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Dear Parents,

Welcome to our September newsletter and the start of another exciting academic year at North Road Community Primary School. I have the privilege of writing my very first newsletter as your new headteacher. It has been a fantastic start to the new academic year, and we are very excited to welcome our new Reception children on Monday as they start their primary school journey with us. It has been wonderful to see our Year 1 children settle so quickly into KS1 life, showing great enthusiasm and resilience. Our older students and staff have been equally impressive in offering support and encouragement, reflecting the values of ambition, perseverance and positivity. It has been wonderful welcoming all our families to the North Road community.

Mr Steve Pavey

'STARS OF NORTH ROAD'



Due to only being in school for two days, our first 'Stars Assembly' will take place on Friday 11th September. Look out for the winners in next week's newsletter.

TOAST UPDATE

Following discussions with the team, we have decided to stop offering toast as a breaktime snack.



We understand that children may be upset however, they may now bring a healthy snack from home to enjoy during breaktime, such as a piece

of fruit or chopped vegetables. Thank you for your support in encouraging healthy choices.

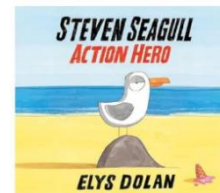
OUTDOOR LIBRARY



During our summer holidays, my daughter had the challenge of restocking the outdoor library. She has filled it with a selection of new and used books for all ages. Please encourage your children to take the time to look during breaktime and lunchtime to select a book to read.

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.**



To continue with the love of reading, Mr Pavey will be visiting each class next week to read the story Steven Seagull Action Hero.

MACMILLAN CAKE SALE – FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

School Council will be holding a cake sale in the school hall from 2:30pm on Friday 25th September. They would like as many

donations of cakes as possible to make their cake sale a success and raise lots of money for Macmillan. The children would welcome donations of home baked cakes or shop bought cakes. Please can all donations of cakes be brought into school on the morning of Friday 25th September.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our cake sale. Parents will be able to collect children from their classes from 2:30pm to come and visit the stall and choose a cake to take home with them. Thank you for your support.



SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Please may I remind you that we have a **NO PHONE POLICY** (including **SMART WATCHES**) at our school. Whilst on the school site, mobile phones must be kept away in a pocket or bag. The new 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' Government policy is creating a **'Phone Free Zone'** for all school premises including 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.

SCHOOL TERM HOLIDAY ABSENCE

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. Please read the following changes carefully so that you are aware of the additional financial impact of taking a term time holiday and other unauthorised absences.



If a child has 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence within 10 school weeks, a parent may be issued with a Penalty Notice. There are two sessions in each school day (morning and afternoon). The sessions of absence can be consecutive (for example 10 sessions of unauthorised holiday in one week) or not (for example 10 sessions of unauthorised absence, spread across the 10 school weeks).

On the first occasion that a parent is issued with a Penalty Notice in respect of their child, the Penalty Notice will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This amount will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

If a second Penalty Notice is issued, within 3 years of the date of issue of a previous Penalty Notice, to the same parent in respect of the same child, the Penalty Notice will be charged at a flat rate of £160. There will be no reduction if the Penalty Notice is paid within 21 days. This will apply even if the previous Penalty Notice has been issued by another local authority.

If the threshold for issuing a Penalty Notice is met for a third time (or subsequent times), within three years of the first Penalty Notice being issued, a third Penalty Notice cannot be issued. Instead, alternative action will be considered, which may include prosecuting a parent for the offence of failing to ensure their child's regular attendance at school. This will apply even if one, or both, of the previous Penalty Notices were issued by another local authority.

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

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.

BENEDICT'S LAW

Benedict's Law establishes mandatory allergy safety measures in schools across England to protect children from life-threatening allergic reactions. As a school, we have new government guidance that require us to hold spare, in-date adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs) on site for use in any anaphylactic emergency, not just for individual students. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to Mr Pavey.

KEY DIARY DATES - SEPTEMBER

16/09 – 18/09	Year 6 Residential to Oxenwood
24/09	Individual Photos. Pre-school siblings with pupils 8:30am Onwards (hall)
25/09	Macmillan Cake Sale in the hall from 2:30pm

INSET DAYS 2026– 2027

Monday 1st September 2026

Tuesday 2nd September 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Friday 18th June 2027

Friday 9th July 2027