

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2022

We are rapidly approaching Christmas with the first very busy term of this year nearly over.

Reminder - Applying for a primary school place for September 2023

If your child has their 4th birthday between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, you need to apply for a school place for September 2023. The application form for completion is available on the council website at:

<http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions>

(Right click and open hyperlink)

The closing date for applications is Tuesday 15th January 2023.

Failure to apply on time for school places will affect your chances of obtaining a place for your child at your preferred school.

Pupil Voice

We have been conducting a number of Pupil Voice sessions this term and have been impressed with the children's articulate responses across a range of topics. These have helped identify which improvements have had an impact on the curriculum and what our next steps should be as well as the suggestion of an 'exotic fruit' day once a term for the playtime fruit stop. This will now take place on the last day of each term.

Parent Governor

We have not been able to recruit a Parent Governor to join our hardworking volunteer governing body. Governors bring a range of skills to our school family and commit to approximately 9 meetings a year including school visits when they can. Meetings are usually at 6pm on Thursday evenings. If you think you might be interested but would like an informal chat with our Chair of Governors, Pete Burditt, please contact the School Office to arrange a convenient time to call.

Ancient Egyptians – Year 5

This term Year 5 have been studying the Egyptians and, to support this topic, we visited the New Walk Museum in Leicester. Here the children took part in a workshop handling artefacts and looking at real mummified bodies as well as exploring the rest of the displays in the museum. As a celebration of the end of this theme, on Friday 11th November, Year 5 dressed up in all things Ancient Egyptian. They made death masks and sculpted pyramids from a range of materials as well as looking at symbols and hieroglyphics.



Greek Day – Year 3

On Wednesday 30th November, Year 3 travelled back in time to Athens. They spent the day being ancient architects, energetic dancers and curious scientists. After all of their hard work they settled down to some delicious Greek salad. Everybody had a wonderful day and looked stunning in their costumes.



Fundraising

This is a massive thank you to all parents and children who have donated to our charity events over this term. For Children In Need we raised over £307. We managed to sell out of snap bands and poppies for Remembrance Day – a grand total to follow. In support of our food larder which is supplying food bags to any family who is feeling the pinch at this time, some of our Year 6 pupils and parents organised a cake sale which raised £76.65. We are also very grateful for the donation of tins, jars and dried goods for our larder that you have been kindly donating in the box at the School Office. Once again we would like to thank you all for your support, kindness and generosity especially in these uncertain times.



Christmas Dinner Day

Our School Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 14th December. Please remember to go online and order by midnight on Wednesday 9th December at www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk if you have not yet registered, please do this on the above website. Please note that if you do not order this lunch on time we will not be able to provide a lunch on the day and you will need to send your child in with a packed lunch. To get us in the festive spirit the children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumper or favourite top over their school t-shirts.

Covid 19

Public Health for North and West Northamptonshire Council are in the process of evaluating the impacts of the Covid 19 pandemic on the children of Northamptonshire. To find out more and to take part in an online questionnaire, please follow the link below by 15th December 2022. They will publish their findings on the council website.

<https://northnorthants.citizenspace.com/public-health/d40a4f3e>

Cost of Living Support

Please find attached a flyer from Cost of Living Support at West Northamptonshire Council giving contact information if needed.

E-Scooters

Please find attached a flyer from the Northamptonshire Police giving information regarding e-scooters and their use.

Dates for the Diary

Dec	
Tues 6 th	Year 5 – Kingsthorpe College to watch rehearsal of Grease
	Advent Service 6pm – Yrs 4 – 6 Uniform to be worn
Wed 7 th	Year 2 Winter Wonderland Singalong – 2.45pm in Gym
Fri 9 th	EYFS Nativity – 9.15am in Chapel
Wed 14 th	Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 15 th	EYFS and KS1 Pantomime at the Derngate Theatre
Fri 16 th	End of Term – 3.15pm
Jan	
Wed 4 th	New Term Starts

DID YOU KNOW?



CAN INCLUDE:

HOUSEHOLD BILLS
(SUCH AS GAS AND ELECTRICITY)

RENT

COUNCIL TAX

HELP WITH BUYING FOOD

CHILDCARE COSTS

**AS WELL AS OTHER
IMPORTANT DAILY ESSENTIALS**

**THERE ARE PEOPLE ON HAND TO SUPPORT AND
ADVISE YOU, SO PLEASE GET IN TOUCH TODAY.**



For more information on cost of living support,
visit: westnorthants.gov.uk/cost-of-living
call 0300 126 7000*

*Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm



West
Northamptonshire
Council

Why am I being given this flyer?



Because it's currently against
the law to ride an e-scooter
on a public road or pavement.



In an emergency call **999**
For non emergencies call **101**



www.northants.police.uk



Northamptonshire Police

Fighting crime, protecting people

We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers.

However, the current law is clear

You can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as:

- MOT
- Licensing
- Tax
- Insurance

Some e-scooters have exceptions to this as part of the government trial but this does not extend to any personal e-scooters.

What happens if I am stopped by Police?

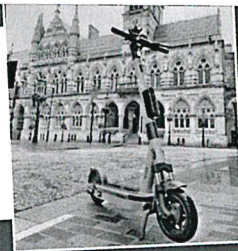


Section 59 of the police reform act allows police to issue a warning if a vehicle is being used in a manner which may cause alarm, distress or annoyance. Being issued with this warning does not stop the e-scooter being seized.

Police can seize any private scooter if they are being used on a public road or footpath and the rider may also be liable for prosecution for traffic offences.

This is also the case for anyone using Voi scooters without a licence or registering with the Voi app as this is what covers you under their insurance.

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Voi are a company that are running a trial of the use of e-scooters in Northampton but will be expanding the use of the scooters across the county.

Voi e-scooters have an exemption as part of the government trial which make them legal for use on the road.

To use a Voi scooter you must:

- Be over 18 AND
- Have a full UK or foreign licence or a UK provisional licence
- Have an account registered with Voi via their website or app
- Only use the e-scooters on roads limited to 30mph (not on pavements) or designated cycle lanes.
- Always have full control of the e-scooter whilst you are riding and not allow yourself to be distracted by other things.

You must not:

- Use an e-scooter if you are under 18
- Use an e-scooter if you do not have the correct licence
- Ride the e-scooters on pavements
- Ride an e-scooter under the influence of drink/drugs
- Ride an e-scooter using someone else's Voi account
- Have more than one rider on an e-scooter at a time

For full details on their use look on Voi's website or on their app www.voiscooters.com

For education around the use of e-scooters and road safety go to www.ridelikevoila.com and complete the online training.

