

Mr Welsh's Noticeboard

8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome back everyone! On behalf of all the staff team, we hope you all had a lovely summer break.

Firstly, thank you for your continued support and helping your child settle back into school life so well. At NJA, we work hard to ensure routines and timings are as effective and robust as possible and it certainly has been a wonderful start to the new year. A big thank you to my staff team, too, who have been working tirelessly to settle the children back in to school!

The children have returned to school incredibly well – the best I've ever seen - and have been a credit to themselves, your family and our school. Only the best is good enough at NJA so lots of hard work is taking place at the moment when reminding the children of school expectations, whilst first and foremost, ensuring that they feel happy, safe and secure being back at school. Remember, if anyone needs any support for anything, you know where we are – please come see us and we are more than happy to help.

As well as this welcome letter, please also look out for my letter to parents/carers regarding our recent Ofsted inspection as well as a copy of the report! #proud

There are lots of messages, key information and important points below which I hope you find useful. As always, a reminder that I am extremely proud to be the Headteacher of our wonderful school and if you ever need anything, you know where I am. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr. Welsh
Headteacher

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HELLO AND WELCOME TO THE NJA FAMILY

A huge welcome to our Year 3 children and their families. We're delighted to have you part of the NJA Family and we hope you're all very happy at our school.

A huge warm welcome to our new members of staff – Miss Taylor (Y5 Teacher) and Miss Zamir (Y3 Teacher). On behalf of all the NJA Community good luck in your new roles and we hope you have a wonderful first year.



MY CHILD AT SCHOOL – OUR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM & PAYMENT APP

As you will be aware, we have a communication system in school, which includes messaging, the emailing of letters, payment of trips, clubs etc as well as sending you updates/notifications on all aspects of school.

All parents must download the 'My School at Child' app to access the system as well as access our school payment and booking system for all aspects of school e.g. school dinners, trips, after school clubs, parent permissions, parents' evenings etc,

If you haven't created an account or require your log in details again, then please contact the school office.

All wraparound clubs can be booked via the app and we have plenty of places available for both Breakfast Club & After School Club. Where possible, please book by each lunchtime, each Friday, for the following week.

As always, dinner money and club payments must be paid for in advance. Anyone who falls into arrears will be unable to book any further places or lunches. If you are ever struggling to pay, please speak to a member of the Office Staff or a Senior Leader.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU TURN THE APP NOTIFICATIONS ON TO RECEIVE ALL COMMUNICATIONS FROM SCHOOL.

Reading Books for Home

All children will be bringing home their new reading book next Wednesday, including their new home-school diary as all children are in the process of completing their baseline reading assessments – ZPDs will be put in the children's journals. Further information about our reading scheme will be emailed to parents/carers, next week.

Behaviour Passports

Your child will be shortly bringing home their Bronze Behaviour Passport for the autumn term and Mrs Black is also putting together some further information and dates for parents/carers which will be sent out early next week. More details about our behaviour system can be found on the school website - <https://normantonjunioracademy.org/our-academy/behaviour/>

Children walking home/Being collected by an elder sibling

A reminder that permission for your child to be collected by an elder sibling and which children in Years 5 & 6 are walking home by themselves must be given via the 'My Child at School' app. Please be vigilant when completing the consent form. You will need to click 'yes' to give consent for each statement. If you make an error, please contact the school office who will happily revoke. School are unable to double check if these permissions are correct – the responsibility lies with all parents/carers to provide the correct information.

A further reminder that any changes to your child's collection arrangement e.g. going home with a class friend, the school office or your child's Class Teacher, must be made aware beforehand.

Diary Dates

A diary dates overview, will key events for this year will be sent out next week.

MEDICATION REMINDER

All prescribed medication must be sent into school via the office, by an adult, for the appropriate paperwork to be completed; this also applies to inhalers.

For any medical questions, please contact the school office.

Y3 SCHOOL DINNERS

A reminder that all children in Y3 now need to pay for school dinners unless they are entitled to Free School Meals which is different from Universal Infant Free School Meals.

FRUIT TROLLEY

Our Fruit Trolley returns on Monday 18th September.

Fruit is sold every day, at morning breaktime, for all children. 20p a piece of fruit.

HOME SCHOOL DIARIES

Our Home School Diaries are being sent home next Wednesday, which contain all your child's log in details, for various online platforms, as well as a weekly diary for homework, spellings, home reading record and a space for parents to write brief messages. We hope the children and parents find these new diaries useful.

HOMEWORK

Next week, your child's homework, including spellings and times tables will be sent home and more details are to follow.

PE DAYS

Please see below the confirmed days for PE up to half term.

All children should come to school in their PE Kit, on the following days,

- 3EW: Tuesday & Thursday
- 3AZ: Tuesday & Thursday
- 3TL: Monday & Wednesday
- 4PB: Wednesday & Friday
- 4RT: Wednesday & Friday
- 4OB: Tuesday & Wednesday
- 5IC: Thursday (PE in school & swimming)
- 5LT: Thursday (PE in school & swimming)
- 5HG: Thursday (PE in school & swimming)
- 6OS: Monday & Friday
- 6SM: Monday & Friday
- 6MC: Monday & Friday



Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 continue to swim each Thursday. Please remember swimming kits each Thursday and wear normal school uniform. *(Please note: swimming has not yet commenced whilst the pool is still being refurbished. We'll update Y5 parents/carers once lessons begin)*

After School Clubs – Autumn 1

After School Clubs went live on the 'My Child at School' app yesterday and start on Monday. All parents/carers received the letter, via email, and all clubs can only be booked via the app on a first come, first served basis.

<https://normantonjunioracademy.org/after-school-clubs>

Trips & School Workshops

Some trips and school workshops have begun to go live on the 'My Child at School' app, this week. All parents/carers will receive these letters, via email, and all trips can only be booked via the app and will appear in the 'payment section'. So far, Years 4, 5 & 6 have received letters and all parents will also receive information about our trip to the Panto, in December, shortly too. Year 3 parents will receive information about their school workshop shortly, too.

All trip letters can be found on the school website - <https://normantonjunioracademy.org/parents/letters/>

Year 6 parents/carers - High School Applications

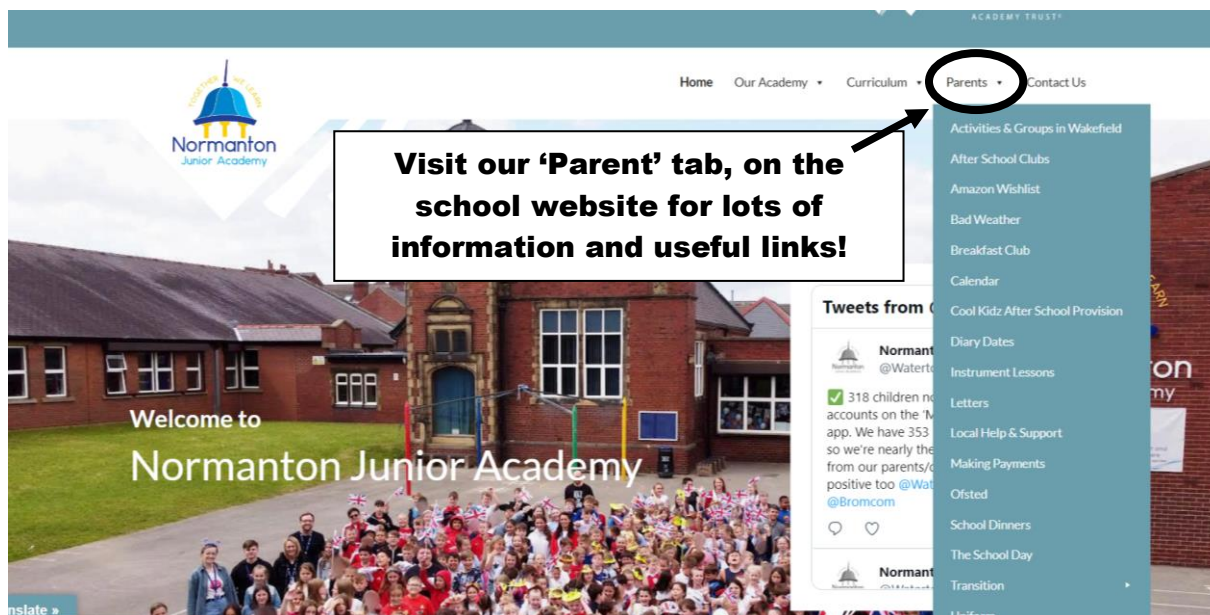
This week, all Year 6 children brought home an envelope of information from Wakefield Council about the high school application process, which is now open. There will also be dates and details about forthcoming Open Evenings. For more information, please visit - <https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/schools/admissions/apply-secondary-school>

Drop Off Routine Reminders:

- School starts at 8:30am prompt and the doors open at 8:25am so the children can filter into school, straight away.
- The doors will close just after 8:30am and therefore children who are late should come to the office doors.
- If you need to pass a message onto your child's Class Teacher on a morning, please do so via the staff on the doors or via the office. If more in-depth conversations are required, please arrange an appointment with your child's Class Teacher.
- Please ensure that no children access the trim trails or tyres before or after school as these are unsupervised by staff.
- Please remember to be conscious of parking around school and our local neighbours.

Home Time Routine Reminders:

- Years 3 & 4 will be released from separate doors, as follows:
 - 3AZ: The hall doors where the children entered school this morning.
 - 3TL & 3EW: The doors at the top of the stairs, next the main reception gate
 - 4OB: Fire Hall Doors to the right of the hall
 - 4PB: Fire Hall Doors to the left of the hall
 - 4RT: The hall doors where the children entered school this morning.
- Years 5 & 6 - Via the top playground
- Please can parents stand around the edge of the playground or evenly spaced so all parents can collect their child safely.
- Staff are available to speak to parents once they have distributed all children.



NJA SAFEGUARDING ARRANGEMENTS

Mr. Welsh (Headteacher/Designated Safeguarding Lead),
Mr Berry (Deputy Headteacher/Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead),
Mrs Black (Assistant Headteacher/Designated Safeguarding Lead)
Mrs Zammuto (Pastoral Support Officer/ Designated Safeguarding Lead)
Mrs Williams (Learning Mentor/ Designated Safeguarding Lead)

We're here for you!

<https://normantonjunioracademy.org/our-academy/safeguarding/safeguarding-at-nja/>

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