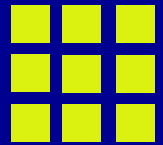


NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 15th January 2021



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Dear Families of Nine Acres Primary,

I do hope you are all now getting stuck into the home learning packs - **THANK YOU** for all your lovely comments regarding these packs and how they are supporting your whole family life along with your child's education. Like I shared in my letter last week, our home learning offer is a mixture in order to support the wide ranging needs of our families we serve. Our aim though is to make it as stress free as possible for you all so that you have everything you and your child needs to make a successful learning experience. I know some children and parents have even extended the learning opportunities - this is great and thank you for your support. We are also busy looking at setting up some 'Google Meets' so children can remote in and catch up with one another for both a bit of social time but also a focus on supporting children's writing in providing a 'live' taught writing workshop. More information will come out to families in the next two weeks giving you enough time to set up the necessary logins and passwords.

As you will be aware from news both locally and nationally, it seems that this new variant is highly transmissible and as a result we do have a few staff members in our team who are currently self isolating as a precautionary measure as they have had alerts on their NHS Track and Trace App from differing possible contacts. These staff members have not been in school and so there is no further action for us to take. One member of our office team has however tested positive (thankfully she is well though, apart from a cough!) and as a result our lovely ladies are working from home until their isolation ends. As a result of our robust risk assessments it means once again there is no further action to be taken within the school although I have enjoyed answering the phones to families though and have a new appreciation for all their hard work including the dinner registers and the photocopier!

In addition to this, where possible, I have asked staff to work from home such as when taking their preparation and planning time and we have put the classes in each year group together. This helps us to limit the number of adults in school. We did this successfully in the last lockdown and the staff are all still working very hard and contacting families during this time to check in. All our procedures of hand washing, hand gel, social distancing and face shields continue to be in place.

Some families have asked about the Free School meal situation. When we first went into lockdown the government stated that we had to use the catering provider on site to facilitate meals to our families. Over the past few days however, thanks to lots of support from the media the Government has decided that schools can now use the voucher system even though we are still open and still have catering staff on site. We now have to go through the process of setting these up for families using the Government directed site. So in the interim, we are offering a food parcel for the next two weeks with the hope that the vouchers will be ready for families starting on the 1st February. We will of course let you know once we are set up and running.

You may be worrying about your child's learning being lost as a result of this pandemic. It was evident from the last lockdown that children came back ready to learn and many had improved in areas as a result of your one to one support. However if things get too much I would urge you to do at least one thing and that is READ - read aloud to or with them from a challenging and engaging book at or slightly above their comfort range. Encourage them to read a range of materials - as much independent reading as you possibly can. Not only will this help their mental health and well being but also enhance their vocabulary and ability to expand on their language when talking and/or writing.

I have loved seeing your home learning sent to us this week via the emails and I know the staff have enjoyed their chats with you too. The new learning packs will be ready for collection on Friday 22nd January and it is expected that the old packs are returned with the work completed. This is so your child's teacher can check through the work set and feedback to your child. They can also look at further support or guidance needed and even develop more challenging work if that is required.



Please remember we are here for you all - just pick up the phone or send us an email office@nineacrespri.co.uk

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Dyer

Diary Dates 2020/2021



Tues 9th Feb 2021 - Safer Internet Day.

Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb 2021 - HALF TERM.

Thurs 4th Mar 2021 - World Book Day.

Fri 5th Mar - Sun 14th Mar 2021 - British Science Week.

Fri 12th Mar 2021 - World Maths Day.

Week beginning 22nd March 2021 - Parents' Evening.

Fri 26th Mar 2021 - Early Closing.

Fri 26th Mar - Fri 9th April 2021 - Easter Holidays.

Mon 12th April 2021 - First day of Summer Term.

W/B Mon 10th May 2021 - KS2 SATs Week.

W/B Mon 17th May 2021 - KS1 SATs Week.

Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June 2021 - HALF TERM.

Mon 21st Jun 2021 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Thurs 1st July 2021 - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day.

Fri 2nd July 2021 - KS2 Sports Day.

Thurs 22nd July 2021 - Last day of the Summer Term.

Fri 23rd July 2021 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

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

Enrichment Clubs Spring Term 1 2021

Due to the current circumstances surrounding schools, we are unable to provide our Enrichment Clubs during the first half of the Spring Term. A refund for the first half of the Spring Term will be refunded in due course, please bare with us this will be processed as soon as possible. A text will be sent once this is completed.

Thank you for your patience.

SCHOOL UNIFORM AT NINE ACRES PRIMARY SCHOOL

EYFS - Year 4

Autumn/Spring Term

School Logo White Polo Shirt (Blue for EYFS only)
Navy Blue Jumper/Cardigan with School Logo
Charcoal Grey Trousers or Grey Skirt
Grey or White Plain Ankle Socks
Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/
Trainers

Summer Term

School Logo White Polo Shirt (Blue for EYFS only)
Charcoal Grey Shorts or Skirt/Blue Summer Dress
Grey or White Ankle Short Socks
Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/
Trainers

Year 5 and Year 6

Autumn/Spring Term

Navy Blue Jumper/Cardigan with School Logo
Plain White Shirt (Long or Short Sleeve)
School Tie
Charcoal Grey Trousers or Skirt
Grey or White Ankle Short Socks
Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/
Trainers

Summer Term

Plain White Shirt (Short Sleeve)
School Tie
Charcoal Grey Shorts or Skirt
Grey or White Plain Short Socks
Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/
Trainers



PE Kit (All Years)

Lime Green Logo Polo Shirt
Navy/Black Shorts
Trainers
White Plain Short Ankle Socks
Navy Blue or Black Tracksuit Bottoms & a Navy hooded top for Sports activities
Drawstring PE Bag



EYFS - Monday
YEAR 1 - Wednesday
YEAR 2 - Friday
YEAR 3 - Monday
YEAR 4 - Thursday
YEAR 5 - Wednesday
YEAR 6 - Tuesday

PE DAYS



All children should come to school in their PE kits on their allocated day.

Please ensure your child has the appropriate PE kit and footwear for PE lessons.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school everyday.

Please remove all earrings before your child comes to school and ensure that long hair is tied back.

BETTER DAYS
ARE COMING!

Development Days so far.....

~~Monday 2nd September 2020~~

~~Monday 2nd November 2020~~

Monday 21st June 2021

Friday 23rd July 2021

We have 1 more Development Day to book.



Isle of Wight School Terms And Holidays 2020 – 2021

Determined programme of school term and holiday dates for county and controlled schools for the academic year 2020/21

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Contact Details

Email - office@nineacrespri.co.uk

Please use this email to send through pictures of your children and their learning. Also this email address if you wish to communicate with your child's teacher.

Telephone School Office - 522984

Website - www.nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk

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.

Reading at Home

It is an expectation that all children in Years EYFS – Year 6 should be reading at home at least 3 times a week. Their reading record should be signed by a parent/carer each week and these are checked in the classroom on a Thursday.



Breakfast for Children

Our school has signed up to receive free, healthy breakfast food as part of the Covid response offer, under the National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP).

As part of this government-funded programme, we are able to send home packs of bagels, cereal or porridge to families who may need some support at the moment. If you would like to know more or ask for a pack, please contact the office and ask for Mrs Hussey.

We are here to help all of our families, especially in these challenging times!

The benefits of a healthy breakfast include children being settled and ready to learn at the start of the day.

#fuelforlearning

#schoolbreakfast

#healthybreakfast



Delivering the National School Breakfast Programme

REMINDER - FACE COVERINGS

Following updated Government guidance, a face covering is now required when entering our school building. Please ensure you adhere to this requirement & use a face covering when dropping anything to the office.



Useful Information

West Newport's Children Centre

Wellington Road, Newport, PO30 5QT

Tel: 01983 537390

Wight DASH (Domestic Abuse) Tel: 01983 825981

Childline: Tel: 0800 1111

Samaritans: Tel: 01983 617617

Mental Health

Community Safe Haven: 01983 520168

Mental Health Crisis Advise

Tel: 01983 522214 available 24/7

NHS 111 Advice and Guidance Tel: 111

Community Mental Health Team

Inclusion

IOW Drug and Alcohol Service

102 Carisbrooke Road, Newport, PO301DB

Tel: 01983 526654

Community CAHMS

7 Pyle Street, Newport, PO30 1JW

Tel: 01983 523602

Housing and Family Support

County Hall, High Street

Newport, Isle of Wight PO301UD Tel: 01983 823040

Opening Times:

Monday - Thursday 8.30-5.00pm

Friday 8.30 - 4.30pm

Emergency Contact number (Out of Hours only)

Tel: 01983 821105

Foodbank

Church on the Roundabout

Coppins Bridge, Newport PO30 2BX Tel: 01983 292040 <https://isleofwight.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/foodbank-vouchers/>

Safeguarding Public Line

0300 3000 117



Home Learning

Are you struggling with internet access for home learning?


















There are several schemes that can support families who need extra data for phones and tablets so that they can keep up their amazing learning at home!

As a school, we can apply for families to get extra data for their mobile devices and request 4G routers. In some instances, families have qualified for laptops to keep their children connected to their learning. If you cannot access online learning because of your internet, contact the school and ask for Mrs Hussey. She will be able to listen to what support you need and complete an application with you.

There is so much support available, please make the most of this opportunity and get in touch!



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