

NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence' Friday 27th November 2020



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#EXCELLENCE2020

Dear Families,

Christmas at Nine Acres Primary...all the details!

As a whole school we are taking up the 'Mental Elf Challenge'. The aim of the event is to raise our children's Mental Health Awareness in light of the recent events they have been through but with a Christmas twist! The children are currently learning a special Elf dance and there is so much laughter and activity as a result even our adults are busy practicing at home. The idea has certainly lifted our spirits and in turn our smiles continue to be shining throughout the school.



For our special day on the 11th December we would love for all our children to come to school dressed as an Elf (Christmas jumpers with elf accessories can be worn too!). We are also asking for donations in the following year groups EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 -Chocolate, Year 3 & Year 4 – snacks and nibbles, Year 5 – Cakes and mince pies (bought not home-baked this year), Year 6 – toiletries (foam bath/shower gel/body spray etc) to contribute towards the Christmas Hampers that will take pride of place in our Helping Hands raffle. We will be filming our event for a big reveal later in the term.

The EYFS children will take part in their usual nativity performance this year and they are already practicing their songs. We will be filming the show and families will be able to have a copy of the DVD to enjoy! We would like to ask that in return for the DVD, EYFS

families could consider a donation of a really good quality children's book that the children could enjoy with their friends or even at reading time.

Louise in the kitchen is busy ordering and preparing for Christmas Dinner day which will be on Friday 18th December. Sadly, we won't be able to use our hall but the children will be together in their classroom with crackers and Christmas music! Please let the office know if your child does not want a Christmas Dinner by Monday 30th November at the very latest.

Our Christmas tree has been donated Mole Country Stores and will be arriving soon for the children to enjoy and we might just get a visit from the cheeky Elf on the Shelf too!

Some families have asked me about Christmas cards. Children are welcome to bring in cards for the children in their class bubble only. Sadly, we cannot allow cards to be distributed through school for transmission reasons.

The Helping Hands Team have been busy in the background setting up wonderful things (but slightly differently) for our Christmas celebrations and yes they have had very special permission to ensure that we at Nine Acres have a visit from the big man himself!

I'm sure you may have other questions that we haven't thought about so please do not hesitate to chat to us when we are out on the playground.

Don't forget to double check your Parents' Evening appointment phone call time over the next two weeks!

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Dyer



A big welcome to Nine Acres

Hazel-Y3 Paige-Y3 Oscar-Y3 OJ-Y6 Obehi-Y4

<u>Diary Dates</u> 2020/2021



Fri 11th Dec 2020 - Christmas Elf Day.

<u>Fri 18th Dec 2020</u> - Christmas Dinner Day for all year groups.

<u>Tues 22nd Dec 2020</u> - Early closing at 12.45-1.00pm

- EYFS/Year 2/Year 4 Finish at 12.45pm.
- Year 1/Year 3/Year 5 & Year 6 Finish at 1.00pm.

Tues 22nd Dec - Fri 1st Jan 2021 - END OF TERM.

Mon 4th Jan 2021 - First day of Spring Term.

Tues 9th Feb 2021 - Safer Internet Day.

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

Mon 1st Mar 2021 - Parents' Evening.

Wed 3rd Mar 2021 - Parents' Evening.

Thurs 4th Mar 2021 - World Book Day.

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

Fri 12th Mar 2021 - World Maths Day.

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 <u>NEW</u> to see any added dates.

UNIFORM FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

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

Grev 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

Tuesday 22nd December 2020

School will be closing early on Tues 22nd Dec.

Due to Covid and staggered times:

EYFS/Year 2/Year 4 - Leaving at 12:45pm
Year 1/Year 3/Year 5/Year 6 - Leaving at 1:00pm

If you need childcare beyond this time as you cannot collect your child please let the office know by 11th December – places will be limited.



To book a tour of the school for the new EYFS Intake – September 2020 please call

522984 or email

office@nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk

Tours are available Any Day, Any Time

EYFS - Monday

YEAR 1 - Wednesday

YEAR 2 - Friday

YEAR 3 - Monday

YEAR 4 - Thursday

YEAR 5 - Wednesday

YEAR 6 - Tuesday

PE DAYS





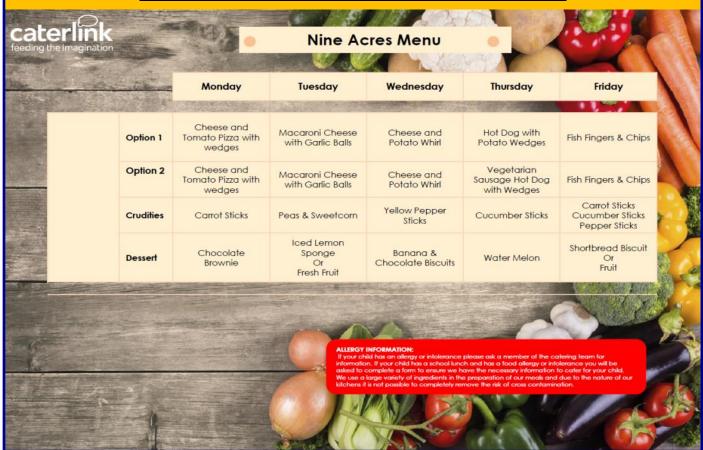
All children should come to school in their PE kits on their allocated day.

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.

School Dinner Menus for Autumn Term 2 2020 - Years 1-6 The price from September 2020 is £2.15 per day



School Dinner Menu for EYFS - Autumn Term 2 2020



Attendance

Whole school attendance target **96.0%.**

Dates: 20/11/2020 - 26/11/2020

	Attendance	Lates
Carisbrooke:	97.36%	0
Yarmouth:	99.13%	0
Biggleswade	98.67%	1
Corfe:	97.66%	1
Balmoral:	100%	0
Windsor:	98.10%	0
Arundel:	94.54%	1
Bamburgh:	98.50%	0
Kendal:	97.93%	0
Warwick	98.49%	0
Edinburgh	98.36%	0
Stirling:	99.12%	0
Durham:	94.78%	0
Vanle	07.02%	0

Whole school attendance this week is: <mark>97.98%</mark>

Well done Balmoral!!

Development Days so far.....

Monday 2nd September 2020

Monday 2nd November 2020

Monday 21st June 2021

Friday 23rd July 2021



Little Acres Childcare Centre

Little Acres Childcare Centre will be closing on Friday 18th December and will be shut over the Christmas period. They will re-open on Monday 4th January 2021 for Breakfast club only. They have a training day for staff on the 4th January so the nursery and the after school club will not be open.

House Points

Well done to <u>ROMANS</u> who received the most House Points for this week!









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 1-6 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.

Enrichment Clubs Spring Term 2021

We have extended the payment date for the Spring Term Enrichment Clubs to be paid. The new deadline for payments to be made is **2nd Jan 2021**. Payments will be set to reducing balances on Parentpay so you will be able to make several payments to cover the cost of your club.

There are still places in most clubs so please return your child's form if you would like them to join a club.

Text notifications will be sent next week to confirm club choices.

Dinner Menu Change

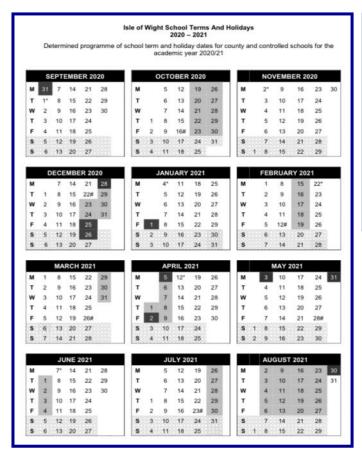
The Tuesday Dinner menu for EYFS & Years 1-6 will be changing to the following from now on:



Macaroni Cheese Garlic Balls Sweetcorn & Peas

The dessert option will remain the same.





Penalty Shoot Out Results!!

Congratulations to Biggleswade class for winning the top goal scoring class in the penalty shoot out challenge.

Miss Boxell and Miss Bekesi for joint first in the staff penalty shoot out challenge.

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.



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.



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

A message from Mrs Broome

I am so impressed with lots of children who are taking their learning further at home!! Its great when children come and show me all of their projects they have chosen to complete to showcase all of their knowledge and skills across the curriculum.

I have particularly impressed with Melody from Year 6 who has written to me to explain how she has managed to not only apply her History knowledge to her own life, but has also used this to solve problems outside of the classroom to make Nine Acres even more fantastic!!



Here is Melody's explanation:

Recently in our history lessons we have learnt a little on the word Monarch, what it means and words linked to it. An idea one of my classmates was that Durham class, Year 6 should create a kingdom using our history knowledge and vocabulary. This then led on to our previous learning about refugees and how we learnt about how they may flee the country because of conflict.

We then elected a Prime Minister using our debate and explaining skills, the process was going along just fine until a previous candidate had lost the election campaign and decided to rebel and make their own kingdom and declare war / conflict upon kingdom number 1. Then we had a re-election of which I came out as Prime Minister. I thought it was unfair that I made a co-prime minister with another classmate because that was not what I agreed to. Then decided to rebel and make my own kingdom, since I was inferior kingdom to kingdom 1. They could at any moment in time declare war on me. It was extremely obvious that I would loose that fight. This then meant I had to go and make allies with kingdom 2. There was a lot of discussion that took place but after a few days I was the superior kingdom. After that happened I thought to myself, "now I am in this high of power I must take responsibility in a calm manner". That evening I made treaties that were inspired by my learning that day about The Treaty of Versailles. Previously that day whilst playing this educational yet fun game, people were being a bit rough I took responsibility and made the treaty of no violence. The next day I brought them in and my bedazzling teacher Miss Shobbrook thought they were great so I met with Mrs Broome, our deputy headteacher later that day. Whilst I made the treaties I knew I was applying my geography and history knowledge but to be completely honest it really didn't feel like school or learning in fact the whole game was just fun although we had mishaps and we were applying our learning.

> Melody Year 6 Durham