

NORTHAMPTON GREEK SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER – September 6th 2008-09-06

Welcome back to another academic year with Northampton Greek School. We hope everyone enjoyed the summer break despite the wet weather we have had here in UK, and that pupils, parents and staff are suitably refreshed and relaxed! We are looking forward to another successful year for the school.

TIMES AND DATES

Greek School starts at 10 am and finishes at 12.45 pm. We do stress the importance of arriving on time. If possible, please try to bring your children so that they arrive 10 minutes before teaching starts.

Committee Members, Teachers and parents helping will be expected to be at school at 9.45am to help prepare the classrooms as well as stay behind to help with putting everything away at the end of the lessons. We all must be out of the classes and school buildings by 1.00pm promptly. The caretaker does not like us to hang about because she locks up.

It would be beneficial to have a parent helper/s every week. We would appreciate it if parents can come forward to offer their time and help otherwise we will need to draw a rota for parents to assist on Saturdays. This would involve helping to set up in the mornings and pack up at the end of the day, as well as supervising the pupils during the break.

We will have a 15 minute break around 11.30 am. During break children will be allowed to purchase snacks from the Tuck shop. We would like to encourage all those using the tuck shop to talk and ask for things in Greek as much as possible.

Our first Saturday will be on **13th September, 2008**. We will continue with three teachers taking a class each, as before. Georgia Piki (the head teacher) will advise any pupils individually whether they will be moving along to a new class, if at all, during the first or second week back.

Greek School will be open on the following Saturdays:

13th September
20th September
27th September
4th October
11th October
18th October
Half-term: 25th October and 1st November – no school
8th November
15th November
22nd November
29th November

13th December - last lesson

We shall commence the New Year on 10th January, 2009.

FEES

Fees are now £3.50 per session per child. Please remember that missed sessions will still have to be paid for. As there are 12 sessions, the cost for the term will be £42.00. If anyone has a problem with paying the fees please come and see me in private, so that we may come to some arrangement. For those who pay by 27th September, 2008, we are offering an early discounted rate. Cheques should be made payable to "Northampton Greek School".

I would like to thank all the parents who in the past year have helped raise money for the school, especially Mrs Koulla Anastasiadis, who managed to sell over £200.00 worth of raffle tickets on behalf of Greek School at the end of the Summer Term, which we are most grateful for. We would not now be able to offer the lessons at £3.50, but at a much higher charge if we had not raised enough funds during the last academic year. We are in need of more funds for the school and therefore need all the help you can offer to us when we are hosting future fundraising events.

A reminder to let you know that our funds given to us by the council are slowly deteriorating, as they are cutting back on their expenses, we only get a small amount that goes towards paying one teacher for two hours per week as well as the cost of the classrooms at Unity College. We also get a small amount from a private sponsor per year which also helps pay some of the teachers' costs.

Everyone, apart from the three teachers, give their time to the school with no pay whatsoever, and therefore, the school needs not only more funds but more help from individuals to sustain the day-to-day running of the school. Anyone willing to give some of their time, no matter how small, to help run the school would be most welcome.

SCHOOL MATERIALS

We would like to remind you that all children will need the following:

- An A4 sized ringbinder folder with plenty of clear plastic wallets in which to put their homework and classwork.
- Pencils and colouring pencils
- A rubber and pencil sharpener
- Their exercise/text book from last year as they may be continuing with the same book this year.
- A4 lined paper.

REGISTRATION FORMS

New forms will be required to be filled in for all pupils for this academic year. Please make sure you do so as soon as you return to school. If your child is not continuing at school, it would be very helpful if you could let me know as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact me on my mobile if you require anything – 07766091862.

I look forward to seeing you back at Greek School soon.

Dalia Panayis