

A U T U M N T E R M



# Norwood News



*ASPIRE, RESPECT and ENJOY*

Friday 22nd November 2024

## **HOMEWORK HAS RETURNED EVERY THURSDAY**



Once again we have updated our Homework policy to make homework more manageable for children, parents and staff. Following the summer's Parental Survey and feedback from the children and staff, we have put together what we feel is an excellent balance of the basics in English and Maths as well as some fun and interesting optional activities for the children and parent who would like to ASPIRE and learn more.

As before homework will continue to be given out on a **Thursday** and is expected to be completed by the following **Tuesday**.

Each year group will send out a comprehensive overview of the homework expectations, which you will be able to refer to AND also a weekly message on Class Dojo so you know what is being covered that week in homework.

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER FINAL REMINDER**

*DON'T LET YOUR CHILD MISS OUT!*

School Christmas dinner will be taking place on:  
**Wednesday 18th December**

**No more orders**  
will be accepted after this  
Monday.

**Monday 25th November**



### **YOUR CHANCE TO VOTE FOR A NEW PARENT GOVERNOR!**

*We have received two nominations for the Parent/Carer Governor vacancy on our Governing Body.*

*An election will be taking place and you will ALL receive details of this on Monday via your children, so please check their bags.*

*The closing date to vote in this election is **Friday 13th December.***

## **HISTORY COMES TO LIFE FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4**

This term has been a memorable time for Year 4 children with their Curriculum being enhanced by a real historical expert explaining to Y4 about life in Roman times for a Roman Soldier! From learning about Roman forts, weapons, taxes and food, to Celtic warriors and battles, the children were engrossed! Year 4 had the opportunity to grind corn, carry out 'turtle formations' with shields, and use training swords and equipment. They truly had an amazing time and really consolidated their learning of The Romans and their legacy.



*Jude as a Roman legionnaire*



### **NEXT WEEK'S MENU is Week 1**

See the Parents section of the school website for full details of the menu.



## DITCH YOUR STABILISERS OVER CHRISTMAS WITH COACH DAVE

We have been delighted this year to develop a new working relationship with Coach Dave, a British Cycling coach. Last summer, Coach Dave helped our Reception and Year 1 children to "ditch their stabilisers" with his fun and special way of teaching children to develop their skills.

So many children at Norwood can now ride their bikes independently thanks to Coach Dave and we have plans to have more sessions later in the year in school.

However, if your child is trying to make the transition from stabilisers or balance biking to deal biking, then Coach Dave will be running sessions on Norwood's playground over the Christmas holidays.



Contact him through Facebook: *Balance Bike Buddies* or WhatsApp him on: 07764255211

**Booking is essential**

## YEAR 2 PERFORM POEMS IN STAR OF THE WEEK

Last week, children in EY/KS1 Star of the Week were treated to some Performance Poetry by a group of Year 2 children.

The poems written and read by Eliza R and Owen A from 2W, Roman and Elle C from 2M and Sonny F and Charlie S from 2GM were titled - "*If I was in Charge of the School*".

Here is a snippet of one of their pieces.

*If I were in charge of the school,  
I'd cancel playtime outside, homework,  
PE inside and teachers!*

*If I were in charge of the school,  
English would be on computers.  
There would be 20 lunchtimes and every class  
would have lots of horses!*

*If I were in charge of the school, we  
wouldn't have rude, we wouldn't have table  
places or "no running!". We wouldn't even  
have to go to school on Fridays!*

## USING THE CAR PARK

Recently we have noticed an increase in cars using the car park at the start and end of the school day.

This is dangerous as children and parents from Norwood and Holy Family are trying to cross the entrances. There is enough space outside school on the Crescent and beyond for cars to be parked and children to be escorted to school.



## FRIENDS OF NORWOOD AGM

Come and meet the Friends of Norwood over a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine!

The Annual General Meeting will be held in school on:

**Monday 9th December 5.30pm**

Our goal is to enhance the school experience for every single child at Norwood, so please come and join us.

## 'A' TEAM'S CUP RUN COMES TO AN END IN SEMI FINAL



*Team v St. Johns Crossens*

*Jackson J, Luca E, Derry M, Will R, Lennon H, Jacob W, Tom C, Jack H and Sam C*

**Norwood 11 St. Johns Crossens 2** *Quarter Final*  
**Kew Woods 3 Norwood 0** *Semi Final*

Norwood 'A' team have had a busy couple of weeks in the Duddy Shield as the road to the final in December was getting closer.

The quarter final, played at Norwood, saw an exciting and potentially difficult game end in an impressive victory for the 'A' team managed by Mr. Dempster. Hat-tricks by Sam C and Luca E were joined by two goals from Derry and a goal each from Tom C and Will R.

Up next was the semi final at Kew Woods, who were expected to be a very strong team. Matthew B was added to the team for this match. Unfortunately this match proved to be a step too far for our 'A' team, who fell to a 3-0 defeat.

As always, the boys are superb examples of our school values regardless of whether they are winning or losing.