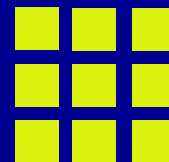


NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 10th March 2017



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Dear Families,

Another busy week at school! Thank you to Warwick class who have started our first class led assemblies on a Tuesday morning. They talked about the theme of 'Identity' and we all got to hear a little bit more about each of them. It was lovely to welcome in family members to see their children in action. The class led assemblies are something we have thought carefully about as a school. Under our new values system, we feel it is important that all children develop their confidence and experience talking in front of an audience as these are such vital skills for the future workplace. We have put the dates in for the whole year so you can plan ahead to attend your child's assembly. Year 6 will be performing later in the Summer Term.



I was so excited on Thursday evening to welcome back the choir from their trip to London. This is now the second year we have taken them to the Voice in a Million concert singing with hundreds of other school choirs. Not only did they enjoy this amazing experience but also stopped off at the Natural History Museum and took in some of the hustle and bustle of London Town.

It doesn't stop there for our Nine Acres choir! As I write this newsletter I am anxiously waiting for their return from the Isle of Wight Music Festival to find out how they have got on in the competition. Our children really do have a wide range of talents and gifts at Nine Acres.



Your child will be coming home with their Spring Term 2 Curriculum Leaflet and a special invitation from them to you to come to parents evening to see their hard work.

The appointment times are available to sign up to at the office and I would encourage your child to attend the appointment with you to share in this together. On both evenings our Pupil Leadership Team representatives will be meeting and greeting our families and asking you to complete a parental questionnaire. Your views are important to us as we move on with our journey- please take the time to consider what we are doing well and suggest any ideas to help us achieve even better.



We will be having a 'RED' mufti day on Friday 24th March to celebrate Red Nose Day. We are asking for a contribution of £1 with half going to charity and half towards our IPAD fund. More details about the day will follow.

Have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Dyer

School Development News

This week we welcomed two Local Authority inspectors to review our progress in Teaching and Learning across the school. The inspectors watched lessons with myself, Mrs Broome and Miss Paddon. They looked at children's books, analysed data, interviewed leaders and met with a group of children. It is days like this that are a fantastic opportunity for our staffing team and children to demonstrate all their hard work and determination as we are 'Striving for Excellence' together.



Governor news

The Governors have been reviewing safeguarding procedures this week. Our new Governor Leanne Scorse met with Mrs Broome to discuss the processes within the school. Mr Tiller also attended a very useful training session in 'Understanding the New Primary Curriculum' which has helped him to strengthen his role as Maths Governor. Finally it was great to welcome Ian Townsend (Vice Chair) to review a selection of children's English books which complimented Mrs Tingle's presentation on English to the Governors.

Diary Dates 2017

Mon 13th March Parents Evening 3:20pm-6:00pm

Tues 14th March Year 2 Roald Dahl Museum Trip

Wed 15th March Parents Evening 3:20-5:30pm

Mon 20th / Tues 21st March Year 5 Overnight Trip to London

Wed 22nd March World Water Day On The Wight

Fri 24th March Red Nose Day

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

Attendance

Whole school attendance target **96.0%**.
Dates: **03/03/17 - 09/03/17**

	Attendance	Lates
Yarmouth:	97.04%	4
Carisbrooke:	92.59%	0
Corfe:	95.22%	6
Hurst:	97.18%	3
Balmoral:	92.73%	0
Windsor:	93.75%	2
Arundel:	99.13%	1
Dover:	96.19%	0
Tintagel:	97.24%	1
Warwick:	97.67%	2
Edinburgh:	96.07%	0
Stirling:	95.33%	1
Durham:	95.36%	4
York:	97.59%	5

Congratulations Arundel!

Whole school attendance this week is: **95.98% !**



Star Learner of the week

Yarmouth:	Chloe
Corfe:	Kalli
Hurst:	Sydney
Balmoral:	Dylan
Arundel:	Mehran
Dover:	Callum
Tintagel:	Toby
Warwick:	The whole class
Windsor:	Ruby Lou
Stirling:	Daniel
Edinburgh:	Kaydee
Durham:	Leo
York:	Macie



Monday 8th May 2017 is the start of KS2 SATS week.



House Points

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



Helping Hands—PTA



Dates for diaries:

Family Fun Night - Friday 17th March 6pm-7.30pm

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

Family Fun Night Our next event will be a family event held in the hall, hosted by Mr Smith in Year 4. It will lots of fun activities - no prizes just lots of opportunities to laugh and spend time with your family. Look out for the posters and more information coming soon!

Playtime Equipment

On Monday we will be getting together to decide which playtime equipment to buy using the Round the Island sponsor money and the generous gift from BAE. If your child has any preferences we would love to hear from you! Please put any suggestions in the Helping Hands box by the office.



Easter Disco

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



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

W/C Monday 13th March 2017:

Monday: Macaroni Cheese/Vegetable Bolognese with Pasta (v), Sweetcorn and Crunchy Salad, Crunchy Italian Biscuit with Fruit Slices

Tuesday: Bangers and Mashed Potatoes/Cauliflower Corn Bake (v), Mashed Potato, Peas and Carrots, Fruit Strudel with Custard

Wednesday: Roast Turkey with Gravy/Vegetarian Toad in the Hole (v), Roast Potatoes, Swede & Carrot and Seasonal Cabbage, Chocolate Oatie Cookie with Fruit Slices

Thursday: Orange Chicken with Basmati Rice/Sizzling Bean Fajitas (V) with Peppers & Onions in a Flour Tortilla, Peas and Broccoli, Mango Frozen Yoghurt

Friday: Salmon Goujons with Chips/Vegetarian Burger with Chips, Baked Beans and Crunchy Light Coleslaw, Fruity Sponge Cake with Custard



Healthy eating at Nine Acres: Please can you ensure that children only have a water to drink in school and a healthy snack for break time.



Child Led Assemblies: Tintagel Class

Tuesday 14th March 2017 9:15am —9:45am

Parents /carers of Tintagel 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 14th March 9:15-9:45am Tintagel

Tuesday 21st March 9:15am—9:45am Arundel

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.

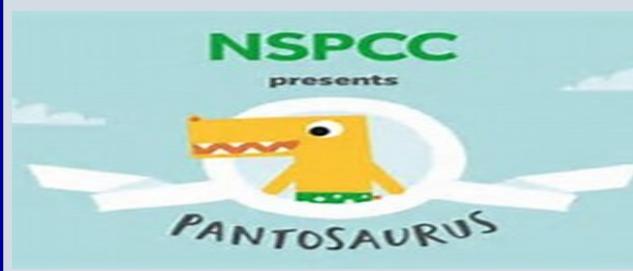


The children may have noticed some interesting displays around school this week! The NSPCC has an amazing initiative to help children keep themselves safe from abuse. This is called **PANTS**

and with the help of Pantosaurus, children can learn that their body belongs to them and to speak out if something upsets them. It is a wonderful, child-centred programme that you can talk to them about at home! There is nothing scary or inappropriate in it, just some easy-to-follow rules to keep your child safe.

The link to the website is; <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

Or you can type 'NSPCC pants' into a search engine and click on the first result. You will find a video, an interactive game, useful tips for parents and carers and even downloadable guides for children, parents and foster carers.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

WE WANT THE WORLD TO UNITE AGAINST CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

NATIONAL CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AWARENESS DAY

Aims to highlight the issues surrounding CSE; encouraging everyone to think, spot and speak out against abuse and adopt a zero tolerance to adults developing inappropriate relationships with children or children developing inappropriate relationships with other children.

On Saturday 18 March 2017, we want to unite against child sexual exploitation

Come to St Thomas's Square, Newport between 10am - 4pm to write a personal pledge on either your hand or a paper version to show support for our Helping Hands campaign. Post your photo on social media with the hashtag #HELPINGHANDS to help us raise awareness of CSE. To find out more information about CSE please visit www.stop-cse.org or www.alicesdiary.org

Use these hashtags for your images on social media to help raise awareness: #SAYSOMETHING #HELPINGHANDS #CSEHELPME



Attendance = Achievement

The link between attendance and achievement is clear at Nine Acres Primary School, the more you are in school the better chance you have of learning! This newsletter highlights how we support and encourage good attendance and punctuality.

Our Whole School attendance target is 96%

Our actual attendance up until 28th February 2017 (50% of the school year) was:

95.74%



What attendance looks like for your class:

1st Place	Edinburgh	97.14%
2nd Place	Dover	96.85%
3rd Place	Durham	96.84%
4th Place	Balmoral	96.81%
5th Place	Arundel	96.34%
6th Place	Stirling	96.15%
7th Place	Yarmouth	95.75%
8th Place	Tintagel	95.67%
9th Place	Warwick	95.51%
10th Place	York	95.35%
11th Place	Hurst	95%
12th Place	Windsor	94.83%
13th Place	Carisbrooke	94.21%
14th Place	Corfe	93.91%

Well done to Edinburgh, Dover, Durham, Balmoral, Arundel and Stirling Class for reaching our whole school target!

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Attendance monitors

Attendance monitors have now been chosen for each class! Each child will receive a letter home to explain their new role and a badge to wear at school. These children have the important job on making sure their class know what their attendance is each week by putting up the attendance posters for their class. They also have the important task of recording the children in their class who are on time every day by using a tick sheet. If you are on time every day for two weeks your attendance monitor will let Mrs Broome know and your name will be entered into our half-termly prize draw.

Remember—being on time for school means you learn more and you have more chances of winning that punctuality prize!

Our Spring Term Punctuality Prize is:



A voucher for JR Zone!

Attendance Updates

Education Welfare Officer led Attendance meetings - this week we are meeting with Sarah Baker to discuss all children whose attendance is below 95% and those that are persistently late. This may involve inviting families to Attendance meetings to discuss ways forward in improving attendance. These are supportive meetings led by Sarah and are also attended by Mrs Broome, our Deputy Head Teacher and Mrs Hussey, our child and family worker. Children who do not reach our attendance target do not achieve as well as those who do - it is our duty to ensure your child achieves their very best, it is your duty to ensure they attend school regularly. We are duty bound to work with all families to support increased levels of attendance and punctuality.

Attendance meeting requests will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. If you feel you need to talk to someone about your child's attendance and/or punctuality, please contact the school and arrange a meeting with Mrs Broome or Mrs Hussey.



Walk The Wight Sunday 14th May 2017

The 4 mile **Schools Walk** from Freshwater Bay to The Needles Landmark Attraction is for all SWTW registered children and their families who wish to **participate** on the day of **Walk the Wight**. Children do not have to take part in this walk to complete their miles, although we'd love to see as many people as possible join us on the day.

Children who take part in the Schools Walk on **Sunday 14th May** will receive their **medal** at the end of the walk. Children who do not take part on the day and have completed their map will receive their medal at a special assembly held at their school.

Southern Vectis are offering **FREE all day travel** on any of their services to all participants with Walker numbers. This offer has been extended to include the parents/guardians of children taking part in the Schools Walk.

Full details and event information of this walk are contained in the **SWTW walker pack** which each registered child receives.

Please collect a copy of the registration form from the Nine Acres school office. The deadline to return the completed form is TUESDAY 14TH MARCH 2017.



Date	Time	Teacher
11th March	0730-0830	Michael Cooper (Push Fitness)
25th March	0730-0830	Michael Cooper (Push Fitness)
8th April	0730-0830	Michael Cooper (Push Fitness)
22nd April	0730-0830	Michael Cooper (Push Fitness)
6th May	0730-0830	Michael Cooper (Push Fitness)
20th May	0730-0830	Michael Cooper (Push Fitness)

To Book please call Tackt-Isle Adventures: 01983 875542

or email: hello@tackt-isle.co.uk

Now only £5 per session!



Family Photo Shoot—Christ the King College

Bookings are now being taken for this great opportunity of a family and friends photo shoot.. This has been arranged for **Saturday, 11th March from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. at the Lower College Hall, Christ the King College .**

You are able to book a private slot to meet with the photographer and have a sitting, during which time 10 or more photographs in various poses will be taken. The appointment is arranged so that it is private and you have time to discuss with the photographer your requirements. Why not bring along the whole family — grandparents, Mum and Dad, younger brothers and sisters!

The sitting is completely **free** and there is no obligation to purchase. You will receive copies of the proofs and time to make your selection. We have arranged for the photographer to visit us at this time to ensure that the photographs will be with you in good time before the Easter break, and so would make wonderful presents.

Please contact Glynis Hutchings, Admin Department, 537070 as soon as possible to book your slot.

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