

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have started to put up our school Christmas decorations this week so everything is starting to feel very festive. Please see some important dates below for school opening and closing, and for our end-of-term Celebration assemblies; it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible at these. The children have been working hard to learn and sing some festive poems and songs and are very keen to perform for you.

We will be having our Christmas Jumper day next week on Thursday 7th December and Christmas Dinner on Friday 15th December, so please encourage your child to dress up on those days.

Please be reminded that it will not be authorised to take your children out of school for holidays before school finishes on Wednesday 20th December or if you bring them back later than Monday January 8th. It is essential that the children are in school every day that it is open.

Kind regards,
Mrs. Kettory
Deputy Head Teacher

Christmas Card Competition

Following from the huge success of the previous art competitions, we will be holding a Christmas card design competition: Design a card, front and back using any media you have at home (pencil, pen, felt tips, pencil crayons, wax crayons or paint - whatever you have available).

Your entry should be no bigger than a folded piece of A4 paper.

Deadline for entry is Monday 11th December. Please submit entries to either the school office or Mr. Rowell. Winners will receive an Art related prize in each year group!



Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns about any member of our school community. Please do not hesitate to contact the school safeguarding officers: **Mrs Ojo, Ms Howe, Mrs Kettory and Ms Harris**. Your concerns will be dealt with in the utmost confidentiality. Alternatively, you can contact Newham MASH on 02033734600.

Operation Encompass

As part of the school's safeguarding duties, it works collaboratively with the Metropolitan Police. Whenever there is an incident of a safeguarding concern that requires police involvement, they will contact the school. As a result, the school will contact the family to establish what form of support it can offer. Please view this contact as a support opportunity and duty of care.





Our 'Thought for the week'

In our assemblies next week, we will be thinking about:

"Altogether we are equal"

10th December = Human Rights Day.

What are our human rights? What are the responsibilities that come with having those rights?



Key Dates

Christmas Jumper Day—Thursday 7th December

Christmas concerts:

Years 5 & 6—Tuesday 12th December at 2:30pm

Year 3 & 4—Wednesday 13th December at 2:30pm

Nursery & Recep—Thursday 14th December at 9:15am

Years 1 & 2—Thursday 14th December at 2:30pm

Christmas Lunch—Friday 15th December

Class Parties—Tuesday 19th December

Last Day of Term—Wednesday 20th December
(1:30pm finish)

Mutual Respect

We would like to remind you that North Beckton Primary School upholds a zero-tolerance policy regarding threatening or abusive behavior towards our dedicated staff. We firmly believe in fostering a collaborative relationship between the school and parents/carers for the well-being of our children.

While we are committed to addressing and resolving any concerns or complaints raised by parents promptly, we emphasize the importance of maintaining a climate of mutual respect. It is our expectation that parents and carers engage with our staff in a reasonable, polite, and respectful manner.

Your cooperation in upholding these standards is vital for the collective success of our school community.

Attendance Winners This Week

Our schools target percentage is **96%**

We are currently at **93.9%**

We have fallen slightly due to sickness so we hope that everyone is well for the weeks ahead.

Class with the highest attendance:

KS1 Winners: **2A**

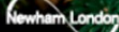
KS2 Winners: **3K**



Book Amnesty

At North Beckton, we are working hard to promote the love of reading, and we strive to provide our children with a rich collection of exciting books. Unfortunately, we've noticed that some of our beloved books haven't made their way back to school. To address this, we're launching a Book Amnesty initiative over the next few weeks. We don't mind how long you've been in possession of a school book; we'd just love to have it. Please take a moment to search under the bed, behind the sofa, and any other nooks where they might be. No one will be counting how many you return; we'll simply be delighted to see our collection replenished.

Please talk through the weekly lunch menu with your child/ren to help them select suitable meal choices. Next week we will be serving **Week 1** of the menu (available on to view on our school website: <https://www.northbeckton.newham.sch.uk/>)



Join us on Friday 8 December
from 4pm - 6pm

- Christmas foods from around the world
- Face painting
- Performances
- Lots more fun activities

Location: Kingsford Way, London E6 5JQ



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2023/24

Why is it beneficial to get vaccinated?

- 1 You will help **protect yourself** from the possible severe complications which can be caused by flu. As social contact levels continue to return to pre-pandemic norms there could be a resurgence in influenza activity this winter (as was seen last winter).
- 2 Being vaccinated means you can reduce the pressures on healthcare services by lowering GP and A&E attendances and by **reducing hospital admissions**.
- 3 **Reduce the chance of flu outbreaks** and protect the most vulnerable who are at high risk.

What does Islam say?

Islam promotes the idea that the rights upon us extend to the people around us. The Prophetic teachings encourage us to be kind and make us aware that we should consider the implications of our actions. If you are young and healthy, you may not be severely affected by the flu **but you could pass it on to someone who is vulnerable.**

When it comes to choosing whether or not to vaccinate, it is important that we are empowered by the altruistic values our faith gifts us to make an informed and considerate choice.



Not vaccinating can put yourself, your children, and others at risk



Do all flu vaccines contain pork gelatine?

No, there are two main types of flu vaccine:

1. The injectable vaccine **DOES NOT** contain porcine (pork) derived product and is **also offered to adults**.
2. The nasal spray vaccine (Fluenz Tetra) offered to children **DOES** contain porcine derived product.

Can Muslim parents choose which vaccine their child gets?

Yes, parents can choose to have the same injectable flu vaccine that is given to adults for their children, on the basis of religious objection. When asked to sign a consent form, let your vaccination service know your choice is because of the porcine gelatine in the nasal spray vaccine Fluenz. The more we get vaccinated, the more we can lobby for medical products compatible with a halal diet.

Most children are offered the nasal spray vaccine which is easier to administer and is considered better at preventing the spread of flu. Ask your doctor for further details so your child receives the most suitable vaccine. **Please consult a trusted scholar regarding permissibility as Islamic scholarly opinions differ.**

Where can I get a flu vaccine?

The flu vaccine should be available in schools, GP surgeries, pharmacies and other venues your local health team may advertise. **You may be offered a flu vaccine to protect you even if you have never had one before. Don't miss out.**

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