

## Key dates:

### January and February at Northway 2023

w.b Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Design and Tech 'Book Look' in School Y1/Y2 Animal Workshop <b>SEND Pupil Parent Meetings</b> (School Cloud / Live)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1 Deaf Active <b>SEND Pupil Parent Meetings</b> (School Cloud / Live) <b>SEND Pupil Parent Meetings</b> (School Cloud / Live)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Parent Event: Reading and Writing Morning</b>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Golden Conversation: RE and Design and Tech
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	
w.b Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Art 'Book Look' in School KS1 Mat Ball
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1 Deaf Active
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	PSHE Children's Workshop (all day) <b>Festival of Reading</b> (Samantha Baines)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>Festival of Reading</b> (Kimba)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>Festival of Reading</b> (Chitra Soundar) Golden Conversation: Maths
w.b Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Inter-Faith Week</b> Y1 Deaf Active <b>Festival of Reading</b> (Samantha Baines)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Parent Event: Inter-Faith</b> (1.30pm onwards)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Golden Conversation: Art
Half Term	<b>School Closes for Half Term</b> (3.20pm)
w.b Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens PE (PESS) 'Activity Look' in School
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	2.15pm <b>Parent Coffee and Chat (Front Room)</b> <b>Home Learning Apps</b>
w.b Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Maths 'Book Look' in School

More dates have been added ... check what interests you.

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# NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER  
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20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Notes from the Headteacher's Study



Caravans, Chow Mein and creative thinking!

It was lovely to invite the Headteachers of Broadgreen Primary, Mosspsits Primary and King David High School into Northway this morning, to discuss the education landscape on behalf of Fiveways Learning Alliance. It was a very fruitful and energetic conversation. **It's great to work together.**

I have included information regarding the National Teacher strike (NEU) within this Newsletter. We do not know too much yet, but what we do know, I have shared.

We had a special lunch this week which was extremely tasty! Chef Jobin (Knowsley Catering) cooked Chicken Chow Mein noodles for the children and over 200 children joined him for lunch. Our School Meals have increased dramatically. Chef Jobin is serving on average 190 meals each day which is Northway record! If you would like your child to try school meals, please request within school. They too can join this new uptake!

On Thursday we had our **Coffee and Chat** for Parents where we thought about how praise gives the body a dopamine boost – the reward system for thinking and succeeding. It was interesting to learn that it is not 'interest in something' that gives us success, but when we are praised, we *feel* successful and then **remember more**. In a nutshell, when we or a pupil *feels clever*, they will 'become *clever*'. Believing in each other matters. With this we can gather together knowledge, link it together and then apply it as it stays in our long term memory. How successful do you / your child feel? Could a week full of praise boost our dopamine and boost our whole self? There is a great challenge!

Mr Hargreaves  
HEADTEACHER

## NEW Strike:

I am sure you will have heard on the news or in social media that the National Education Union have balloted their members who have voted to strike. We have been informed the first strike will take place on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**. I am as yet unsure how this will affect Northway but I am certain there will be disruption to some classes within school. It may be worth considering this as early as possible.

As soon as I am able, I will share you which classes will remain open and which will be closed to pupils that day. **All children whose classes are open** should still attend school, even if their sibling is affected by the strike. All members of staff who are not striking will still be working that day. As you will be aware there are legal / national procedures that we need to follow during a strike; first and foremost a risk assessment of safety for those pupils attending.

## Our new Caravan:

Mrs Cawley and Mrs Jones took delivery of our new Northway Caravan. They were so excited when it arrived in the snow earlier this week. Despite the talk of the playground ... it is not Mr Owens' new home (the Y1 children really did believe this hehe). It is going to be used as part of our SEMH offer to families. Talking, working together, new skills ... Mrs Jones and Mrs Cawley have really big plans – watch the space as it is developed.



### This week...Week 3 (Spring 1)

#### ATTENDANCE

Reception Gruffalo	99.3%
Reception Stickman	93.6%
Year 1 Morris	95.6%
Year 1 Sharman	92.4%
Year 2 Churchill	96.6%
Year 2 Windsor	100%
Year 3 Archer	96.5%
Year 3 Roscoe	98.8%
Year 4 Lennon	95.7%
Year 4 McCartney	97.6%
Year 5 Hawking	97.4%
Year 5 Turing	94.8%
Year 6 Anning	96.1%
Year 6 Darwin	91.8%

Such an improvement!

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



This week's  
Marvellous Me  
**WINNER 6A**



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

This week:  
Congratulations!

Attendance:  
**2Churchill**  
(and so close  
**RGruffalo**)

## Reception intake 2023/24:

Miss Sultan has just informed me that we have had the highest Reception intake request on the Early Years Portal this year than ever before! Admissions for Reception closed this week – this is fantastic news! It is lovely that so many children want to join the Northway family.

## SEND conversations for Parents:

Have you booked your time slot to speak to Mr Bayliss or Mrs Dang (nee Grace) if you child is on our SEND register? Please select a time using School Cloud on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday to update us and check in with our SENDCo.

## Our Chinese feast:



## EYFS SEND conversations for Parents:

If your child is in Nursery or Reception and you need to speak to our SENDCo, please pop to The Front Room (next to the School Office) each morning where you can either see Mr Bayliss then or book a future appointment.



## Reading event for Parents:

Have you time to come and share our reading / writing event on Thursday morning? Similar to our ChristMATH event, this time the focus is reading and writing.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January

**Parent Event: Reading and Writing Morning**

## Mr Roberts:

After a lot of thought, Mr Roberts has decided he would like to resign his Class Teacher role at Northway ... but the great news, is that **we are not losing him** entirely. Mr Roberts will be working in school to deliver our Catch Up programmes and to help with Supply Cover. This is great for us, having someone who knows Northway and our children which will provide continuity for classes.

I want to publicly thank Mr Roberts for the contribution he has made in School, amazingly since 1996. As well as being Class Teacher, he has led on Computing and Design and Technology and been our Educational Visits Co-ordinator. I will share lots more as we officially say thank you to Mr Roberts, because two short paragraphs are not enough to sum up such a dedicated partnership with Northway.

Miss Aliski has been teaching 4Lennon since September and this will continue. A separate letter will be sent to parents of 4Lennon.

## 30 hours Nursery places:

**We have started our 30 hour Nursery provision!** This is a landmark moment for Northway. The children have risen to this new challenge so well and it has been a real joy seeing them smiling all day. The children have enjoyed their morning session before having lunch in the hall with other children staying for the afternoon. The afternoon ends with stories and rhymes before a well-earned rest at home!

If you would like to join our '30 hour family' you can access it by downloading your 'eligibility code'. Parents who are not eligible can 'top up' the free 15 hours and pay (at the same rate as the Government funded place) to enrol your child for 30 hours.

**Please share this message with any family or friends you know who might like to join**

**Miss Messham,  
Mrs Sudbury and our  
Northway family.**

Thank you



## Deeper Learning @ Northway:

### Do you remember the start of our Deeper Learning Project post-pandemic?

We want our children to have a **knowledge rich curriculum** where they can then use their learning to be creative. Within Northway we use rich text to **Immerse, Analyse, Write and Create** when designing our teaching sequences; giving children the knowledge they need, time to explore before writing and then a purposeful publication point.

Children from Year 2 to Year 6 also have their own **personal iPad** to enable them to research, publish and explore as global citizens. Children in Reception and Year 1 have access to iPads but are still learning to become dexterous and develop a good pencil grip for writing.

All staff at Northway have been trained by Mark Burns, an international speaker and author, to use **I do, We do, You do**. This is our main pedagogy for delivering lessons across the school.

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| <b>I do</b>   | The teacher or Teaching Assistant will show or 'model' to the children, giving them new knowledge or demonstrate something that the children need to learn. |
| <b>We do</b>  | Together, the children work with the teacher to explore further and build their confidence with this new knowledge or skill.                                |
| <b>You do</b> | Children work independently to demonstrate they fully understand and can use their new learning.  |

**'We do' a bit more** Some children may need more time to understand and rehearse what they need to do with the teacher. When other children progress to 'You do', this is a great opportunity for intervention, more 'We do'.

We have been exploring and implementing this for a year and a half and it is great to see the impact in children's outcomes. **Last summer our Year 6 achieved the best results Northway have ever had** which is testament to their hard work and the staff that taught them.

All learners, all valued, all achieving, all the time ... that is our desire.