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## *Spring 1, Week 2*

### *Newsletter*

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and had an enjoyable Christmas break. It seems such a long time ago already. I'm now praying for a little Spring sunshine.

This Spring Term is the one where we feel we have the least amount of distractions and can get the best out of the children.

The majority of the children work hard and are well behaved. However, there are a group in every classroom where attitudes can be improved.

Our monitoring shows that if the children come to school on time every day with the correct school uniform on it sends a message that school is important and it helps them to focus. Therefore this term we will continue to crack down on attendance, lateness, uniform for class and for PE as well as reading and homework.

This newsletter will be a bit of a nag I'm afraid, to remind everyone of our expectations. We have lots of rewards to encourage the children but we will also be a bit tougher with the consequences this term too.

<b>Week beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	
Monday	9am; Year 5 dodgeball at Graves leisure centre 1pm; Year 5 swimming at Healthy Living Centre 3.15 – 4.15; Young Voices
Tuesday	1pm; Year 4 brass lesson 3.15 – 4.15; Lego Club
Wednesday	Lunchtime dodgeball club 3.15 – 4.15; Football
Thursday	9.15am; Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks 3.15 – 4.15; Gymnastics

Thankyou

P. Scragg  
Head Teacher

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## Norbriggs Primary School uniform

- Plain black/grey skirt or trousers
- Plain white or burgundy polo shirt
- Burgundy top,
- Red and white chequered summer dress
- Flat, black shoes or plain black trainers (**not sandals**) which fasten securely (**no heels**)

## PE Kit

- Black shorts / joggers / leggings
- White t-shirt, preferably a different t-shirt to the one they normally wear to school
- Black or dark coloured pumps or sports trainers. No brightly coloured trainers or fashion shoes such as Vans or Converse. (I realise that some children already have coloured trainers so we ask that when you replace these you look for ones that are black or dark coloured. It can be difficult getting completely black trainers so if they have a white sole or small amount of white detail on, like a tick or stripes, that is fine.
- Children should wear their school jumper over the top of their white t-shirt. No hoodies.
- Children will be asked to do indoor PE barefoot if they do not have the right footwear.
- Children will not be able to join in with outdoor PE if they do not have the right footwear

## Cosmetics

We do not consider the use of cosmetics and make-up including nail varnish, appropriate for school. False nails should not be worn at school as they interfere with the child's ability to hold a pencil correctly and type on a computer or ipad.

Extreme haircuts and brightly coloured hair dye are also not appropriate as they could serve as a distraction to other children.

## Jewellery

- Children may wear one stud earring in each ear. No other piercing will be allowed.
- Children may wear a wrist watch.
- Necklaces, bracelets and rings are not allowed.

For PE lessons, earrings and watches must be removed.

Earrings must be covered with suitable plasters, provided by parents, for six weeks following initial piercing. If they cannot be removed a swimming cap which covers the ears, provided by parents, must be worn for school swimming lessons.

After the six week period, earrings will need to be removed by the child for PE lessons.

Should a child need to wear jewellery for religious or medical reasons, parents must seek permission by way of letter to the Governing Body, via the Headteacher.

Norbriggs Primary School accept no responsibility for loss or damage to personal items brought into school.

If your child is not in the correct uniform you will be sent a text asking to bring down uniform or footwear for them to change into.

If, after receiving a text, your child continues to wear inappropriate clothes or footwear they will be asked to wear spares that we have in school



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## **Punctuality**

Children who are late every day are missing out on their learning. It also upsets their day as they are not in the same routine as the rest of the children.

You know how it feels when the alarm does not go off and you end up rushing all day. It's the same for the children.

The gates open at 8.35am and school starts at 8.45am.

Any child who arrives after this time will miss their breaktime that day to catch up on missed learning.

## **Attendance**

Letters have just gone out to inform you of your child's attendance.

We monitor this weekly and if attendance starts to dip we will contact you to bring this to your attention and to offer support.

If there are no improvements we will ask you to come in for a meeting to discuss how attendance can be improved.

If there is still no improvement a penalty notice will be applied for.

Just as a reminder – I cannot authorise a holiday for any reason.

## **Reading and Homework**

There is lots of research and evidence that states that children who are confident readers make better progress in their GCSEs than children who are not.

I cannot stress to you enough how important the ability to read with fluency and confidence is.

I don't think it is too much to ask for every children to read for a minimum of 5 mins every day. I used to love reading bedtime stories with my daughters when they were younger. As well as enjoying books it was a really lovely end to the day full of quality time to chat and relax, which then also helped them to sleep well.

As a minimum we ask that you read with your child 3 times per week. We usually check reading diaries on a Thursday to see if the children have read since the last Thursday.

If you are struggling for books to read at home the children can borrow books from our school library, or Staveley Library is just a short walk away.

The same with homework. Most children bring a small amount of age appropriate homework home. Spellings, times tables, a short written task or some maths.

This helps reinforces the work they have been doing in class and helps you to keep in touch with their learning.

Children who do not read three times a week or do their homework miss their Friday lunchtime in order to catch up on missed work and not fall behind their classmates.

A text will be sent to keep you informed.

## **Conversations with staff**

We are very proud of our school. The staff work extremely hard to provide the best experiences that we can, with the resources at our disposal.

It is getting more difficult though. The support and funding available to us is getting reduced or cut. There are more children with more challenging behaviour that we have to cater for.

We understand if you have questions or complaints, that is only natural. Please feel free to speak to staff about these but please also be mindful that we are human and we are trying our best.

We don't always get it right but we are willing to listen and make improvements where we can.

All we ask is that your comments are constructive, not personal or judgemental.

Thankyou



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# Important Dates

## Spring 2024

- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> February
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Feb
- **Week beg Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb**
- Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> March
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March
- Weds 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Weds 27<sup>th</sup> March
- **Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March – Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Apr**

## Summer 2024

- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Apr
- Weds 1<sup>st</sup> May
- **Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Week beg Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May – Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> June**
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- Week beg Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- Week beg Mon 10<sup>th</sup> June
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> June
- Weds 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June
- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> July
- Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- Week beg Mon 8<sup>th</sup> July
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> July
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> July
- Weds 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Weds 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> July
- **Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

## Autumn 2024

- Weds 4<sup>th</sup> September
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Year 5 dodgeball at Graves Leisure Centre  
 Year 2 Space Day  
 Year 3 Hockey at Graves Leisure Centre  
 2.45pm – Year 4 brass concert to parents  
 Young Voices at Sheffield Arena  
 1.15pm – Year 3 parents making Roman Catapults  
 3.30 – 6pm, Parents Evening

### Half term holiday

Back to school  
 SEN sports festival at Graves leisure Centre  
 World Book Day  
 Year 2 & 4 Dance Festival at The Winding Wheel  
 Comic Relief / Red Nose Day  
 Year 1 / 2 Animal Day  
 Football team at Staveley Miners  
 KS2 Cross Country

### Easter Holiday

Back to School  
 Year 4 sports summer at Sheffield Institute of Sport  
 Year 3 Tag Rugby at Chesterfield Panthers Ground

### Bank Holiday – School closed

**Year 6 SATs week – all Year 6 children must be in school all week, do not book a holiday this week**

### Half Term Holiday

Back to School  
 Year 4 multiplication check  
 Year 1 phonic screen check  
 Y5 Water Polo at Graves Leisure Centre  
 Year 4 to play with the Halle Orchestra at Derby Arena  
 Summer Fair after school  
 Year 2 & 6 sports summit at Sheffield Institute of Sport  
 Children visit new classes, Y6 visit secondary school  
 Y6 second transition day  
 Sports Week  
 Year 5 Tag Rugby at Mount St Mary's  
 Year 6 leavers performance  
 Year 4 cricket at Mount St Mary's  
 Year 6 leavers meal  
 Year 6 Olympics at Mount St Mary's  
**INSET Days – school closed to children**

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Back to School



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