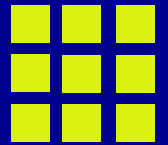


NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 29th January 2021



Nine Acres Community Primary School, South View, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 1QP
www.nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk 01983 522984 Head teacher: Mrs E. Dyer BA Hons QTS, NPQH



Dear Families of Nine Acres Primary,

We have had such exciting news this week that we are almost fully subscribed for September 2021 for our OUTSTANDING EYFS! What a privilege that so many families have chosen Nine Acres as their choice of school for their child. If you know of anyone who hasn't sent in their primary school application yet do please let them know that we only have a few spaces left and are happy to chat to them over the phone so they can find out all about our wonderful school.

Thank you all for logging in (or attempts to!) to our very first Google meets and having a live session with your teachers! It was great to see you all! If you were having problems logging in please do not worry, we are all learning how to use this technology to help us with our learning. There are a few common issues that have come up that might be blocking you from logging in. These can be easily solved! *(Please see the next page of this newsletter for some troubleshooting).* **It is expected that children attend these sessions as part of their education entitlement.** A class register will be taken for each session held. If you find anything else that isn't working, please ring us and let us know.

The staff are busy looking through the returned learning packs after their quarantine and my goodness me we have been so impressed by all the children's hard work and even extra bits on top. We do ask that the provided school learning packs are completed before other self-directed activities are undertaken. This is because the school learning packs are aligned with your child's curriculum so it is important they keep up with the packs so no learning gaps are created as a result, especially so they do not fall behind their classmates when they return.

You may be aware that from next week all Primary School staff nationally have been asked by the Department for Education (DfE), to take a lateral flow test (LFT) twice weekly, in order to monitor cases of Covid-19 in schools, and to support us to stay open and our communities to stay safe. This is quite normal in other workplaces. **To be very clear for families this is another added layer of protection and does not replace any of our other measures such as self isolation requirements.** Children are not included in this testing regime only our adults.

The tests will be carried out twice weekly so that any member of staff who may be carrying the virus can be identified and asked to isolate in order to control the spread. Should a member of staff have a positive result, they will need to self-isolate. They will then have to go to a test centre to have a PCR test in order to confirm the result. If this is positive the bubble which the children are part of will close for a ten-day precautionary self isolation period. This obviously has implications for all of our families who currently require a place at school. If your child has a place in school, we may need to ask you to keep your child at home at short notice. We will endeavour to get a message of closure to you by 7.30pm on a Sunday or by 7:30pm on a Wednesday. I sincerely hope that this development will help us to identify positive cases more quickly and break the chains of transmission both locally and nationally. We are all very much looking forward to the day when we can welcome all our pupils back in school and we can enjoy being together again. Let us hope that this testing regime makes this happen safely.



No snow yet! Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs Dyer

Google Classroom Troubleshooting

Thank you all for logging in (or attempts to!) to our very first Google meets and having a live session with your teachers! It was great to see you all! If you were having problems logging in please do not worry, we are all learning how to use this technology to help us with our learning. There are a few common issues that have come up that might be blocking you from logging in. These can be easily solved!

Make sure you are logging in with your child's log in details. Some parents were trying to log in with their Google account. Unfortunately this doesn't work as the classrooms have been set up for child access only. Please see the step by step guide that was included in the learning packs.

When joining the meeting, you will need to wait for the teacher to start the meeting and then join. Some people were so excited to join that they joined too early which then caused people to be asked for codes. This will be fixed if you join at that specified time as per the text message.

There were issues with some links to meetings - If you have logged in there will be a link either at the top of the screen that says 'meeting link' or in the comments section.

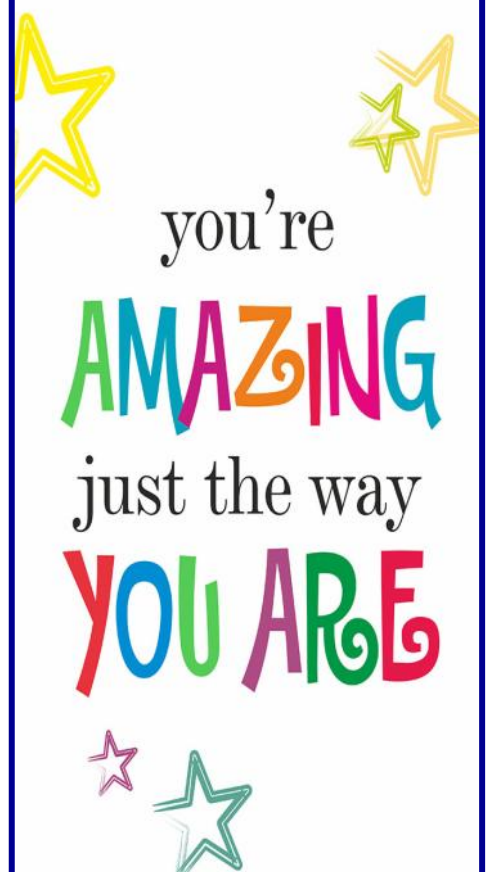
If you cannot find your class once you have logged in, you may need to add join the class manually. At the top of the screen (right hand side) you can click on the link that says join class, type in your class and this should then take you to the class where you can join the link.



Year 3 Art work at home in the style of North Carolina-born Millie Evans, experimenting with symmetry and colour.



By Ruby L, Mason, Jessica and Mithrann



NINE ACRES COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S LOCKDOWN AWARDS



Carisbrooke

Porshia

Yarmouth

Poppy

Corfe

Scarlett

Biggleswade

Noah E

Balmoral

Caleb

Windsor

Maci

Arundel

Arrhia

Bamburgh

Mason P

Kendal

Tyler

Warwick

Bella

Edinburgh

Lana

Stirling

Ellie

Sadie

Year 6

Karson

Sophie

Toby



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Have your circumstances changed? Could you now be entitled to Free School Meals?

To apply online please go to:

www.iow.gov.uk/council/OtherServices/Free-School-Meals/Key-Stage-1-and-2

Enrichment Clubs Spring 2021

The Spring Term 2021 Enrichment Club refunds are now complete. You will notice that half of the amount you paid for the Spring term clubs has now been refunded to your Parent Account on ParentPay.

Please use the following link for guidance on how to withdraw the amount back to your bank account. <https://www.parentpay.com/DOCH/school-support/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Making-a-withdrawal.pdf>

As it is looking unlikely that the Spring Term 2 Enrichment Clubs will run, we will look to refund the remaining half payments in due course. You will be notified by text when these have been processed.

**Thank you for
your patience.**



We are here for you!!

We are only a phone call away!! Here are our contact details:

Tel: 01983 522984

Email: office@nineacrespri.co.uk

Facebook



Nine Acres Community Primary School

Website

www.nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk

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!



WHILE
WE TRY TO
TEACH OUR CHILDREN
ABOUT LIFE,
OUR
CHILDREN
TEACH US

© IttyBittyBookCo.

WHAT
LIFE IS ALL
ABOUT

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.*

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



Pack 3 Collections Times Thurs 4th & Fri 5th Feb 2021

Thursday 4th Feb

Year 6 - 2.00pm

Year 1 - 2.15pm

Year 2 - 2.30pm

Year 3 - 3.15pm

Friday 5th Feb

Year 4 - 2.00pm

Year 5 - 2.15pm

EYFS - 2.30pm

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.



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.

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.



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



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

SEPTEMBER 2020	OCTOBER 2020	NOVEMBER 2020
M 31 7 14 21 28 T 1* 8 15 22 29 W 2 9 16 23 30 T 3 10 17 24 F 4 11 18 25 S 5 12 19 26 S 6 13 20 27	M 5 12 19 26 T 6 13 20 27 W 7 14 21 28 T 1 8 15 22 29 F 2 9 16 23 30 S 3 10 17 24 31 S 4 11 18 25	M 2* 9 16 23 30 T 3 10 17 24 W 4 11 18 25 T 5 12 19 26 F 6 13 20 27 S 7 14 21 28 S 1 8 15 22 29
DECEMBER 2020	JANUARY 2021	FEBRUARY 2021
M 7 14 21 28 T 1 8 15 22 29 W 2 9 16 23 30 T 3 10 17 24 31 F 4 11 18 25 S 5 12 19 26 S 6 13 20 27	M 4* 11 18 25 T 5 12 19 26 W 6 13 20 27 T 7 14 21 28 F 1 8 15 22 29 S 2 9 16 23 30 S 3 10 17 24 31	M 1 8 15 22* T 2 9 16 23 W 3 10 17 24 T 4 11 18 25 F 5 12 19 26 S 6 13 20 27 S 7 14 21 28
MARCH 2021	APRIL 2021	MAY 2021
M 1 8 15 22 29 T 2 9 16 23 30 W 3 10 17 24 31 T 4 11 18 25 F 5 12 19 26 S 6 13 20 27 S 7 14 21 28	M 5 12* 19 26 T 6 13 20 27 W 7 14 21 28 T 1 8 15 22 29 F 2 9 16 23 30 S 3 10 17 24 S 4 11 18 25	M 3 10 17 24 31 T 4 11 18 25 W 5 12 19 26 T 6 13 20 27 F 7 14 21 28 S 1 8 15 22 29 S 2 9 16 23 30
JUNE 2021	JULY 2021	AUGUST 2021
M 7* 14 21 28 T 1 8 15 22 29 W 2 9 16 23 30 T 3 10 17 24 F 4 11 18 25 S 5 12 19 26 S 6 13 20 27	M 5 12 19 26 T 6 13 20 27 W 7 14 21 28 T 1 8 15 22 29 F 2 9 16 23 30 S 3 10 17 24 31 S 4 11 18 25	M 2 9 16 23 30 T 3 10 17 24 31 W 4 11 18 25 T 5 12 19 26 F 6 13 20 27 S 7 14 21 28 S 1 8 15 22 29

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.

