



# NINE ACRES NEWS

*'Striving for Excellence'*

**Friday 2nd November 2018**



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**Dear Families,**

What a great start back to the half term! It is certainly getting chilly outside so please remember to send your child in with a warm, named coat, hat and gloves!

I wanted to revisit our morning procedures with you as there seems to be some confusion. Can I reiterate that the start time of the day has not changed. We have only tightened up our in-school procedures to support your child with their learning.

As has always been expected, children should be on the back playground (Yr1/2/3/4/5) or front playground (EYFS/Yr6) at **8:45 am**. Teachers will be out ready to greet pupils and chat to parents at this time. At **10 to 9** **all the children should be in their class line** and will be led in by their teacher or LSA (if raining then children will be led in at 8:45am). The classroom doors will then close and children will start their learning – this half term we are focused on Maths. Any children arriving after this time will need to go through the main office so that classes are not disturbed or distracted. A child will not be marked late unless they arrive **after** 9.00am however we will start learning before then so your child may miss out on learning! If they arrive at 9.00 am each day they could miss up to nearly an hour's extra learning a week!

I appreciate parents' understanding and support with this for their child. As always if you have any questions about this just pop and see me or a member of the staffing team.

Mrs Tingle has just launched the 'Book Tuck Shop' for the children. Each fortnight on a Friday, the book tuck shop will be open for children to buy a brand new book to read for just £2.00. All monies will go on ordering new stock and titles for the children. It is a great privilege for us to be selling brand new books for the children to keep and treasure.

In addition we are currently consulting on the possibility of extending the school day by 10mins for a 'Story Time'. We would like to have the extra 10mins a day just to read to the children. Thank you for your continued support in hearing your child read most evenings. With a packed curriculum we would love to put by just a small amount of time in our day to stop and spend time sharing a story with the children. There is something special about sharing a really great class story together. We are asking for parents' views on this and the deadline for response will be 12<sup>th</sup> November. Please follow the link below <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TDPM3ZT> Results will be circulated a week after the closing date of the survey. Thank you to everyone who has commented so far!

We are also introducing 'Times Tables' to pupils in Year 1 upwards. Before this was only for KS2 pupils however we realise that learning these basic facts early on are so important. The children will be able to earn their badges alongside the older pupils. The Government states that all pupils by the end of Yr4 should know their Times Tables up to x12 and the related number facts. It makes sense to start earlier on- please practice them at home!

Your child will be bringing their curriculum leaflet home on Monday which will detail all the learning for next half term. Please look out for dates in the leaflet as well as keep an eye on the newsletter. We try to get dates in your diaries as soon as possible. The Christmas performance and Church dates are already booked so pop these in your diary and we will let you know when tickets go on sale.

News just in: We have won the Harris Family Cup as the school who has raised the most money for the Earl Mountbatten Hospice Schools Walk the Wight. Thank you to everyone who raised **£2,939.90**. A special well done to Thea in Y5 who raised **£2,160.00** towards the event.

We have been showing around lots of new families both for our new intake in September and to join in-year. Thank you for continuing to recommend us!

Have a warm weekend,

**Mrs Dyer**



## Diary Dates 2018/2019



**Thurs 8th Nov 2018** Year 5 & 6 Cinema Trip.

**NEW Fri 9th Nov 2018** Year 5 Stargazing Evening 7.00-8.30p.m.

**NEW Mon 12th Nov 2018** Alnwick Year 3/4 Class Parents' Evening  
(Sign up sheets out on Monday 5th November 2018).

**Wed 14th Nov 2018** EYFS visit to Newport Library a.m.

**Thurs 15th Nov 2018** Year 1 & 2 Cinema Trip.

**Fri 16th Nov 2018** Year 5 Snow Centre Trip.

**Wed 21st Nov 2018** Year 3 & 4 Cinema Trip.

**NEW Thurs 22nd Nov 2018** Year 2 Spinnaker Tower Trip.

**Fri 23rd Nov 2018 - DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**Mon 26th Nov 2018** Flu Vaccinations.

**Mon 26th & Wed 28th Nov 2018** Parents Evenings.

**Sat 1st Dec 2018** Helping Hands Christmas Fayre.

**Tues 11th Dec 2018** EYFS Play - Afternoon Performance.

**Wed 12th Dec 2018** EYFS Play - Morning Performance.

**NEW Wed 12th Dec 2018** Alnwick Class - Osborne House Visit

**Wed 12th Dec 2018** KS1 Play - Afternoon Performance.

**Fri 14th Dec 2018** KS2 Choral Singing at the Minister.

**Thurs 20th Dec 2018** Christmas Dinner Day.

**Fri 21st Dec 2018 - DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**Mon 24th Dec 2018 - Fri 4th Jan 2019** Christmas Break.

**Mon 7th Jan 2019** First day of the Spring Term.

**Tues 15th Jan 2019** Year 6 Boosters begin 3.00-4.15pm.

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

**Wed 6th Mar 2019** Parents Evening.

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

**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 each week - Please check the box for **NEW** to see any added dates.



Welcome to 3 new children who have joined us this term. We hope you enjoy your time at Nine Acres.

Isabella

Jessica

Tyler

### Development Days so far.....



Monday 3rd September 2018

Friday 23rd November 2018

Friday 21st December 2018

Tuesday 23rd July 2018

(We have 1 more day to confirm)

### FACEBOOK & TWITTER

We as a school regularly update social media with school information and pictures of our children hard at work with exciting activities. Please follow:

@NineAcresPrimary

If you would like to update your photo permissions so your child will be



included in photos  
please let the office



## IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2019?

### OPEN DAYS

20 November—  
1.30pm

No appointment  
needed!

We are a **GOOD** school with  
an **OUTSTANDING**  
Early Years Provision



Follow  
us on  
Facebook



### STAY & PLAY SESSIONS

3.30-4.30 pm

8th November, 29th November  
and 13th December

Come along to our drop in sessions  
to play and explore with  
our EYFS team

## PE Days with Miss Moseley and Mr Ballard for All Year Groups

Please ensure your child has their PE kits in school everyday as there maybe opportunities for extra sessions during the week.



### Tag Rugby

16 of Nine Acres year 3/4 pupils took part in a tag rugby competition yesterday against lots of other teams! Mr Ballard and Miss Moseley are very proud of all the hard work, teamwork and commitment - Well done children!!



# Attendance

Whole school attendance target **96.0%**.

Dates: **19/10/2018 - 01/11/2018**

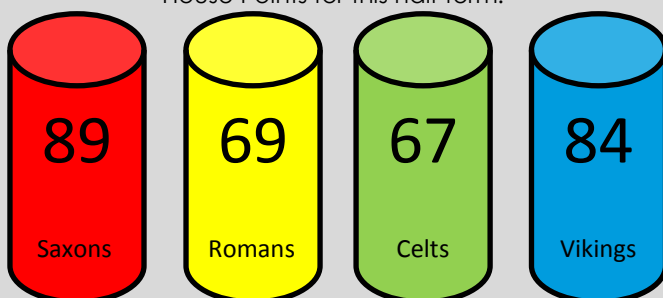
	Attendance	Lates
Carisbrooke:	99.21%	0
Yarmouth:	90.73%	2
Corfe	94.86%	1
Balmoral:	98.93%	1
Windsor:	96.48%	1
Arundel:	98.92%	6
Alnwick:	98.06%	0
Warwick	95.52%	3
Edinburgh:	94.35%	3
Stirling:	99.20%	1
Durham:	98.67%	2
York:	98.33%	1

**Congratulations to who have Carisbrooke won a sports session!!**

Whole school attendance this week is: 96.68%

### House Points

Well done to **SAXONS** who received the most House Points for this half term!



## Young Authors

Corfe:	Libby
Balmoral:	Brayden
Windsor:	Archie
Arundel:	*****
Alnwick:	Ellie
Warwick:	Izzy
Edinburgh:	Isaac
Stirling:	Lewis
Durham:	Danielle
York:	Dominic

### To send or not to send?

Often a child will wake up in the morning saying that they feel unwell. Always try to send your child to school if they are little under the weather for example with a runny nose, headache or tummy ache. We will always contact you if your child is unwell which is why it is so important we have two numbers to contact you on.

Please do not send your child to school if they have an infectious illness like chicken pox, measles etc. Medical confirmation from your doctor will ensure your child's absence is authorised. If your child has been vomiting or has had diarrhoea, this is a 24 hour absence from the last bout. If there has been vomiting and diarrhoea, this will be 48 hours.

If you are unsure, please contact us to seek advice, we are always here to help!

If your child has more than five days of illness that cannot be evidenced through medical appointments, your child's absence will be marked as unauthorised. This means that your child's attendance may fall below 90% and they would be classed as a persistently absent child and further intervention would be needed.



### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Pupils are expected to be in the correct uniform from 29<sup>th</sup> October. All items are available from Kids and Co. including our new PE hoodies.

### WEDNESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2018

#### FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

3.00 - 5.30 p.m.

There will be 10 minute slots per family with the photographer.

Please sign up in the office on a first come first served basis.





## THE POPPY APPEAL 2018

Poppies are on sale in school. There is a variety of merchandise on sale ranging from pin badges, stickers and bracelets, rulers, pencils and rubbers. All items are either 50p or £1.00. these will be on sale during playtimes and lunchtimes.



### Story Time at the end of the school day!

The school is seeking ways in which we can further develop pupils' love of reading. Already we have discrete taught book club sessions, our superhero reading challenge, our reading swap mornings and our book tuck shop. We have also had several famous authors join us in school to inspire us. Together with you we know that reading unlocks children's education. The staffing team have been thinking of other ways to share and help children with their reading and we thank you for continuing to support us by reading at home with your child.

We would like to seek your views on extending the school day by 10 minutes for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 so we can read a story to the children. This would mean that pupils in EYFS would be collected at 3pm allowing sufficient time for parents and teachers to share information on the day's learning and pupils in the other years would be collected at 3:10pm from their normal location.

In these 10 minutes the staffing team would read to the children and every class would have a class story book to share. There is something special about sharing a story as a class together and we want this for your children. Over the week this would increase reading time for your child by 50mins and potentially nearly 4 hours of extra reading and story enjoyment a month. This also ensures that there is a calm end to a busy day!

*We are seeking your views on this and therefore would appreciate if you could complete the online survey by 12th November. The results will be published the following week.*

You can access the survey via the following link  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TDPM3ZT>

### HEADLICE IN SCHOOL

A few cases of head lice have been reported in school. We ask that you please do your part in preventing the spread of this condition by checking your child/ren immediately and treating if necessary. If you can continue to check your child's hair regularly this would be helpful. The following website provides useful guidance  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits)



### ParentPay is our only method of making payments to school from now on.



After October half term we will not be accepting any cash into the office. All items that require payments will be available on ParentPay for example:

- **School Dinners**
- **All Enrichment Clubs**
- **School Trips**
- **Residential Trips**
- **Music Tuition**

**Please use the login details that were sent in the post or see the office for those details.**

Thank you.

## Helping Hands – PTA

**SOLD OUT** - Halloween Disco – Friday

2<sup>nd</sup> November, 5.30-7.30pm



Please be aware that there will be **NO** tickets available on the night so to avoid any distress **DO NOT** come if you do not have a ticket!! Thank you for all your support for this popular event - I can't wait to see all your fantastic costumes! Thank you also for the cake donations– they look amazing!

**Annual General Meeting – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

**9.00 am**

Can you spare 15 minutes on Monday Morning to attend the PTA Annual General Meeting? It starts at 9.00am and the AGM should last about 15 minutes. It is informal and you would not need to say anything just listen to reports about the overview of Helping Hands events and finances – there will even be biscuits!. **Please, please, please come – without parents, who are not part of the committee, we cannot have the meeting! No AGM = No Helping Hands = No Christmas or May Fayre = No Leavers Celebration = No Visit from Santa and so much more! WE NEED YOU!!**

### Dates for Diaries

Halloween Disco – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 5.30-7.30pm

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 12.00-3.00pm

Annual General Meeting – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 9.00am

**NEXT MEETING - Monday 05.11.18**

## WILD ABOUT WIGHT

### Night Lights Art Workshop

Night skies, star lights, bright paints and ultra-violets... join Wild About Wight and artist Caroline Underwood for a dark and dreamy art workshop at Branstone Farm, Sandown.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November - 4pm-6.30pm.**

**Branstone Farm, Sandown PO36 0LT**

Forget fireworks! We will be taking inspiration from the night sky to draw, paint and collage starry scenes in fluorescent paints and paper, then creating our own pop-up gallery in the Branstone barn to be viewed with UV torches. We'll also capture long-exposure 'drawings' using glowsticks and movement. The paintings and photographs will form part of an exhibition at Quay Arts next Spring in the run up to Biosphere 2019!

Free event... Numbers are limited so booking is essential! For adults and children aged 8 & over. Email [claire@vectishousing.co.uk](mailto:claire@vectishousing.co.uk) or call 07710 363446 to book your spot.

### Wild About Wight Art Workshops...

To celebrate the built heritage and natural landscapes of the East Wight area, Wild About Wight have commissioned a group of Island artists to deliver a programme of workshops and events running until Spring 2019. All the art and community histories collected at each of the workshops are being brought together for a special grand finale, a Wild About Wight exhibition at Quay Arts, timed to coincide with the International Year of the Biosphere! All our participants will be invited to join us at the launch!



## The Island Teaching Alliance

*cordially invite  
all aspiring new teachers  
to afternoon tea at*

*Bluebell's Café, Wootton on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 4pm*

*Take this opportunity to begin your pathway to success as a qualified Primary School teacher.*

*Over tea and cakes, talk with teachers about the best job in the world and to the Island Teaching Alliance about their School's Direct pathway to success training programme in partnership with the University of Southampton.*

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*"Ask not what your Island can do for you, but what you can do for your Island."*