

## Key dates:

### February and March at Northway 2023

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> <i>Home Learning Apps</i>
w.b Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Music 'Book Look' in School <b>Forest Skills Workshop</b> (all children) 12pm Northway hosts Fiveways Learning Alliance 2.30pm <b>Y2 Parent Meeting (SATs) (Spanish Steps)</b> NEU Strike Day (selected classes open)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	St David's Day
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>World Book Day</b> (see SeeSaw messages)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	2.15pm <b>Parent Coffee and Chat (Front Room)</b> <i>Reading at Home with your child</i>
w.b Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	PSHE 'Book Look' in School <b>Forest Skills Workshop cont...</b> (all children)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Curriculum Committee (Governors) Dental Survey (Y6)
w.b Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Maths 'Book Look' in School <b>Forest Skills Workshop cont...</b> (all children)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Philharmonic Concert Potential NEU Strike Day Dental Survey (Y6)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Potential NEU Strike Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day
w.b Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Science 'Book Look' in School Assessment Week
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	2.15pm <b>Parent Coffee and Chat (Front Room)</b> <i>Science: Fun Science to do at home</i>

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

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# NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER  
Mr M J Hargreaves

24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## Notes from the Headteacher's Study



Reading, Writing and so many parents!

Spring 2 has started well and in true Northway style, was very busy! Over half term, our Electronic Information System was upgraded, and we have moved away from SIMS to a new system called Arbor. Soon, you will be given the opportunity to check all your information is up to date and correct, including your **emergency contact numbers**. If you do not

have three emergency contacts already, please have a think about who you would like to ask / nominate ready for the update.

Following Thursday's Coffee and Chat, where Mrs Dang and her pupil helpers walked parents through our many Learning Apps, it may be another great opportunity to check you have all your log-ins for **Parent App**, **SeeSaw**, **Marvellous Me** and any other Apps you use for learning at Northway. If you have misplaced a log-in, please do contact school. ParentApp and SeeSaw are essential for getting messages home quickly but also allows us to share your children's work with you. Marvellous Me is as it says...marvellous! Thumbs Up and Badges are great to receive during the day.

Within this Newsletter are more dates to add to your diary and also important Strike information that was shared on Parent App last week.

It's been a great first week and we look forward to a very energetic and productive half term.

Mr Hargreaves  
HEADTEACHER

## NEU Strike update:

Confirming the information given in last week:

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 second strike will take place on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. I explained that unfortunately there would inevitably be disruption to some classes within school. I have been updated and Governors and I are now able to share details with you.

School will be open for children in:

- 2Windsor
- 4McCartney

Unfortunately, School will not be open to children in the other classes or to Key Worker children from other classes due to the shortage of teaching staff.

**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 and in school 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.

Lessons will take place for children in 2W and 4McC as normal. **PE, Swimming, Open The Book and Spanish** will take place and School Lunches will still be cooked. If you would like your child to have a school meal on Tuesday (if they do not normally have one), **please let the School Office know**. All usual services will be maintained, be it within a much smaller feeling school for the day.

Although staff who are striking will not be setting work for pupils who are unable to attend on Tuesday, SeeSaw already has relevant work for pupils, alongside Times Table Rockstars, Reading Plus and the other valuable Apps used for Homework / Home Learning. These can be used during the day if your child is fit and able.

Thank you for your patience as we gathered accurate information. As soon as new information arises for the further potential strike days, I will ensure you know. There are two more potential days on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

## An amazing piece of work!

It has been a real joy to welcome so many parents to the **Parent Workshops** (Coffee and Chat) and **Parents in the Classroom events**. Recently we have hosted an Inter-Faith Afternoon and a Coffee and Chat to explore Home Learning Apps. You will hopefully have seen in the 'diary dates' of the Newsletter that we have more events to invite you to:

- Reading at Home with you child
- Science: Fun Science in the home

Both events are designed to leave you with lots of practical ideas that you can do together with your child at home and add to their learning experiences.

Each time feedback is requested, we ask for titles of events that parents may wish to request. Once the request is received, we find a 'speaker' and then add these into our calendar.

Mr Hargreaves runs parent workshops for ADHD and ASD(C) for parents as a 1:1 family or small group basis. If this is of interest to you, please let the Office know and we can organise the next available date.

## SEND conversations for Parents:

If you need to contact our SEND Team at Northway please catch Mr Bayliss in the **Front Room each morning** or contact a member of the Team using [SEND@northway.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:SEND@northway.liverpool.sch.uk).

## 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.

**This week...Week 1 (Spring 2)**  
**ATTENDANCE**

Reception Gruffalo	97.1%
Reception Stickman	96.3%
Year 1 Morris	93.3%
Year 1 Sharman	98.3%
Year 2 Churchill	98.6%
Year 2 Windsor	99.3%
Year 3 Archer	97.9%
Year 3 Roscoe	98.5%
Year 4 Lennon	96.2%
Year 4 McCartney	95.2%
Year 5 Hawking	96.8%
Year 5 Turing	95.6%
Year 6 Anning	92.1%
Year 6 Darwin	96.9%

Such an improvement!



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

This week's  
Marvellous Me  
**WINNER 4McC**



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

**This week:**  
**Congratulations!**

**Attendance:**  
**2Windsor**

**Overall week:**  
**95.2%**

**Assembly / Collective Worship Value:** Each half term we focus on a Core Value for Victory or Fruit Value. This half term is: **Forgiveness** as we lead up to Easter.

It takes a strong person to say sorry, and an even stronger person to **forgive**.  
(Anon)

Have you ever found forgiving someone very hard to do?

As I walked out of the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison.  
(Nelson Mandela)

Why do you think Nelson Mandela's example of forgiveness has inspired so many people?

When you **forgive** you don't change the past, but you do change the future.  
(Bernard Meltzer)

Can you think of a time when the future has been changed by an act of forgiveness?

**Parents' Evening feedback:**

Most parents requested a face to face appointment with their child's class teacher during Parents' Evening last week, which again was a real delight. This changed since the last round, where most wanted a School Cloud appointment. There will soon be a Survey to gather this intel formally.

If parents do still find School Cloud useful, we will be able to accommodate this, but at a set time during the day. When more appointments are face to face, it becomes a challenge to get to 'virtual' appointments and then back to the real-life people without unintentionally missing appointments or creating a backlog.

Once we have the survey results we will ensure we have the system that endeavours to work for everyone.

**Everton In The Community:**

Everton in the Community run a dad's club twice monthly. **The club is open to all dad's/male carers with preschool aged children.** We have lots of play equipment and activities about for the dads to engage with their children. Healthy snacks and bacon sandwiches are also provided for all.

Our next two groups will have a mobile petting zoo where the children will be able to meet a variety of small animals.

The next dates and times are;

25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 10:00-11:30 at Clubmoor Childrens

Centre <https://goo.gl/maps/PsuMxFoF9kmyY4WJ6>

4<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023 10:00-11:30 at The People

Hub <https://goo.gl/maps/QBgegQxxBwF5tsKN7>

The club is completely free to attend, dads just need to register by filling out this form <https://evertonfc.tfaforms.net/1062>