



# Norris Bank Primary School

# THE FRIDAY ISSUE

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## Cars

School is receiving a lot of complaints from neighbours regarding parents parking over drives or using them to turn around. This is inconvenient and annoying for the residents and is having a huge cost effect as drives are having to be repaired.

Also, please do not use the staff carpark at **any time**. It is extremely dangerous as children and adults use it throughout the day up to 6.00pm.

When dropping off or collecting, either use the roads around school responsibly or the Heatons Sports Club across the road from school and park on the right hand side of the car park. Thank you

## Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to come into school to see the fantastic work their children have done. It was a great turnout and much appreciated.

Thank you to all the staff who gave up their evenings.



## Easter Disco

The PTA are holding an Easter Disco on Wednesday 27th March. The times are below:

Reception and Year 1—4.30pm to 5.30pm

Years 2 and 3—5.45pm to 6.45pm

Years 4, 5 and 6—7.00pm to 8.00pm

Tickets are £5 each which includes sweets and a drink and can be purchased on ParentPay.

There will be drinks and treats to purchase on the night and lots of prizes to be won!

**Please make sure you purchase a ticket before the closing date of Monday 25th March. Tickets *cannot* be sold on the door.**

## Red Nose Day Donations

This year, Red Nose Day is on Friday 15th March. For any parent who would like to make a donation, a payment item has been set up on Parentpay using the link below.

All donations are sent to Red Nose Day.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=14858>



## Sport



We would like to thank the WPA Benevolent Foundation and Carrie Burke Tutors for our new girls rugby kit.

We will work together with Heaton Moor Rugby Club to help grow the girls game;

This is a really exciting project and we are proud to be part of something that is going to encourage such a positive change within the club.

Well done to all the year 6's that took part in Basketball on Tuesday 5th! We came 3rd in the Stockport Borough Finals. They were brilliant and never gave up through the entire tournament, Oscar was Captain, did a fantastic job and was awarded with a special spirit of the games teamwork award.

Well done to them all!!

### The Heaton's Tennis Club

The Heaton's Sports Club is running an Easter Tennis Camp from Monday 8th April to Thursday 11th April 9.00am until 12.00pm. It is open to children from the ages of 4 to 14.

Please click on the link below to add your child to the list.

<https://bookme.name/mytenniscoach/easter-tennis-camp-1>

Prices are £75 for none members and £60 for members using the discount code **eastercamp**.

### Yoga

Please see attached leaflet regarding yoga on Friday 8th March.



### Year 6 RE Visitor

This Wednesday, year 6 had a visitor from a local church to help us lead through our RE topic- 'Is it better to express your religion in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?'

They really enjoyed having an expert in to help them explore the topic and produced some fantastic ideas and work.

Well done year 6!

### Free Parenting Places

If you log on to [inourplace.co.uk](http://inourplace.co.uk) you can access the free parenting courses using the access code Redrock. Many of these could be used to help support children who are struggling with big feelings and their wellbeing.



## PTA

The PTA held their AGM last Thursday and, unfortunately, failed to appoint a new Chair to take over from Michelle Knowles.

The PTA have raised an incredible amount of money which has provided many trips, events, resources and equipment for the children of Norris Bank over the years.

**Please click on the link to see how we fund raised throughout 2023 and what we bought in aid of the children.**

As part of the rules for PTA's, a Chair has to be appointed otherwise the association will have to be folded. This would be a great loss to the school as budgets do not allow for the extras that have been paid for by the PTA.

If you feel you have good organisational and people skills, can provide leadership and guidance to the PTA and liaise with the treasurer and senior leaders of school, perhaps you would consider stepping into the role.

They are happy to consider co-chairs too so you get to share the responsibilities with a friend. Please contact Michelle if this is something you are interested in.

They are always looking for parent volunteers to help organise and run the many events they organise throughout the year. The more volunteers they have, the better and the fewer events individuals would be called upon to arrange and run.

Please contact Michelle if you are interested in helping the PTA in any capacity.

## Free School Meals

### Have you applied for free school meals?

There are two types of free school meals— Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) and Benefit Free School meals.

UFSM are for any child in Key Stage 1 which is Reception to Year 2. Benefit Free School meals are for any child in school.

You can apply for free school meals if you receive:

- Income Support
- Universal Credit (provided your household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax and not including any benefits you get.
- income related Employment and Support Allowance
- income based Job Seekers Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit only with an income of less than £16,190
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit

The difference between the two for schools is school will receive extra funding year on year with Benefit Free School meals With UFSM there is no extra funding.

Please click on the link below to see if you qualify. It is completely confidential and, if you are eligible, could help the school in these difficult times.

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/free-school-meals-application-form>





## Reminders

If your child has vomited or has diarrhoea, please keep them off school for 48 hours from the last episode. We have had a number of incidences recently where children have been sick at home but sent into school where they are sick again. This spreads bugs and staff have to deal with cleaning which takes them from the rest of the class.

**Please think of others before you send your child into school.**

**Please remember when you are sending a packed lunch or treats for the class when it is your child's birthday, this is a nut free school. There are children in school with severe allergies.**

All forms for medicine, walking home etc are on the school website. They can be completed and emailed to the office staff.

Please try to arrange appointments outside of the school day.

There have been several changes of address given that school were unaware of. Please remember to inform the office if you change address or there is a change in contact details.

If you need to sign your child into or out of school using the 'Inventory system', please type the reason CLEARLY and ACCURATELY as it forms part of the school record for the Education Welfare Service

The car park is for STAFF only who arrive before the children and depart after the children. Parents must use the Heaton's Sports Club opposite school. More parents are driving into the carpark which is extremely dangerous.

**Pick up times—please make sure you know what time your child finishes school.**  
**3.15pm Year R-2 and 3.20pm Year 3-6.**

**Thank you for your support!**

## Leave of Absence Forms

If your child needs time off from school for any reason, e.g. entrance exams, appointments (not medical), funerals etc. please complete a 'Leave of Absence' form, proof of the absence and return it to school in a timely manner. This can then be added to the register for the Education Welfare Service and will avoid any unnecessary phone calls to you.

The school office need this information **NOT** class teachers as they track attendance and absences across school. Teachers are welcome to be informed however all requests and paperwork **MUST** be done through the office.

Unfortunately, failure to do this could lead to an unauthorised absence and a fine.

Please use the link below to access the form.

<https://norrisbank.stockport.sch.uk/>

## World Book Day & Dress the Potato Results

Wow! Children and staff arrived in the most wonderful outfits, depicting a variety of book characters! One staff member walked around all day with her face full of chocolate (Augustus Gloop).

What a wonderful collection of decorated potatoes! It was a very difficult task to judge them but the results are below.

A big thank you to everybody who took part.

Reception Winner

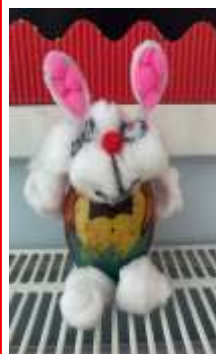
Harper W

KS1 Winner

Elliott G

KS2 Winner

Jack H



**Mother/ carer and child  
yoga and meditation  
session**

☺ **with Ainsley and Claire** ☺

**-Friday 8th March**

**-5-6.15pm**

**-St Paul's Church Hall,**

**Heaton Moor, £20**

**-6 year old plus**

**-yoga**

**-journalling**

**-meditation /relaxation**



**Contact Claire on:  
07940914579 to  
book your place.**

☺ **Limited spaces** ☺



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The aim of Essential Parent is to help expectant and new parents and carers bond with their children during the early years and help those children grow into resilient, healthy and independent teenagers and adults.



Stockport parents and carers - to sign up to Essential Parent for free, scan the QR code to register.

Or go to

<https://forms.office.com/e/DgmFDYhs4y>



Date	Description
<b>March</b>	
Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th	Year 6 Residential to Robinwood
Tuesday 26th	Class and group photos
Wednesday 27th	PTA Easter Disco
<b>Thursday 28th</b>	<b>Last day before we close for Easter</b>
<b>April</b>	
<b>W/B 1st</b>	<b>Closed for the Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 15th April</b>	<b>School Re-opens</b>
<b>May</b>	
<b>Monday 6th</b>	<b>Bank Holiday: School Closed</b>
Tuesday 7th May	Year 3 Residential to Castleton
Monday 13th	Year 6 SATS week
Tuesday 21st	Year R-2 book share session
Wednesday 22nd	Year 3-4 book share session
Thursday 23rd	Year R and Year5-6 book sharing session
<b>Thursday 23rd</b>	<b>Last day before we close for Whit holiday</b>
<b>Friday 24th</b>	<b>Inset Day: School Closed</b>
<b>June</b>	
<b>10th June</b>	<b>School Re-opens</b>
W/B 10th	Year 4 Times Tables Check and Year 1 Phonics screen
17th-19th	Year 4 Residential to Northumberland
Friday 21st	PTA Summer Fair after School
W/B 24th	Get Active Week
Monday 24th	New Year R Parents Meeting for children starting in Sept '24
Wednesday 26th	Sports Day and Family Picnic
<b>July</b>	
3rd—5th	Year 5 Residential to Anglesey
Thursday 4th	Transition day for Year 6 children to meet their new teachers for September
Wednesday 10th	Reserve day for sports date and family picnic
Thursday 11th	Class Swap Day
Tuesday 23rd	Year 6 Production to parents & carers
Wednesday 24th	Year 6 leavers party & rounders match
Friday 26th	Year R Graduation assembly for parents & carers
Tuesday 30th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
<b>Tuesday 30th</b>	<b>Last day before we close for the summer holidays</b>

