



NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 20th December 2019



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Dear Families,

#OUR YEAR OF GREATNESS CONTINUES...

We have just received the news that **NINE ACRES PRIMARY SCHOOL** has been awarded the
LEADING PARENT PARTNERSHIP AWARD

This **NATIONAL** award is given to schools for their work in partnership with all parents and carers as we know increasing parental participation in school life leads to improved pupil progress, punctuality, attendance and behaviour. As part of the award we were inspected by an assessor over the year and a full day of inspection in November, a range of paperwork was scrutinised, interviews were held with Staff, Governors, Parents and Pupils.



The assessor made the following comments in his final report:

- ♦ Parental engagement is a central principle of the school and leaders feel it is an integral part of the school improvement journey.
- ♦ Leaders are reflective practitioners and priorities for the school are borne from a firm evidence base.
- ♦ The Family Liaison Officer has a pivotal role in supporting and engaging parents.
- ♦ The school has a clear vision of how it wants to develop parental engagement in the future, with a determination to reach out and engage all parents.
- ♦ The governors are fully committed to developing parental partnership, where being a part of the community is of high importance. They both support and challenge leaders to ensure strategies adopted by the school are effective.
- ♦ All the staff interviewed demonstrated a commitment to working in partnership with the parents.
- ♦ Staff feel fully involved in the development of parental engagement.
- ♦ Parents are very appreciative of the staff and feel confident in approaching school if they have any queries or worries. They value the regular contact with staff and school leaders. One parent stated, "... I wouldn't want my son to go to any other primary school."
- ♦ There is a wide range of workshops which they can attend and following these, the parents are more confident in supporting their children using the same methods as the school. They also have the opportunity to work alongside their children which they value.
- ♦ Documentation parents receive is helpful, informative and free from unnecessary educational jargon.
- ♦ Parents feel valued by the school and know their opinions matter and are acted upon.
- ♦ The pupils are very proud of their school and value the ways in which their parents are involved. They said it was a place where, "...teachers will try lots of different ways to help you understand."
- ♦ Pupils value their education and are excellent ambassadors for their school.

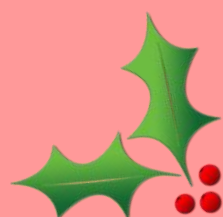
We are so proud to have received this **National Award** but as always will continue to **'STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE'** for our whole community. As always if you have any suggestions or feedback to pop in and see us. We value your ideas!

On behalf of the Governors and myself I would like to thank the whole staffing team for their unwavering support and commitment to the vision of Nine Acres and to wish all our community a wonderful festive break and we look forward to seeing you all back on

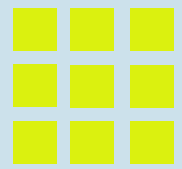
Monday 6th January at 8:45am!

Best wishes,

Mrs Dyer



Nine Acres Governing Body Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first of the Nine Acres Governing Body's newsletter. We intend to send you one at the end of every term, which will update you with the important work the Governors do to support the school and, ultimately, the education of your children.

Details of who the Governors are, can be found on the school website.

The role of the Governors is strategic, and our job is to hold the Headteacher and Senior Leaders to account for the progress of your children. We also help to set the vision for the school. We ensure the funding is spent appropriately and, lastly, and most vitally, help support a robust safeguarding culture in the school.

During this term, all our Governors have participated in a variety of events, as well as the monthly meetings. In these meetings we regularly have presentations from the teaching staff on different subjects. It has allowed the Governors to see the progress of the pupils and oversee how the broad and rich curriculum is delivered.

In September, we welcomed Ben Britton and Lisa Vis as new Co-opted Governors. Ben started the term by completing the online Governors Induction training and Lisa attend an Ofsted training session. During the November meeting, all Governors participated in a Safeguarding exercise using potential real life scenarios. This was overseen by Mike who is our Safeguarding lead. Both myself and Mark attended the Year 3 Geology morning and enjoyed seeing the children's Volcano models and learn very interesting and important facts about the subject.

This year, the Governing Body enrolled on a new website, Governorhub. This is a portal which allows us to easily share and store important information. As clerk, Richard is responsible for managing and accurately recording every monthly Full Governors meeting, and he has been updating the Governorhub website and making sure we all have access.

One of the crucial roles of the Governors is to oversee and approve the content and implementation of the school's policies. Ben and Mike have done some important work in this area. All of the Governors have completed a 'skills audit' to identify where we would benefit from additional training and make sure the broad range of skills the Governors have is used to the best advantage for the school.

We hope this gives you a glimpse of how we are working behind the scenes to help the Headteacher and Staff deliver the best possible education for your child.

We wish you all a Happy, Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Chris Douglass

Chair of Governors

**GREATNESS
IS A LOT OF
SMALL
THINGS
DONE WELL
EVERYDAY.**

Greatness
is for all
of us.

Diary Dates

2019/2020



Mon 23rd Dec 2019 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Tues 24th Dec - Fri 3rd Jan 2020 - END OF TERM.

Mon 6th Jan 2020 - First day of Spring Term.

NEW Fri 10th Jan 2020 - Year 4 Brading Roman Villa Trip.

Thurs 16th Jan 2020 Stirling Class - Alex Ryder Mission Trip.

Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb 2020 - HALF TERM.

Thurs 5th March 2020 - World Book Day - All children to dress as a bee!!

Mon 6th Apr - Fri 17th Apr 2020 - EASTER HOLIDAYS.

Fri 8th May 2020 - May Day Bank Holiday.

Week Commencing 11th May 2020 - KS2 SATS Week.

Week Commencing 18th May 2020 - KS1 SATS Week.

Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May 2020 - HALF TERM.

Thurs 18th June 2020 - Year 6 Leavers Trip.

Thurs 23rd July 2020 Last day of the Summer Term.

*New dates will be added - Please check the box for **NEW** to see any added dates.*

CAN YOU HELP?

A two wheeled lilac/pink scooter with a picture of a skull has been removed from the bike rack, please can you return this as soon as possible. Thank you.

Lovely Feedback!!

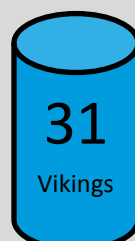
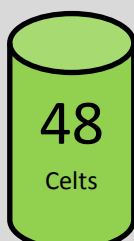
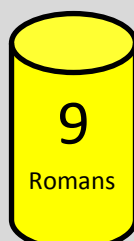
'On Monday we travelled from Cowes to Southampton on a Red Funnel ferry. We would very much like to thank the youngsters from Nine Acres for making it such a memorable trip. They sang their hearts out all of the way up the Solent'. Thank you and have a Merry Christmas.



A reminder that children should be in school shoes from January not trainers or boots. Unless there is a medical note, this is an expectation of all pupils.

House Points

Well done to **CELTs** who received the most House Points



Attendance

Whole school attendance target **96.0%**.

Dates: **13/12/2019 - 19/12/2019**

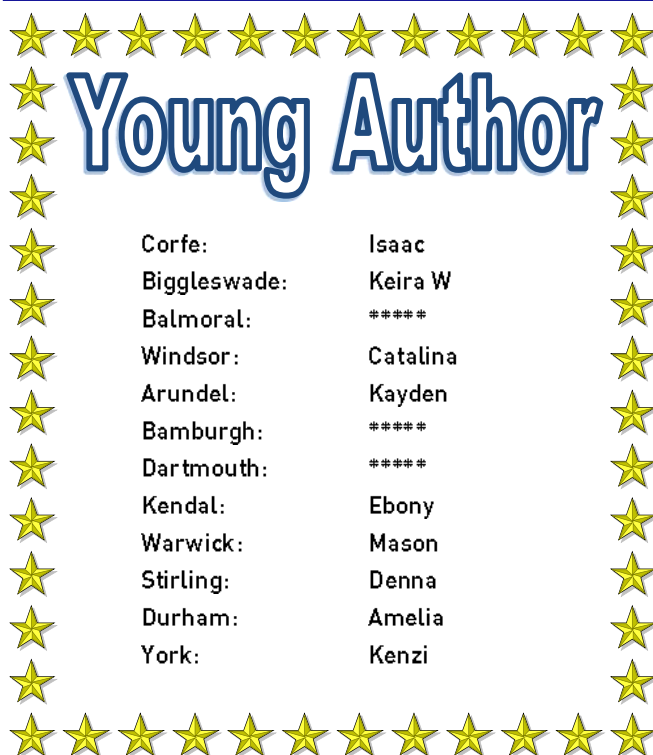
	Attendance	Lates
Carisbrooke:	96.67%	2
Yarmouth:	95.57%	7
Corfe:	99.17%	5
Biggleswade:	93.60%	1
Balmoral:	95.71%	1
Windsor:	95.77%	0
Arundel:	97.50%	6
Bamburgh:	98.62%	4
Dartmouth:	95.38%	3
Kendal:	88.75%	1
Warwick:	94.33%	0
Stirling:	99.00%	4
Durham:	95.18%	2
York:	94.78%	0

Whole school attendance this week is: **96.18%**

Well done CORFE!!

HEADLICE

Please check your children's hair regularly due to several cases of headlice in school. Should you require any guidance please speak to your local pharmacy for support.



Young Author

Corfe:	Isaac
Biggleswade:	Keira W
Balmoral:	*****
Windsor:	Catalina
Arundel:	Kayden
Bamburgh:	*****
Dartmouth:	*****
Kendal:	Ebony
Warwick:	Mason
Stirling:	Denna
Durham:	Amelia
York:	Kenzi

School Car Park

Our school car park is for staff and visitors to the school only. It has been noted that there have been children who are unsupervised and therefore a potential safety risk, we would kindly request that parents/carers do not use this car park at any time.

Parking permits for the Chapel Street car park are available from the school office.

IOW SPRING MENU 2020						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
WEEK ONE 6 Jan 27 Jan 24 Feb 16 Mar	Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Sausage Roll with Wedges	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken with Rice	Fish Fingers / Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips
	Option 2	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Vegan Sausage Roll with Wedges	Potato & Courgette Stack with Roast Potatoes	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta with Garlic Bread	Homemade Vegetable Sausage with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Coleslaw	Cauliflower Broccoli	Carrots Green Beans	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Baked Beans Peas
	Dessert	Oaty Pear Crumble & Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Syrup Sponge with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Apple, Cheese & Crackers Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt Station Fresh Fruit	Pineapple Cake Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit
WEEK TWO 13 Jan 3 Feb 2 Mar 23 Mar	Option 1	Chicken Curry with 50/50 Rice	Sausage, Mashed Potato & Gravy	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips
	Option 2	Cheese Whirl with New Potatoes	Linda McCartney Sausages, Mashed Potato & Gravy	Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Hotpot	Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Cabbage	Peas Cauliflower	Carrots Green Beans	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Baked Beans Peas
	Dessert	Apple Flapjack Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Drizzle Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Apple, Cheese & Crackers Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt Station Fresh Fruit	Orange & Lemon Shortbread Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit
WEEK THREE 20 Jan 10 Feb 9 Mar 30 Mar	Option 1	Cheese & Tomato French Bread Pizza	Spaghetti Beef Bolognese	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Stir Fry with Noodles	Fish in Batter with Chips
	Option 2	Five Bean Chilli with Rice	Vegetable Bolognese	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetarian Stir Fry with Noodles	Cheese Frittata with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Swede Carrot	Carrots Peas	Green Beans Cauliflower	Baked Beans Peas
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Banana Sponge & Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Apple, Cheese & Crackers Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt Station Fresh Fruit	Chocolate & Orange Brownie Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit

Added Plant Power
 Vegan
 Wholemeal
 Oily Fish
 Marine Stewardship Council
www.msc.org
 Chair of Custody
 Reg Code: MNE-C1009

Available Daily

- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)
- Bread freshly baked on site daily
- Daily salad selection

ALLERGY INFORMATION

If your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.

Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

Are you in receipt of any of the following benefits?

- Income Support (IS)
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided the parent is not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, which does not exceed £16,190
- Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Please complete a Free School Meal form, these are located in the foyer by the school office.

ParentPay is our only method of making payments.



We no longer accept cash at the office. All items that require payment will be available on ParentPay:

- School Dinners
- Enrichment Clubs
- School Trips

Please ensure your account is activated as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Development Days so far..

~~Monday 3rd September 2019~~

Friday 20th December 2019 - Finishing at 1.00pm

Monday 23rd December 2019

Friday 3rd April 2020 - Finishing at 1.00pm

Monday 15th June 2020

Friday 24th

July 2020



PRIOR NOTICE

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March.

The whole school community will be creating a 'Buzz about Books'. All pupils are invited to dress up as a bee on this day.



HELPING HANDS PTA Email Address:

HelpingHands@nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk



**NEW **Spring Term - Cake Sales

The Spring term sees the return of the annual Friday afternoon cake sales. We ask that year groups take it in turns to donate cakes for the 'Friday Cake Sales' at 3pm on the following dates:

- Friday 31st January - years 5 and 6
- Friday 14th February - years Y3 and 4
- Friday 6th March - years 1 and 2
- Friday 20th March - EYFS

The cake sales are held in the front and back playgrounds.

How does it work?

Please bring donations of homemade or bought cakes into school at 8.45 am on the morning of your child's year group sale. Please bring the cakes to your child's classroom. Helping Hands will then collect them, bag them up and sell them at 3.10pm. (Please make sure cake boxes are clearly labelled if you would like them returned.)

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 07.01.20 at 9am, meet in the foyer - all welcome.

(Please note we are trialling a change of day and time)

Dates for your Diary

****NEW **Next Meeting - Tuesday 7th January, 9.00am**
 (please note we are trialling a change of day and time)