



Norfolk House School

# NEWSLETTER

## START OF AUTUMN TERM 2016



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Dear Parents,

9th September 2016

I hope that you have all enjoyed a relaxing summer break. It was wonderful to welcome back existing as well as new pupils and families this Wednesday and to see so many smiling faces. We are particularly proud of our pupils in Transition who continue to impress us with their increasingly confident arrival into their new class and the exciting activities which await them.

The school has been far from quiet over the holiday break with the popular Extra Tuition classes continuing to run two days per week and music lessons on offer from Miss Kerry to violin and piano pupils to allow opportunities to continue skills and instrumental practice over the long summer period.

We start our term with a series of Information Meetings which are noted on the key dates page at the end of the newsletter and hope that you will be able to join the respective teachers for what promises to be a series of useful sessions. Also, with the 11+ examinations taking place this Saturday, 10th September, our new Year 6 class have received a specially-adjusted timetable to help them prepare and we wish each of them a successful day to celebrate their hard work and rigorous preparation.

For parents of our younger pupils, there will be a Phonics Meeting scheduled to support early reading skills and Mrs Hifle and Miss Stanton very much look forward to seeing you there.

Further events for the term ahead are detailed later.

We hope that your sons and daughters have enjoyed their return to school this week as much as we have enjoyed welcoming them back.

Mrs Sarah Morris  
**Headmistress**



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Parents will shortly receive a leaflet from Birmingham City Council relating to a consultation on the principles of 20mph speed limits near schools and welcoming parents' views on the proposed plans.





After the success of our Cake sale in aid of the Macmillan Coffee Morning last year, we are pleased to introduce our own coffee morning with proceeds raised to be forwarded to this worthy cause. Many thanks to the pupils who will be involved in the events. More detail will follow shortly.

## Open Day

**Saturday 12th November 2016**

Our next Open Day will take place on Saturday 12th November between 10.00am and 1.00pm. Please reserve this date as an opportunity for our senior pupils to be invited as ambassadors to guide interested parents around the school as well as the chance for the pupils to take part in extra-curricular activities during the morning on what is a very important event for the school.



### WINTER UNIFORM

We would ask that all pupils come to school in full winter school uniform from Monday 3rd October 2016 in order that the school is fully prepared for the individual photographs to be taken in school later that week. Please do speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions in respect of uniform.



We will be looking to adjust our annual programme over the coming year to provide increased feedback to parents in respect of their child's progress and academic development.

During the Autumn Term, therefore, Parents' Evening meetings will run in the week just before half-term in order that parents can be fully updated on how their children are settling into their new year groups.

Later in the term, written feedback will be offered, detailing target suggestions for the new term. We hope that parents find this valuable.

Further to Mrs Wood's continuing absence through ill health, we are sad to report that she will be leaving the school at the end of the Autumn Term.

We wish her well for her continued recovery.

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| 10.09.16 | 11+ Examinations   | 13.12.16 | Transition Christmas Assembly (9.30am—10.30am) Parents Welcome<br>Christmas Lunch & Party Day  |
| 12.09.16 | Speech & Elocution Lessons Begin<br>Guitar Lessons Begin<br>Year 1 Information Meeting (3.00pm—3.30pm)                       | 14.12.16 | Carol Service at St. Augustine's (9.30am—10.30am)<br>School Breaks for Christmas after Carol Service<br>No After School Clubs on this date |
| 13.09.16 | Year 2 Information Meeting (3.00pm—3.30pm)<br>Piano Lessons Begin  |          |  |
| 14.09.16 | Year 4 Information Meeting (3.00pm—3.30pm)   |          |  |
| 15.09.16 | Swimming Starts for Years 4,5 & 6<br>Reception Phonics Meeting (2.45pm—3.30pm)<br>Year 3 Information Meeting (3.00pm—3.30pm) |          |  |
| 16.09.16 | Year 6 Information Meeting (3.00pm—3.30pm)   |          |  |
| 19.09.16 | After School Clubs Begin<br>Year 5 Information Meeting (3.00pm—3.30pm)   |          |  |
| 22.09.16 | Transition Phonics Meeting (2.45pm—3.30pm)   |          |  |
| 27.09.16 | Mad Science Assembly (8.55am—9.15am)   |          |  |
| 30.09.16 | Macmillan Coffee Morning (9.00am—10.30am)  |          |  |
| 03.10.16 | All pupils to wear winter uniform from this date   |          |  |
| 06.10.16 | Individual School Photographs<br>Transition—Year 6 Parents' Evenings (3.45pm—6.00pm)<br>No After School Clubs on this date   |          |  |
| 07.10.16 | King Edward VI's High School for Girls Entrance Examinations   |          |  |
| 08.10.16 | King Edward's School Entrance Examinations   |          |  |
| 10.10.16 | House General Knowledge Competition  |          |  |
| 11.10.16 | Transition—Year 6 Parents' Evenings (3.45pm—6.00pm)<br>No After School Clubs on this date                                    |          |  |
| 15.10.16 | Edgbaston High School for Girls Entrance Examinations  |          |  |
| 21.10.16 | School Breaks up for Half Term (3.30pm)  |          |  |
| 31.10.16 | School Re-Opens after Half Term  |          |  |
| 02.11.16 | Hand Drawn Portraits (Transition & Reception Classes)  |          |  |
| 07.11.16 | Curriculum Challenge Week  |          |  |
| 12.11.16 | Open Day (10.00am—1.00pm) - <b><u>Workshops will be taking place</u></b>   |          |  |
| 14.11.16 | Years 5 & 6 Primary Maths Challenge  |          |  |
| 25.11.16 | House Public Speaking Competition (2.00pm—3.30pm)<br>Parents Welcome   |          |  |
| 02.12.16 | Travelling Book Fair<br>Choir Visit to Holmpark (2.00pm—3.15pm)  |          |  |
| 05.12.16 | Christmas Post Begins  |          |  |
| 06.12.16 | Years 2—6 Theatre Trip to The Rep (Treasure Island) (9.15am—1.30pm)  |          |  |
| 09.12.16 | Carol Service Rehearsal at St. Augustine's (2.00pm—3.30pm)   |          |  |
| 12.12.16 | No Extra-Curricular Clubs this week.<br>Reports issued for all pupils  |          |  |

Key

Dates