them. This is even more important now we are socially distancing and using all of our gates to enter and exit.

**Thank you** Local Councillors who have gifted us three new friends to help with parking.

**Together we can achieve anything**



## Face coverings...

Thank you once again to parents following the request to wear a face covering.

Dear Head teacher,

Levels of COVID-19 in Liverpool are high and increasing every day – we need to take urgent action.

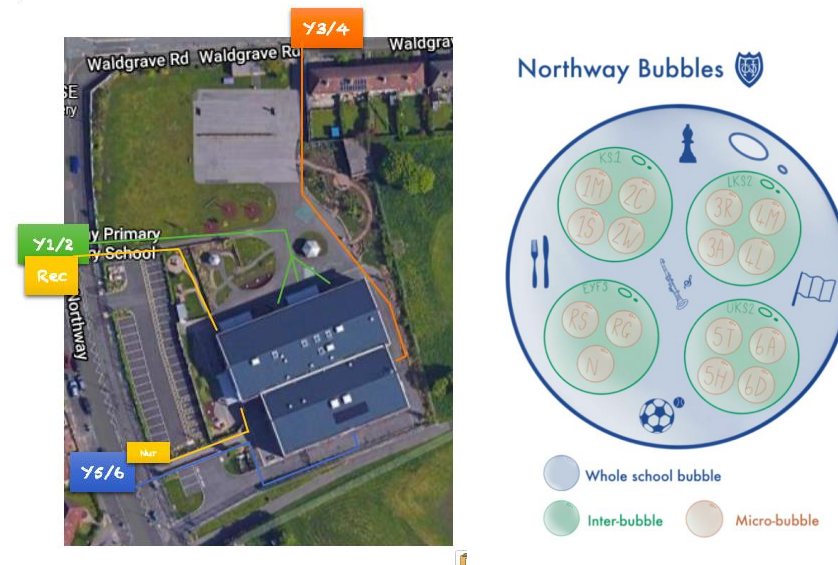
It is now **essential that parents and carers in Liverpool wear face coverings when collecting and dropping off** their children at school. All school staff should role model best practice by also wearing a face covering if supervising during collection or drop off. Those who refuse or cannot wear face coverings should maintain social distancing of at least 2m from children and other parents/ carers.

We thank you in advance for ensuring greater levels of safety in your school and our communities.

Many thanks,

Matthew Ashton

Director of Public Health



## Our EYFS dedicated learning area...

Over the summer we re-designed part of our playground. Our new **EYFS Outdoor Learning Area** looks amazing and has greatly increased our youngest children's space. Reception children are able to enter school through our Northway Allotment which leads them through the new Outdoor Learning Area. This also means children have a dedicated play area if they want a quieter lunchtime and staff can read stories and carry out 'smile for a while' from the hut. I can't wait to see how the EYFS staff, in partnership with the children, develop this area for learning.





## School Office...

Our School Office and Admin team are still very happy to assist you during the day. Each morning and afternoon, Mrs Clay runs our 'Mobile Office' at the main Northway Gate. During the day, the telephone is also available alongside email. **We will try to assist you as soon as is possible.** If you need to come to the school office in person, please only enter once the area is clear, as we are only able to have 'one in - one out' to keep you and your child safe.

## Front Room...

Our Learning Hub has now been re-named as '**The Front Room**'. Front Rooms in homes across the country is where lots of conversations take place. If you need to speak to a member of staff, 'The Front Room' is the place this will usually take place in as it has a dedicated entrance / exit and its own bathroom / kitchen facilities. Children who require a little extra support to fully enjoy arrival / departure times also use this entrance at peak times.



## Paper...

Most of our communication is electronic at Northway (ParentApp, emails, ParentPay) but occasionally paper versions of documents need to be sent into school. Following local guidelines, any paper handed in at the gate goes into a self-isolation box for 48 hours. If it is an essential message, **please inform the member of staff on the gate** and we will ensure it is dealt with immediately using suitable procedures. #strangetimes!

## COURAGE - Half Term's Value...

**Courage** is the **Value for Victory** for this half term. We selected courage as it seems the most suitable for our return to School.

Courage is a great value – it is something we all need but can only start to realise and develop once we know we are loved and appreciated. We need courage in lots of different situations... *a new challenge, returning to school after a long break, being a new pupil in a class, making friends even sleeping with the light off.*

**Ask your child for other examples they have thought of.**

We also need courage to speak out when things are not going well for ourselves but also when others are not being treated fairly.

To model courage, we have so far looked at the courageous acts of **Rosa Parks**, **Queen Esther** and **Malala Yousafzaid**. Each had the courage to do something that had a big impact.

We have asked our Northway family to think about their own courage and how it can be used to build a better future for themselves and for others. **It's been an exciting journey so far!**

## Cashless School

Thank you for adopting ParentPay (as well as ParentAPP) to allow us to go cashless. This system should help parents as it allows remote payment and saves finding cash and envelopes!

## 'Together we can achieve anything'

All learners, all valued, all achieving, all the time  
Together involves everyone! **How excited are you to be part of Team Northway?**