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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! The term is already now in full swing. Classes have been launching their learning questions with WOW events and are busy preparing for class trips to extend their classroom learning.

We are currently experiencing quite a cold spell! Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed for the weather, with a suitable winter coat as well as a hat and gloves. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Sarah Stillie

'AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS AND PETER'S PRIDE'

At the end of last term, the Amazing Achievement Awards were presented for outstanding achievement during the Autumn Term in either reading or writing. We were pleased to celebrate with Callie, Spencer, Georgie and Xanthe. We were also pleased and proud to present The Peter's Pride Award for outstanding modelling of School Values to Evie Cole.



'SCHOOL COUNCIL 2024'

This week, children in KS1 and KS2 have all voted for their new class representatives on School Council. We are pleased to congratulate Stanley, Esme, Ezra, Jayden, Jake G, Bethany, Olly, Lottie, Charlie, Lenny, Lillie-Mae and Tyler who have all been elected by their peers. We also congratulate Avie who will be joining the School Council from Pluto Class after being chosen by the Early Years Team.

Well done to all of them – I am really looking forward to working with our new school council this year.

THE BIG AMBITION SURVEY



We have been asked by the Children's Commissioner for England to encourage children and families to take part in The Big Ambition survey. The survey closes on Friday 19th January, and gives every child in England the opportunity to share their views with policy makers ahead of the General Election.

By sharing the survey link with you, we can make sure that the children and young people in our area are fairly represented in the results.

You can complete the survey by following the link:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition



READING AWARDS

During our recent celebration assemblies, we have said 'Well Done' to Saul as he received his Bronze Reading Award, to Olivia and Arabella as they received their

200 Reads Award and to Spencer as he received his Silver 300 Reads Award. 'Congratulations' have also been shared with Harry F and Ezra as they received their 400 Reads Award, George P and Chloe for receiving their 500 Reads Award, Bradley who received his 700 Reads Award and Jamie K and Johnny who have reached a fantastic 800 Reads. 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.**



SCHOOL COOKED LUNCH – KID'S CHOICE MENU

On **Thursday 18th January**, we will be holding a Kid's Choice Menu day. The children have voted for the menu to be:

Hotdog/Quorn Hotdog

Chips

Beans/Sweetcorn

Chocolate Brownie

This day is also a school census day, when funding decisions are allocated for the next financial year. As a school, we will benefit financially if as many children as possible have a school meal on this day. We would really appreciate your support if you are able.

Thank you.

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 on 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.

TERM 3 2023-2024 DATES FOR THE DIARY

2/1/24	INSET DAY
9/1/24	Pluto Class Walk
18/1/24	Kid's Choice Menu
19/1/24	Whole School Dance Workshops (Stapleton School Of Dance)
26/1/24	Neptune Class Trip - Caerleon
29/1/24	Mental Health Monday
31/1/24	Lego League Challenge Launch
1/2/24	Reception Height and Weight Check
6/2/24	Internet Safety Day
6/2/24	Mars Class Trip – Aerospace Museum
7/2/24	Pluto Class Maths Information Session (AM)
9/2/24	Last day of Term 3
FUTURE CONFIRMED EVENTS	
21/6/24 (FRI)	INSET DAY
13/7/24 (SAT)	Whole School Summer Concert