



Norton Primary Academy

Parents Newsletter: March 2017
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We are pleased to invite you to pupil assemblies at the end of this term during which pupils will be sharing some of the learning they have completed since January:

Reception: Wednesday 5th April @ 2:30pm
Y1 & Y2: Tuesday 4th April @ 9am
Y3 & Y4: Thursday 23rd March @ 2:45pm
Y5: Thursday 6th April @ 9am

Y6 will take place post SATs with Nursery sharing learning during their enrichment sessions.



At the end of this term we say goodbye to Ms Stokes who will be taking early retirement after many years teaching at Norton Primary.

Ms Stokes class will be taught by Mrs Evans (as she returns part-time from maternity leave) and Mr Cowan post Y6 SATs.

We all wish Ms Stokes a wonderful retirement and exciting adventures ahead.



This year's theme for Comic Relief is 'Make your laugh matter' and will be on **FRIDAY 24th MARCH.**

To celebrate we will be having a RED day for a small donation: if every pupil was able to donate 50p we would raise over £200 and if they were able to donate £1 we would be able to raise over £400 for this great cause.

On the day itself each class will be having a joke competition with the joke judged the funniest in each class receiving a prize – only one joke per child so get searching for that great one now!



Professional Development Day: Challenge for All

Last Monday we were closed to pupils for a staff training day led by Carmel Teaching Alliance. The day was expertly led and provided lots of chance for staff across school to talk about different lesson design, tasks to challenge pupils' thinking and supporting children in developing the resilience they need to give everything a go and not be afraid to make a mistake.

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Dates for the Diary

Spring term ends on Friday 7th April

Summer term commences Monday 24th April

Y6 SATs tests week commencing Monday 8th May – pupils must attend school every day

Y2 SATs tests will take place during Monday 15th May to Thursday 25th May

School closed to pupils Friday 26th May

Summer half term Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

Y1 Phonics Screening Check week beginning Monday June 12th

School closed to pupils Friday 30th June

Break up for Summer Friday 21st July



We know that many of our families now follow us on Twitter to keep up to date on events / learning across the academy. If you haven't followed us yet you can find us at:

<https://twitter.com/nortonacademy>



Look out for details soon which will enable you to download our Norton Primary app. This will be used to send out all newsletters and a wide range of other information – making sure it gets home safely!

This will also enable you to book parents evening appointments online in future alongside many other features.

School Meals

From Monday 3rd April our school meals service will be provided by Chartwells catering. If your child currently eats school meals they will continue to be free of charge for pupils in Reception, Years One and Two. For Key Stage Two pupils who pay for lunches the cost is reduced to £1.80 per day or £9 per week. If your child currently has packed lunches and you would like them to change to school meals please contact the office. Sample menus will be sent home soon.

We would like to remind all drivers who use our car park to park in spaces no matter the time of day and be considerate of other users of the car park. We are very fortunate compared to the vast majority of primary schools to have such substantial space but despite this there has recently there has been some unacceptable behaviour and potentially dangerous driving by a small minority of users. The safety of all users of the car park is of utmost importance.

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