



## TERM 1, ISSUE 2 (2023-24)

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Dear Parents,

A HUGE 'Thank You' to everyone who supported our fundraising this week for Macmillan Cancer Support. We raised an amazing £396.93, our biggest Macmillan fundraising total ever. What a fantastic achievement!

Please may I also take this opportunity to remind you that school will be closed on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**, as this is an INSET day for teachers.

**Mrs Sarah Stillie**

### 'STARS OF NORTH ROAD'



Congratulations to Chloe, Johnny, Arabella, Lacey, Stanley and Jake P who have all been awarded a North Road Star for their progress with their learning. We are very proud of you all.



### READING AWARDS

During our recent celebration assemblies, we have said 'Well Done' to Mila K as she achieved her 100 Reads Award and to Chester and Aria as they received their 200 Reads Award. 'Congratulations' have also been shared with Harry T as he received his 400 Reads Award, Jamie K as he collected his 700 Reads Award and with Bethany as she received her 900 Reads Award. Well done to everyone for reading daily and making super progress with your reading.

Parents, remember to sign your child's reading record when you have listened to them read and have asked them some comprehension questions from their bookmark about their book. **Children may have up to two reads counted in their reading totals on any one day – teachers will sign your child's Reading Record in school if they have listened to them read. This will count as one read. We ask you to listen to your child read every day. This will be the second read.**

### HELLO YELLOW DAY – TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, we will be taking part in our annual Hello Yellow Day in support of Young Minds. On this day, we are asking all children to come dressed in bright, neon or high vis clothing as we think about this year's theme, '**Stand Out and Show Up**'. We will also be collecting £1 donations on the gate in support of the charity Young Minds. Thank you for your support.



### CHILDRENS' CHOICE DINNER MENU

#### THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER



This week the children have had the opportunity to vote for the special 'Kid's Choice' menu on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. The children overwhelmingly voted for Chicken nuggets and chips.

The 5<sup>th</sup> October is a census day for school and data is collected about how many cooked lunches are ordered on this day. This figure then affects the funding that the school is given. As you will know, we are under pressure financially as a school. Please help us secure funding for our school by choosing a hot lunch for your child on this day.

Thank you for your support. It is really appreciated.

### SPOOKY SILENT HALLOWEEN DISCO

We will be holding a spooky disco on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October from 4:30pm – 6pm** in the school hall.

Tickets will be on sale on the door for £2.50 per child. Entrance will be via the side door off The British. A 'Treat Shop' will also be available with sweet treat bags, chocolate bars and drinks to buy. Prices starting at 25p. All fundraising will be going towards our school project to develop a purpose built nurture room within the sensory garden. Come dressed in Halloween costumes.... the teachers will all be dressing up too! Roleys wrap around care will still be available on this day.



### SCHOOL TERM HOLIDAY ABSENCE REQUEST

#### Attendance Matters



#### Every Day Counts....

We have seen a recent increase in the request for term time holidays. Please be aware that our school policy (in line with the DfE Education Regulations and local schools) states that parents may request a holiday **only in exceptional circumstances**. This request must be put in writing to the Head Teacher, at **least two weeks before**, fully explaining the reason for the request. Term time holidays, if taken without approval, can be eligible for a fine from the Local Authority.

The Attendance Policy, **including information of the issuing of fines for school time holidays**, can be found on the school website and at the following link.

<https://www.northroadprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Attendance-Policy-2022.pdf>

Attendance at school is incredibly important for your child's academic progress as every school day missed results in lost learning. High attendance levels also

supports good physical and mental well-being. Term time holidays are therefore strongly discouraged.

**Permission for absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, where the reason for the request is very clear.**

#### HARVEST DONATIONS – THE BLOND ANGEL STREET TEAM



This year, we will once again be supporting the work of The Blonde Angel Street Team who work the homeless of Bristol and the surrounding area. The charity would really appreciate donations of:

- Pot noodles**
- Coffee sachets**
- Oat/Porridge Pots**
- Crisps**
- Chocolate bars**
- Biscuits**
- Bottles of water**
- Cans of Fizzy drinks**

Please can you send your harvest donation into school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you.

#### PARKING REMINDER

Please can we politely remind you **NOT** to park directly opposite the school or across any of the driveways of our neighbours on North Road. Please continue to park in the car park of The Codrington Arms or The Fox and take a healthy walk down to school. There is also limited parking allocated on the school side of the road adjacent to the playground. Please park responsibly and consider the safety of our families, pupils and other road users. Thank you.



#### ROLEY'S WRAP-AROUND CARE



This term we are excited to officially add Roley's Childcare Club to our wrap-around provision.

As with Breakfast Club, spaces need to be booked and paid for in advance. Ad hoc spaces are available subject to availability and must be booked and paid for by the end of the school day prior to the required session. Breakfast Club costs £2:50 per child, per session and Roley's Afterschool Club cost £9 per child and runs from 3:15pm until 5:45pm. An initial registration form **must be completed** before any booking and payment can be made. The Registration forms are available on the school website in the 'Office/Wrap-Around Care' tab

#### LUNCH BOX REMINDER

Please look carefully when packing your child's lunchbox, as we are a **Nut Free School**. Food containing nuts or traces of nuts **must not** be brought into school, this includes Nutella chocolate spread.

In addition, as a Healthy School, sweets and chocolate bars **must not** be included in your child's lunch box.

Please remember all food packaging should be able to be opened independently by your child.

Thank you for your support.

#### SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Please may I remind you that we have a NO PHONE POLICY at our school. Whilst on the school site, mobile phones must be kept away in a pocket or bag. This includes on the school playground during the start and end of the day. This is in place to ensure the safety of pupils and is part of our safeguarding policy. Thank you for your co-operation.



#### FRIENDS OF NORTH ROAD

Would you like to get to know other parents in school?

Do you have great ideas for fun events to run for our pupils?

Could you spare an hour or two a term?

Could you help to plan, organise or be a 'helping hand' at fundraising events?

If the answer is 'yes' to any of the questions above then becoming a member of Friends of North Road is just for you!

Our Friends of North Road has a very small but dedicated team. They desperately need more members to join, so that events such as the Halloween Disco and Youth Clubs are able to go ahead this year. To express an interest or to find out more information, please pop into or email the main office.

#### INSET DAYS 2023– 2024

TERM 1 2023-2024 DATES FOR THE DIARY	
10/10/23	HELLO YELLOW DAY – Young Minds.
11/10/23	Open Classrooms – from 2pm
16/10/23	Harvest Donation - collection for the homeless
16/10/23	Harvest Celebration Assembly – KS2 2pm
17/10/23	Harvest Celebration Assembly – EYFS and KS1 2pm
18/10/23	Spooky Silent Halloween Disco 4:30pm – 6pm
20/10/23	Last day of Term 1

Monday 2 October 2023  
 Monday 30 October 2023  
 Tuesday 2 January 2024  
 Friday 21 June 2024