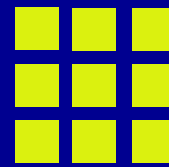


NINE ACRES NEWS



'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 24th March 2017

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Dear Families,

The Year 5 children had the most wonderful experience in London at the beginning of the week. They were a credit to the school and to their families, as for some it was the first time they had stayed away from home. Thank you to the staff who planned, supported and ensured each and every child was well cared for on their big adventure.

We are however saddened by the news of the Terrorist attack at Westminster. It is a challenging world in which we live but we must continue to stay determined for our children in believing in our democratic society and not fear such dramatic events. We have talked carefully about this to the Year 5 children and once again they look upon this with such optimism for a brighter future full of peace for everyone.



I have published the outcomes of the Parental Questionnaire in this edition of the Newsletter. I was delighted that we had a really high return rate, higher than in previous times. We received some great constructive feedback which I have responded to within the questionnaire. We take your feedback very seriously and try to act on it with urgency where we can.

Today has seen a flurry of red as the whole school supported 'Red Nose Day'! James in Year 6 has raised over £200 just on his own with a sponsored silence and cake sales, he has even appeared in the County Press and on CBBC - well done James! Miss Chiverton has also accomplished her sponsored challenge in learning to ride her bike and was cheered on by the EYFS/ Year 1 children this afternoon. Thank you for your contributions both to this fantastic charity and towards our IPAD fund for your children.

Our fundraising efforts today raised **£263!**

£133.50 for Comic Relief and £129.50 towards our IPAD fund!

Have a wonderful weekend! Mrs Dyer



Attendance

Whole school attendance target **96.0%.**
Dates: **17/03/17 - 23/03/17**

	Attendance	Lates
Yarmouth:	96.67%	2
Carisbrooke:	99.26%	4
Corfe:	95.65%	6
Hurst:	96.00%	6
Balmoral:	99.09%	0
Windsor:	97.08%	4
Arundel:	97.39%	3
Dover:	97.14%	1
Tintagel:	95.86%	2
Warwick:	96.00%	3
Edinburgh:	99.29%	2
Stirling:	98.67%	1
Durham:	97.50%	1
York:	94.83%	7

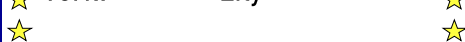
Congratulations Edinburgh!

Whole school attendance this week is: **97.16%- Well done!**



Star Learner of the week

Yarmouth:	Gerry
Carisbrooke:	Michael
Hurst:	Billy
Balmoral:	Freddie
Arundel:	Elena and Damien
Dover:	Louis
Warwick:	Tazmin
Windsor:	Sienna
Stirling:	Bradley
Tintagel:	Dylan
Edinburgh:	Kendra
Durham:	James
York:	Lily



Diary Dates 2017

Mon 27th March	Year 6 UKSA Trip
Fri 31st March	"Ladies That Lunch" Mothers Day lunch for Year 1 and Year 2
Sat 8th April	Helping Hands Easter Disco
Mon 10th April - Fri 21st April	Easter Break- school closed to pupils.
Mon 8th May	Start of Year 6 SATS week
Mon 12th June	Development Day- school closed to pupils
Thurs 6th July	KS1 Sports Day
Fri 7th July	KS2 Sports Day
Wed 12th July	Parents Evening
Tues 25th July	Development Day
Wed 26th July	Summer Break



Monday 8th May is the start of KS2 SATS week.

Nine Acres Community Primary School March Survey 2017

Nine Acres Community Primary School March Survey 2017	Strongly Agree/Agree	Strongly Disagree /Disagree	Don't Know
My child is happy at the school	97%	3%	-
My child feels safe at school	100%	-	-
The school ensures children are well behaved at school	95%	2%	3%
The school is effective at dealing with bullying	81%	6%	13%
My child is well looked after at school	97%	2%	1%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	91%	9%	-
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	89%	6%	5%
The school is well led and managed	94%	4%	2%
My child makes good progress at this school	98%	2%	-
My child is well taught at this school	97%	3%	-
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	87%	11%	2%
Nine Acres Community Primary School Overall	Yes	No	Don't Know
Would you recommend this school to another parent	87%	3%	10%

Further Comments

If you have any further comments about **what we do well**, please write them below:

- *Super trip experiences planned*
- *Brilliant sporting activities*
- *Photos on Facebook help me keep in touch*
- *I am happy with the support and extension my son receives. Both the teacher and LSA are very approachable and make my son want to go to school*
- *Supporting children according to their abilities*
- *Learning is interesting and helps them*
- *Parent and child activity mornings*

- *Excellent school trips*
- *Encouraging my child- she is enthusiastic when she comes home with what she has done*
- *The trips and opportunities she has taken part in have been fun and well planned*
- *They have regular homework*
- *Incentives for learning and attendance help promote learning*
- *Open classrooms and after school clubs*
- *My children feel happy and safe thanks to the friendly happy staff*
- *Global Rock - Brilliant!*
- *No concerns...happy with my daughters progress*
- *Giving all the children opportunity to travel to the mainland to learn new things.*
- *New clubs each half term for children to choose from*
- *Encouraging children to learn in school and at home due to assembly awards.*
- *Learning a foreign language*
- *The teacher has been extremely supportive of my child and made going to school a much happier experience*
- *My child is doing really well. She didn't have such a good year last year but this year her confidence has really grown- she is not so shy*
- *My eldest child is especially excited about her themed learning and relevant school trips o extend their learning. She is excelling because she is so excited to learn and take part.*
- *Brilliant school!*
- *I love the fact that you enrich the learning in this school with trips, rock challenge, forest school, music etc*
- *Was great to have a warm welcome from the pupils on parents evening!*
- *Interesting topics and interactive learning*
- *Great school that has helped with any concerns I've had*
- *PTA members are great too!*
- *I like that the teachers treat all the children and families as individuals*
- *More than happy with this school*

Comments about what we should improve on; (Themes have been grouped together under general headings)

Clubs:

Q: Please could we have more notice on after school clubs? Reduce the price of clubs? Bring back boys football and charge less for after school clubs?

A: We always try to ensure parents receive notification of events in advance through the newsletter and text messages but we will also review when we send out club information to you. Unfortunately you will have seen the National news regarding falling school budgets; we are not alone in this. As a school, we offer a significant amount of events free to the children that benefit all of them. We thought carefully about the rise in cost and this is in line with other schools and also less expensive than childcare. Mr Curry and Miss Cunningham make sure the type of sports club is varied throughout the year to ensure that all children have the opportunity to take part in an activity. Mr Curry tries to run a variety of sports clubs for both boys and girls over the week.

Homework:

Q: Homework such as Maths could do with more information about how it is done for parents as this is

sometimes different from how we learnt it. More homework or at least more challenging homework. Sometimes the amount of homework is too much at times

A: We have reviewed our Home Learning Policy and we agree that we can improve on ensuring that there is clearer information to support parents in helping their child do their homework- the teachers will work on this. We will be holding sessions in 'How to support your child in Maths' led by Miss McDonald- information with dates and times will be sent in the Summer Term. Home Learning is always a balance, please talk to your child's class teacher who can support individual needs. Thank you for your support in listening to the children read at home as this has been a big focus at our school.

Communication:

Q: Improve communication if there are changes to events, staffing changes, trips etc

A: We use text messages, Facebook, twitter, the website, class letters and weekly newsletters as a means of communication with our community. We try our best to ensure that notice of events such as assemblies, sports days, trips etc are given in advance as we want to ensure that you are able to take part and we understand that sometimes this means juggling diaries. Individual classes are sent a letter if there is a change of staffing when we are able to release such information. A change of staff is never ideal and we work hard to ensure that continuity of learning and transition for the children is at the forefront.

Behaviour:

Q: Show the children who are always good that they are appreciated. Continue to ensure all children are treated fairly that all children are praised for their hard work and resilience, perseverance. Guide children who can be disruptive and keep them from distracting others. Ensure children know who to go to if an issue isn't being dealt with by the class teacher

A: We have a new behaviour policy in place that staff and children have consulted on. We have our new school values of: Perseverance, Teamwork, Courage, Creativity, Citizenship, Aspiration, Respect, Independence, Caring and our new motto of '*Striving for Excellence*' to support the children in working together. The children now have individual values cards and are collecting stamps when they have demonstrated the value 20 times. We are very proud of how the children are thinking about good choices. Occasionally, the children make mistakes and we work closely with families to help put this right for everyone. Mrs Broome and Mrs Hussey (our Family and Child Worker) lead on the behaviour and alongside your child's class teacher are always available to the children and parents should they want to discuss any concerns. We also love hearing about any child's success and efforts outside of school-please continue to let us know so we can celebrate them as a community!





House Points

Well done to the **Romans and Celts** who both received the most House Points this week!



BICYCLE CROSSING

Scooter and Bike Safety:
Please can you ensure that children do not ride their scooters and bikes across the school crossing.

Please dismount and walk across with your scooter or bike—thank you.



A plea for volunteers! Nine Acres desperately needs volunteers to come in and hear readers during the afternoons! If you are interested and think that you could spare some time, please contact the office to let us know!



Helping Hands—PTA

Dates for diaries:

Easter Disco - Saturday 8th April 5pm-7pm

Tickets for the Easter Disco will be going on sale soon—Please look out for posters!

Family Fun Night

A massive thank you to Mr Smith for organising such a fantastic evening! I can't remember when I laughed so much. Thank you to all the families who supported this event and I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! The evening raised just under £30 but more importantly a lot of fun was had!



- ◆ The next Helping Hands meeting will be on Monday 3rd April. We would love to see you there.



REMINDER: We have a selection of cake boxes left over from the Helping Hands cake sales. If you think they are yours, please enquire at the school office.



A pair of Specsavers blue rimmed glasses and a dark blue Specsavers case has been handed in. If they belong to your child please collect at the school office.

A Union Jack Ukulele has been mislaid. It is in a black case with TIGER written on the front containing the very small initials of AW on the letter T of TIGER. If you have seen it anywhere or find it, can you please notify the school office.



W/C Monday 27th March 2017:

Monday: Mozzarella & Tomato Pizza/Italian Style Omelette(v), with Herby Garlic Bread Wedge, Sweetcorn and Broccoli, Yoghurt and Fruit Dippers

Tuesday: Pasta Bolognese/Mediterranean Tart with Cous Cous(v) Peas and Apple Slaw, Cheese and Biscuits

Wednesday: Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy/Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (v), Braised Red Cabbage and Carrots, Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce

Thursday: Chinese Chicken Noodles with Green Beans and Roasted Veg/ Sweet Potato & Veg Balti (v) with Basmati Rice, Green Beans and Roasted Veg, Fruit Flapjack



"Ladies that Lunch" Friday: Golden Fish Fingers/ Fillet of Fish with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas or Vegetarian Hot Dog, Decorated Shortbread Biscuit.



Child Led Assemblies: Dover Class

Tuesday 28th March 2017 9:15am —9:45am

Parents /carers of Dover class pupils are welcome to attend. Assembly to be held in the school hall. Please sign in at the office.

Nine Acres Child Led Assemblies:

Tuesday 28th March 9:15am - 9:45am Dover

Tuesday 4th April 9:15am—9:45am Corfe

Tuesday 25th April 9:15am—9:45am Hurst

Tuesday 2nd May 9:15am—9:45am Edinburgh

Tuesday 16th May 9:15am—9:45am Stirling

Tuesday 23rd May 9:15am—9:45am Windsor

Tuesday 13th June 9:15am—9:45am Balmoral

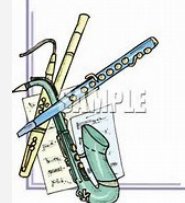
Tuesday 20th June 9:15am—9:45am Carisbrooke

Tuesday 27th June 9:15am—9:45am Yarmouth



Parents are welcome to attend. Please arrive at the office foyer to sign in.

WOODWIND LESSONS FOR PUPILS AT NINE ACRES:



Would you like to learn to play a new instrument?

This year, children from Year 3 and 4 have been working hard under the guidance of Mrs O'Connell to learn a number of pieces on the recorder. Mrs Dover from Wight Music Tuition, already teaches woodwind (Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone) at our school and has spaces for more pupils who wish to either continue their recorder playing or to use the skills they have already learned by taking up a new instrument in the woodwind family. Mrs Dover is able to arrange the loan of instruments free of charge.

The charge is £45 per term (Spring, Summer and Autumn terms). Lessons can be booked with the school office.

SCHOOL'S OUT-

Children aged 5-11 years



Computer games



Themed weeks



Cooking

Outdoor games

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

HOLIDAY CLUB

Qualified staff, OFSTED registered and insured

For more details contact us on the above numbers

Childcare vouchers accepted

Hours vary at each setting.

Discounts available for siblings attending together

TEL: 532358

Email: littleacreschildcarecentre@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON - Easter Holidays

WEEK 1 - MAGIC AND SCIENCE

Monday

Morning - Making magic wands

Afternoon - Magic Tricks

Tuesday

Morning - Science Experiments

Afternoon - Balloon rockets

Wednesday

Morning - Magic Potion Making

Afternoon - Giant Bubbles

Thursday

Morning - Straw Rockets

Afternoon - Science Experiments with balloons

Week 2 - EASTER AND ALL THINGS YUMMY!

Tuesday

Morning - Easter Egg Hunt

Afternoon - Sandwich Making

Wednesday

Morning - Chocolate Easter nests

Afternoon - Origami Rabbits

Thursday

Morning - Egg and Spoon racing

Afternoon - Making Easter baskets

Friday

Morning - Making Easter Bonnets and Parade

Afternoon - Making Easter Bonnets and Parade

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35 years of serving the Isle of Wight

Join us to celebrate the 35th anniversary
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Sunday 14th May 2017

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