



Norris Bank Primary School

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— WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL



We would like to welcome all our children and parents back to a new academic year at Norris Bank and give a warm welcome to our new children and parents.

As usual, we have a packed year with trips, fund raisers, residentials etc. Please refer to the school website or the end of every Friday Issue for the timetable. Further information on each event will be sent nearer the time.

PTA

As usual, the PTA will be organising events throughout the year.

On Friday 27th September we will be holding an informal coffee and chat morning in the Hive. Drop your child off at school and then buy a coffee from the coffee van and have a chat! It's a wonderful chance to meet other parents and connect with the PTA, who will be there to answer any questions or provide guidance.

While this event is especially aimed at welcoming our new Reception families, everyone is welcome to join! The Hive is a comfortable space to relax, sit, chat and enjoy your coffee.

We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, or would like more information about the PTA, please feel free to come by for a chat or drop us a message.

Quiz night, unfortunately, has been cancelled.

Year 3 Spanish Experience

On Monday Year 3 took part in a Spanish experience. The children learned some new vocabulary in a Spanish lesson as well as learning more about Spanish culture and the San Fermin festival held in Pamplona.

All the children were then taught about Flamenco dancing! We talked about its origins, some of the instruments involved and then watched some people performing the dance. The children were then taught some basic moves and joined in with their own Flamenco dance! They were fantastic and picked the moves up very quickly. This is something Mrs Buchannan is going to continue with the children during this half term in PE.

A big thank you to all the parents for supporting such an amazing experience for the children. They loved it and learned a lot. Finally, a big thank you to our visitors for providing the children with an invaluable experience!

Mr Worth and Mrs Barrowcliff



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 or copy and paste it. 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>

Year 6 Viking Visit

On Tuesday, Year 6 had a Viking day in school. The children had the opportunity to handle lots of different artefacts, everything from clothing and shoes to pots and pans as well as seeing different weapons and trying on helmets. They also learned about battles with Anglo Saxons and about Viking courts and their not very just justice system!! Many of the children enjoyed dressing up for the day so thank you to people at home who helped with costumes...they looked great!



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.



Cashpot for Schools

Norris Bank are taking part in Asda's Cashpot for Schools.

1. Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to choose Norris Bank.
2. Shop in-store across Asda & George or on-line at Asda.com
3. Scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to school each time you shop and scan.

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.



Lyme Park

Did you take advantage of the free entry to Lyme Park during the holidays? If so, they would love your feedback.

Please click on the link below to complete their quick feedback form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/n4hLURtreA>

Medical Appointments

As you have been informed via Parentmail since returning to school, new government guidance has changed regarding absences from school.

With this in mind, please could you try and make routine medical appointments, such as the dentist, in the 13 weeks of school holidays or after school..

Remember—90% attendance equates to half a day's absence each week!

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, such as routine dental check ups, outside of the school day.

If you need to sign your child into or out of school using the 'Inventry system', please type the reason **CLEARLY** and **ACCURATLEY** 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. This includes when children are dropped off or collected for appointments or Branching Out. More parents are driving into the car park 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.**

LOVE TO SING?

Join one of our vocal groups
at Stockport Music Service



Our young singers learn a wide variety of repertoire so that they gain increasing control of their voices and improve their listening skills, all while working in a fun and enjoyable atmosphere. Pop music, world music, part songs and specially commissioned songs are all used to encourage a high standard and develop the children's confidence when singing.

Stockport Voices: Year 3 - Year 8 (4:45-5:45)
Musical Theatre Group: Year 7 - Year 13 (6:00-7:30)
Stockport Harmonies: Year 9 - Year 13 (7:40-8.15)

All vocal groups rehearse every Tuesday during term time
and membership is just £45 a term!

Sign up by scanning the QR code or visiting our website.

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Do you struggle when your child has a meltdown?

Would you like to know more about how to help your child stay calm and understand why this happens?

Then, why not come along to our virtual session!

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR EMOTIONAL REGULATION

For parents of children up to 10 years old

20th June 2024 9.30 - 11.30 am

19th September 2024 9.30 - 11.30 am

7th November 2024 9.30 - 11.30 am

(You only need to book on one session)

The session will include useful information about understanding brain development, emotions and how to sensitively support your child to soothe them

HOW TO BOOK : Visit Facebook page: @StartWellStockport

or website: www.startwellstockport.co.uk

or email the admin team - admin.startwell@stockport.gov.uk



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Family Hubs

Start well, live well and thrive

Working together with communities to support children, young people and families.

Date	Description
September 2024	
Monday 16th	Year R Meet the Teacher Meetings (details to follow)
Friday 20th	PTA Family Quiz Night
Monday 30th	Year R Phonics Meeting for Parents
Monday 30th	Year 6 Screening
October	Black History Month
Tuesday 8th	Open Day for 2025 Reception Children
Friday 11th	Individual/Sibling School Photos
Friday 11th	Harvest Fair
Wednesday 16th	PTA Hallowe'en Disco
Friday 18th	Last day before we close for October half term
Monday 28th	Inset Day
Tuesday 29th	School Re-opens
November	
Monday 4th	Parent Teacher Meetings
Wednesday 6th	Open Day for 2025 Reception Children
Thursday 7th	Parent Teacher Meetings
Monday 11th	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 15th	Children in Need Day
Monday 18th	Open Day for 2025 Reception Children
Thursday 21st	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 22nd	Dress Down Day for Chocolate Tombola
Monday 25th/Tuesday 26th	Whole School Cinema Trip (date TBC)
Friday 29th	Dress Down Day for Bottle Tombola /PTA Christmas



Date	Description
December	
Tuesday 3rd	Reception Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers
Friday 6th	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 10th	Year 2 Christmas Performance to Parents/Carers
Tuesday 17th	Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert to Parents and Carers
Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th	Children's Christmas Parties
Thursday 19th	Last day before we close for Christmas
January 2025	
Thursday 2nd	Inset Day—School Closed
Friday 3rd	Inset Day—School Closed
Monday 6th	School Re-opens
February	
Monday 3rd	Big Science Week
Friday 14th	Last day before we close for the half term
Monday 24th	School Re-opens
March	
Monday 3rd	Parent Teacher Meetings
Thursday 6th	Parent Teacher Meetings
Monday 10th-Wednesday 12th	Year 6 Residential to Robinwood
Tuesday 25th	Class and Group Photos
Monday 31st	Year 3 Residential to Castleton
April	
Wednesday 9th	PTA Easter Disco
Friday 11th	Last day before we close for Easter
Monday 28th	School Re-opens
May	
Monday 5th	Bank Holiday—school closed
Monday 12th	Year 6 SATs Week
Monday 19th	Years R-2 Book Share Session
Tuesday 20th	Years 3-4 Book Share Session
Wednesday 21st	Year R and Year 5-6 Book Share Session
Thursday 22nd	Last day before we close for Whit holiday
Friday 23rd	Inset Day—school closed

June	
Monday 9th	School Re-opens
W/B Monday 9th	Year 4 Times Tables Check and Year 1 Phonics
Friday 13th	Dress down day for chocolate tombola
Friday 20th	Dress down day for bottle tombola & PTA Summer
W/B Monday 23rd	Get Active Week
Monday 23rd	New Year R Parents Meeting for 2025 Intake
Wednesday 25th	Sports Day and Family Picnic
July	
Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th	Year 4 Residential to Northumberland
Thursday 3rd	Transition Day for Year 6 Children
Wednesday 9th	Reserve date for sports day and family picnic
Friday 11th	Annual reports sent home
Monday 14th to Wednesday 16th	Year 5 Residential to Anglesey
Friday 18th	Year R Graduation Assembly for parents/carers
Tuesday 22nd	Year 6 Production to parents/carers
Friday 25th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 25th	School closes for the summer holidays

