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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all for your kind words and prayers during my absence. I believe the positivity from everyone has contributed to my recovery and return to work.

There have been lots of events that have taken place during the autumn term that we would like to share with you. All the videos and pictures have been uploaded onto our school website in NMP News and News Listing. On these sites, you will be able to view the following:

Click here to watch the following videos

- Head Boy and Head Girl speeches
- 2022 We Are Norbury Challenge Week
- Year 6 Victorian Workshop
- Autumn 1 NMP News
- Autumn NMP Rock Steady Concert
- Roald Dahl Day
- Reception Parent and Carer Phonic and Reading Workshop
- NMP Reindeer Dash Event
- Autumn Best class Attendance award
- NMP Christmas Lunch
- Year 5 Viking Assembly (will be on the website on 22nd December 2022)
- Reception Nativity (will be on the website on 22nd December 2022)
- NMP Enterprise Challenge Week (will be on the website on 22nd December 2022)

Due to technical issues, the year 6 Victorian Assembly will be uploaded onto the school website in the new year.

The News listing website also includes the following:

- The year 4 Equipment team leading an assembly
- NMP Fun Menu Day
- NMP Diwali Workshop
- Odd Socks Day
- Croydon High School G & T sports program for Girls

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Message from our School Governors

Dear Parents/ Carers, Children, Staff and Friends of Norbury Manor Primary School,

It is our greatest pleasure to introduce ourselves as the new Co-Chairs of the school Governing Board. Currently, our full committee has 2 elected Co-Chairs, 4 co-opted governors, 1 staff governor, 2 parent governors and 1 Headteacher. In addition, there are 2 vacancies for co-opted governors who wish to commit to enhancing our team with specific education, business, finance, or other professional skills.

Let us tell you a little about ourselves:

My name is Keran Currie. I am a former Headteacher and Education Consultant. I am currently a Special Educational Needs adviser. I have enjoyed being a Governor at Norbury Manor for the last 5 years. I have had the opportunity to meet children, staff, parents/carers, and special visitors to the school. I want to further support the school to achieve full recognition for its excellent educational offer to the community.

And my name is Alison Hatt. I have been a governor at Norbury Manor for 8 years. I am now retired, but I was a Primary School teacher and, later, a Senior Lecturer in Education, training student teachers. During my time as a governor, I have seen the school develop as a wonderful place for children to learn in and make friends. I have enjoyed seeing many special events and meeting parents-we both hope to be able to do more of this.
We are hugely proud of our school and thank the Headteacher, staff and parent/carers for the relentless commitment to excellence in education, care, and support of our children. For the next 12 months, **we <u>all</u> have some key priorities** which require everyone's help and focus; they are:

- **To improve individual children's attendance to meet our 96% minimum target**
- **To help our youngest children in Reception and Year 1 to prepare for and achieve their Phonics expectations**
- **Further support the integration of the children and staff from Blossom House who are deaf**
- **To further embed our excellent Norbury Manor Primary School curriculum with continued teacher training, excellent teaching and strong parent support with care, good routines, and joint working with teachers**

Finally, we would like to thank our former Chair of Governors, Charlie Mercer, for supporting the Headteacher, staff and Governing Board through the pandemic. We look forward to working closely with the school leadership team and the Governing Team to Make Every Moment Count!

Please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office. If you would like to be considered for a co-opted place on the Governing Board or as a Parent Governor, please send in your CV, and cover letter addressed to the Governing Board

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Stay safe and best wishes,

Keran Currie and Alison Hatt

Cost of Living support during this difficult time

We know that many families are going through a tough time this winter, and we want to do everything we can to help you and your child. On our Parent Support website page, you can find out about the following:

- Information about paying the right amount of tax
- Benefits you might be entitled to
- Government's cost of living payment
- Energy Bill
- Support from the local authority (transport and school uniform)
- Free and low-cost food
- Hygiene products
- Replace and repair household items
- Warm space to beat the chill
- Entitled to free school meals
- Further information

Our school website also includes information on Medical Needs Awareness which consists of the following:

- Croydon Health Services
- Health for Kids
- Asthma
- Anaphylaxis
- Epilepsy
- Diabetes
- Flu Vaccination
- Medical Support
- Policies
- Useful contacts

We have also created a website page on child illness during school time and advice on what to do. This page also includes information from Croydon's Director of Public Health about scarlet fever, which has been shared with you.

Curriculum

Our school curriculum maps outline what your child is learning each half term. The updated maps are on our website alongside Math's Newsletters for years 1 to year 6, which outline the math's focus. You can view this on our Curriculum Maps website page.

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Blossom House
Information about our Deaf Unit (Blossom House) can be found on our website.

Changing the School Times from the Summer Term

The government's 2022 white paper lays out plans for mainstream state-funded schools to provide a 32.5-hour week, or 6.5-hour days, by September 2023. To align with this expectation, Norbury Manor Primary School needs to add 10 minutes daily.

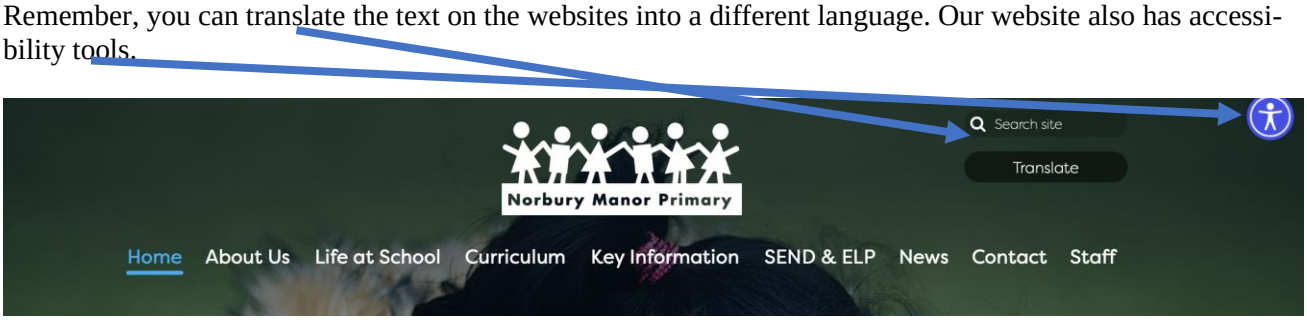
We will trial the new times in the summer term to prepare for the changes. Our school day will change from 8:50 am to 8:45 am. The end of the school day will change from 3:10 pm to 3:15 pm.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you regarding childcare or working arrangements. For this reason, I would like to invite you to give your feedback by sending your response through the link below.

https://forms.gle/Qp7awcLnJjXYjWaa9

I will communicate the outcome of your feedback by the end of the spring term.

Remember, you can translate the text on the websites into a different language. Our website also has accessibility tools.



Lastly, I wish you all a safe and restful Christmas and all the best for the New Year!

Yours truly,

Sonia Potter

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