

# Northcote News

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14<sup>th</sup>. September 2022

**Big Welcome Back to the Children and their Families!** We were delighted to welcome the children back to school last Monday after the summer holidays.

Thank you to families for making sure that the children came back looking so smart in their school uniforms. The children look great and we appreciate your support in this.

**P.E. Kits.** All children should have their school P.E. kits with them in school. P.E. is such an essential part of our curriculum and is a statutory requirement. Please make sure that all items of P.E. kit and all items of school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name, in this way the correct clothing can be returned to your child in the event of it becoming lost.

**Bank Holiday Closure.** Following the passing of Queen Elizabeth, next Monday, 19<sup>th</sup>. September has been declared a Bank Holiday. As a result schools will close as a mark of respect.

Children return from 8.45a.m. on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>. September.

**Payments to School.** All payments to school e.g. school trips, dinners and Breakfast club are made through the ParentPay app. Thank you.

**Year 3 school dinners.** Parents of children who move from Year 2 into **Year 3** and whose child is not eligible for free school meals must now **pay** for school dinners. If you think that your child/ children should be eligible for free school dinners please apply. If you need any assistance in this matter please speak with the school's office.

**New Playground Equipment.** You will have noticed that new playground equipment has been installed. Our previous trim trail was in need of replacement so our school's Pupil Council worked with a range of contractors to design the new equipment.

The equipment is designed for children in Key Stage 2. It is not designed for safe use by children who are younger than seven years of age.

The equipment can only be used when supervised by a member of the school's staff.

Parents are responsible for the safety of children when they are brought to school in the morning and when they are collected at the end of the day.

It is essential that parents keep their children safe and away from the equipment. Thank you.

## **Remember:-**

- Please park away from school when bringing your child/ children to school in the morning or collecting them at the end of the school day.
- Smoking and vaping are not allowed on school grounds.
- Dogs are not to be brought onto the school site.
- Please dismount from bikes before coming onto the school site.

**Home Reading.** "Thank you" to all our families who are supportive of the children's reading development. Supportive families are enabling children to make fantastic progress in this key aspect of school and wider life. Please make a special effort this year to support your child's home reading.