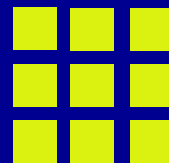




NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 1st February 2019



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Dear Families,

As I write this newsletter I am eagerly awaiting the Year 1 children to return from their exciting trip to the Mayflower Theatre to watch *'The Beauty and the Beast'* performance. I can't wait to hear all about it!

Our children really do get some great experiences both inside and outside the classroom! A huge thank you to the staff who organise these exceptional opportunities that make Nine Acres so unique.



A huge THANK YOU to 'Mr Paul' (Mr Worrell) our Site Manager who ventured out in the snow in the early hours this morning to check the safety of the site for everyone. He was wonderful in clearing pathways and making the school accessible to everyone. We couldn't have opened today without his hard work.

Next Tuesday we will be working with all the children on 'Internet Safety'. The children will undertake activities appropriate to their age group. Please chat to them about how they keep themselves safe online and what they would do if they were unhappy by anything they saw or that was said to them online - they should know! Mrs Broome will also include some useful information for you in next week's newsletter.

Have a lovely warm weekend!

Mrs Dyer



Adult Learning Opportunities

At Nine Acres we are always *'Striving for Excellence'* and truly value the learning and the experiences that the children take part in whilst they are here. As you know from our weekly updates in the newsletter, staff are also always looking for new ways to further their skills. We have been proud to celebrate staff successes in courses, senior leadership qualifications and even university degrees!

If you are interested in starting a course that could help you get a new job or a promotion or even just to keep yourself busy, there are lots of options out there! You can find lots of interesting and exciting courses on the following websites and many of them are free and part-time!

If you have any questions or you are unsure about how to enrol on these, Mrs Hussey will be happy to help.

<https://www.iwcommunitylearning.ac.uk/>

<http://www.barnardos.org.uk/iow/iow-adult-learning.htm>

<https://www.iwcollege.ac.uk/course-areas/adult-skills/>

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Diary Dates 2018/2019



NEW Tues 5th Feb 2019 Chinese New Year Menu.

Wed 6th Feb 2019 Year 4 Brading Roman Villa Trip.

Mon 11th Feb 2019 Year 5 Isle Dance Show - Show starts at 7pm at Medina Theatre.

NEW Wed 13th Feb 2019 Alnwick parents invited in to share Predator Projects as a class 2.15-3.10pm.

NEW Wed 14th Feb 2019 Valentines Menu.

NEW Wed 14th Feb 2019 Performance of Year 5 Isle Dance to Parents 5.30-6.00pm.

NEW Fri 15th Feb 2019 Year 1 'Be our Guest' Ball - Parents invited (pm). Time to be confirmed.

Fri 15th Feb 2019 EYFS 'Big Me' Dressing Up Day.

Fri 15th Feb 2019 Spring 1 Enrichment Clubs Finish.

Fri 15th Feb 2019 Last day of term.

Mon 18th - Fri 22nd February 2019 HALF TERM.

Thurs 28th Feb - Fri 1st Mar 2019 Year 3 Novium Museum Overnight Trip.

Mon 4th & Wed 6th Mar 2019 Parents' Evening.

NEW Week Commencing 11th March 2019 Science Week.

NEW Wed 13th March 2019 EYFS and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks with the School Nurse Team.

28th Mar - 29th Mar 2019 Year 5 London Overnight Trip.

Mon 8th - Mon 22nd April 2019 HALF TERM/EASTER

Mon 8th July 2019 KS2 Sports Day.

Tues 9th July 2019 EYFS & KS1 Sports Day.

Tues 23rd July 2019 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

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

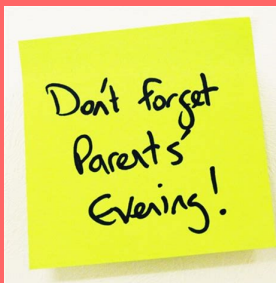


Spelling Champion

Corfe:	Whole Class
Balmoral:	Freddie
Windsor:	Brooke
Arundel:	Shayna
Alnwick:	Marli
Warwick:	Aiden
Edinburgh:	Keeley
Stirling:	Evelyn
Durham:	Miss Shobbrook's Spelling Group
York:	Harriet

Parents Evening: Early Notice!

Parents' Evenings will be Monday 4th March & Wednesday 6th March 2019. Booking sheets will be out nearer to these dates.



New Development Day

We have booked our last Development Day. School will be closed to pupils on **Monday 17th June 2019.**

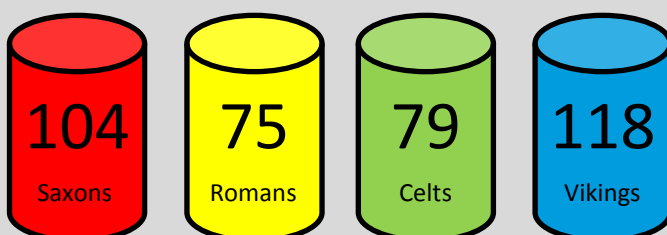


World Book Day: Early Notice!

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. We would love the children to dress in their favourite book character or dress as a character from the book they are studying in class.

House Points

Well done to **VIKINGS** who received the most House Points for this week!



Attendance

Whole school attendance target **96.0%**.
Dates: **25/01/2019 - 31/01/2019**

	Attendance	Lates
Carisbrooke:	96.80%	2
Yarmouth:	88.21%	5
Corfe	98.12%	1
Balmoral:	95.00%	5
Windsor:	93.85%	4
Arundel:	97.14%	5
Alnwick:	97.10%	2
Warwick	93.97%	1
Edinburgh:	94.78%	0
Stirling:	91.38%	3
Durham:	90.67%	1
York:	92.00%	1

Whole school attendance this week is: **94.25%**

Meet the Teacher

A bit about me ...



Mrs Sim

When I was about 9, my family joined the local amateur dramatic society—where I learnt to sing very loudly and developed a passion for entertaining people. I started ballet at 4 and kept it up till I was 16 (I took it up again after my youngest was a year old). My parents encouraged me to learn music so I now play the piano, recorder, clarinet and ukulele well enough to entertain myself –if no one else! At Cowes High, I was encouraged to play sport for the school (not because I was good – but because nobody else would). This habit continued at Uni where I fell in love with Rugby – playing for my college and then the Isle of Wight ladies side until a nasty knee injury and subsequent surgery stopped me.

I have 2 children, who keep me busy, and I'm currently the chair of the PTA at Nine Acres.



Why I enjoy being part of the Nine Acres Team

The thing I enjoy most about being part of the Nine Acres team is the people. Staff, children and parents all striving together to make the most of every opportunity that can be created—to give the children of Nine Acres the best start in education!

The team at Nine Acres, I truly believe, is worth investing in—both my children have been part of this team and I've worked here now for 21 years. Over that time, the team has changed but the passion has remained.



My Education

Being an East Cowes girl, my primary school was Holy Cross. At nine years old, I went to ABK (that shows my age) and finished at Cowes High where I completed my GCSEs and A-levels. From there I studied at Christchurch College Canterbury (now part of Kent University) where I received a joint degree in Maths and Education and got the chance to play a lot of sport—with a lot more enthusiasm than skill!

My Favourite Things

- My family.
- Being outside.
- The world around me—living things—particularly birds.
- Reading—I'm currently reading book 1 of the second series of Percy Jackson books 'Heroes of Olympus—The Lost Hero' by Rick Riordan. Also I have 'a flight of dragons, by Vivien French on my MP3 player.
- Talking to people.
- Dancing
- Learning

Things I am learning to help the children

At the moment, I'm learning about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), in order to raise awareness of these subjects for our children and give them opportunities to develop an interest in them. There are so many paths you can explore and fascinating future careers at the end of them! Currently, I'm researching the specifications for the Primary School F1 Jaguar Challenge, where teams of children get to design, create, present and race a cardboard car powered by a CO2 canister!! They are fast!



School Development News

This week has seen more professional development for our team. Mrs Chandler, Mrs Winter, Miss Hewison and Miss Palmer ventured out to see learning in another Primary School picking up tips and techniques. We have also welcomed Jess Paul from the Solent Maths Hub to touch base with every year group revisiting Mathematical Fluency. She was delighted to see the progress of the teachers subject knowledge and understanding of how Maths is sequentially taught and how our pupils are grasping the challenging concepts that they are expected to know.

Governor News

On Tuesday the Governing Body sent home a letter to all parents Regarding a Parent Governor Vacancy. Do please pop in and see me or make an appointment to see Mr Douglass (Chair) if you are interested. Our school is wonderful and you can really be part of the future success.

Development Days so far.....



~~Monday 3rd September 2018~~
~~Friday 23rd November 2018~~
~~Friday 21st December 2018~~
Monday 17th June 2019
Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Ensuring safe arrival to school

A reminder that children should arrive no earlier than 8:30am on site. They are not supervised until 8:45am and remain the responsibility of the parent even if they walk to school.

CHINESE NEW YEAR MENU

Tuesday 5th Feb 2019

Chinese Chicken Curry with Rice or Quorn Chow Mein Noodles

served with Broccoli and Roasted Peppers

Mandarin and Cinnamon Upside Down Cake

£1.95 for Years 3-6 unless entitled to Free School Meals

HELPING HANDS

Cake Sales

A big thank you to all the year 5 and 6 families who brought in the delicious cakes for the sale after school today, despite the snow!. They looked amazing!! The next cake sale will be on Friday 15th February, when it will be the turn of the children in year 3 and 4 to donate cakes.



NEXT MEETING - Monday
04.02.19



VALENTINES DAY MENU - Wed 14th Feb



Spaghetti Bolognese Or

Quorn Spaghetti Bolognese

served with Carrots and Peas

Valentine Chocolate Cookies

£1.95 for Years 3-6 unless entitled to Free School Meals

Dates for your Diary

Friday 15th February 2019 – Year 3 and 4 cake sales

Friday 8th March 2019 – Year 1 and 2 cake sales

Friday 22nd March 2019 – EYFS cake sale

NEXT MEETING – Monday 4th February, 9am meet by the office.

Email HelpingHands@nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk

**ParentPay is our only
method of making
payments to school.**



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

- **School Dinners**
- **Enrichment Clubs**
- **School Trips**

Login details have been sent by text to those who have not activated accounts yet. Please ensure your account is activated as soon as possible.

Thank you.