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NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'





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What an eventful week it has been! We kicked off with the exciting raffle draw for our 'Attendance Focus Fortnight', followed by Year 4's cycling session, and the magical 'Beauty and the Beast' Ball hosted by

Year 1. We also danced the night away at the unforgettable Valentine's Disco, and wrapped up the week reflecting on Children's Mental Health Week 2024 under the theme 'Your Voice Matters'.

I am incredibly proud of our children this half term. They have shown remarkable dedication to their learning journey, embracing routines, practicing gratitude and manners, and eagerly soaking up knowledge and skills across all subjects of the curriculum.



As we head into half term, it's time for everyone to enjoy a well-deserved break, including our exceptional Nine Acres staffing team. They tirelessly go above and beyond, not only in the classroom but also behind the scenes, organising, supporting, and innovating to provide the best opportunities for all our pupils. Teaching and supporting children and a community is never a 9-5 job and without their dedication to your children, Nine Acres would not be the incredible school it is today.

When we return on Monday 19th March, I encourage you to fill in your calendars with the exciting events and educational visits we have planned. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to join us and be a part of your child's educational journey.

Let's not forget our Nine Acres School vision that guide us as a community.

We are a school in which everyone is 'Striving for Excellence'. We aim to create an environment where curiosity is encouraged, inquiry welcomed and excitement in learning is fostered. We want to enhance the life of every child, equipping them with the skills and ability to make sense of the world thus creating a community that has values and attitudes that will stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives. We encourage high self-esteem, aspiration, expectation and respect in all our pupils. We recognise that all are different, but each is special. The pupils will leave Nine Acres with good skills in English, communication and Mathematics which they can apply across all areas of the curriculum. They are ready to face the challenges of secondary education with enthusiasm.

Please remember that our door is always open for feedback, solutions, discussions, and to address any questions you may have.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break, Mrs Dyer



Development Days

Friday 1st September 2023 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

Tuesday 2nd Jan 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

NEW Friday 14th June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday 21st June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday 26th July 2024
DEVELOPMENT DAY



Well done to





house who received the most

House Points Totals

House Points for this week!



PE DAYS

Week Commencing Monday 19th February 2024

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

PE Days for each Year Group

EYFS - Monday

Year 1 - Monday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 - Wednesday

Year 4 - Tuesday

Year 5 - Friday

Year 6 - Tuesday

Please ensure your child has a Nine Acres PE kit and sensible 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.

End of day procedures

If someone different to usual will be collecting your child at the end of the school day, please notify the school office by 2.30pm. You can notify the office by calling 522984 or by emailing office@nineacrespri.co.uk



<u>FEBRUARY</u>

HALF TERM

12th Feb - Fri 16th February 2024

We return to school on Monday 19th February 2024

PE UNIFORM REMINDER

When you chose Nine Acres Primary for your child you also chose to adhere to the Nine Acres Uniform Policy including PE.

Therefore, a reminder:

- All children must wear the Nine Acres PE top.
- All children must have suitable trainers.
- PE hoodies are for PE only. Children must have a Nine Acres jumper for other days.
- Children must have blue or Black jogging bottoms.

If you need any support in ensuring your child has the right uniform, we are here to help.



Gratitude to Miss Guy: EYFS LSA and Makaton Champion

In the colourful tapestry of early childhood education, you, Miss Guy, are a radiant thread weaving joy, inclusivity, and communication into the lives of our little learners. As an EYFS LSA and Makaton champion, your dedication knows no bounds.

With each sign, each gesture, you bridge the gap, fostering understanding and connection among children of diverse abilities and backgrounds. Your commitment to Makaton empowers our young ones to express themselves, to be heard, and to understand others in profound ways.

Thank you, Miss Guy, for supporting us to open our lines of communication and remove barriers in our way.



ARE YOU ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Have your circumstances changed? Could you now be entitled to Free School Meals? Families of children in Year 3 and up are required to pay for School Dinners unless you are entitled to benefit related Free School Meals.

To apply online please go to: www.iow.gov.uk/council/OtherServices/ Free-School-Meals/Key-Stage-1-and-2

Congratulations Miss Clark!

A little earlier than planned, whilst we were all at the Valentines disco, Miss Clark and her partner welcomed the

safe arrival of their little boy Sonny at 6lb 10oz! What wonderful news and we can't wait to see him soon!





Nine Acres Community Primary School

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<u>Biggleswade</u>

Ava-May - Art

Corfe

Jamie - PSHE

Balmoral

Evie - PSHE

<u>Windsor</u>

Eryn - PSHE

<u>Arundel</u>

Oliver - Computing

Bamburgh

Poppy - Computing

Explorer Awards





Kendal

Ethan - RE

Warwick

Onyi - Science

Edinburgh

Willow - PSHE

Stirling

Eden - Arts

Durham

Ruby G - Computing

York

Eden - Geography





Well done everyone!!



Valentines Disco

Wow!!! What a wonderful Valentines Disco, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves as did the staff!! A huge thank you to Dave Wiltshire for providing the disco and entertainment for our children.



Our Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be Friday 1st March 8.45am, meeting at front foyer by the office. If you would like to know more, please contact us via email on helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk or leave a message for us at the school office.

> Thank you for all your continued support. Helping Hands

We are looking for donations of underwear in children's sizes 8-12 years for both boys and girls. If you have any donations, please drop them to the school office. Thank you.

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March 2024

This year, our theme is 'Colourful,' and linked to the text 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas. We encourage children and adults alike to dress in their most vibrant and colourful outfits for the occasion.



Our Mental Health Mission Statement

We believe having a mentally healthy community is not about being happy all the time, but about working together through the challenges and sharing the celebrations; feeling supported, heard, accepted, valued and empowered.

This week we want to focus on 'the importance of healthy sleep'.

https:// thesleepcharity.org.uk/ information-support/ children/relaxation-tips/



<u>Diary Dates</u> 2023/2024



FEBRUARY 2024

12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb 2024 - February Half Term.

<u>MARCH 2024</u>

Fri 1st March 2024 - Helping Hands Meeting - Meet in the foyer at 8.45am.

Mon 4th March 2024 - Parents' Evening.

Wed 6th March 2024 - Parents' Evening.

<u>Thurs 7th March 2024</u> - WORLD BOOK DAY - Wear something colourful!!

<u>NEW Mon 18th March 2024</u> - Year 5 Shakespeare Day at Carisbrooke Castle.

Wed 20th March 2024 - Year 6 Ventnor Botanic Gardens Trip.

NEW Wed 27th March 2024 - Year 4 Overnight Space Camp.

Thurs 28th March 2024 - Early closing at 1.00pm.

Fri 29th March 2024 - Good Friday - School closed to pupils.

Mon 1st April 2024 - Bank Holiday Monday - School closed to pupils.

NEW 8th-11th April 2024 - Year 6 Easter School.

Mon 1st April - Friday 12th April 2024 - Easter Holidays.

<u>Tues 16th April 2024</u> - Swimming for Arundel Class will begin.

<u>Thurs 25th April 2024</u> - Year 4 Winchester Science Centre & Planetarium Trip.

Fri 26th April 2024 - Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip.

MAY 2024

Mon 6th May 2024 - Bank Holiday - School closed.

Wed 8th May 2024 - Year 5 London Trip.

Week commencing 13th May 2024 - KS2 SATS.

Week commencing 20th May 2024 - KS1 SATS.

Mon 27th May 2024 - Bank Holiday - School closed.

Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May 2024 - May Half Term.

JUNE 2024

Wed 5th June 2024 - Year 2 Roald Dahl Trip.

Tues 11th June 2024 - Swimming for Bamburgh class begins.

<u>Thurs 20th June 2024</u> - Summer Fayre.

Fri 21st June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

Mon 24th June & Tues 25th June 2024 - Year 6 Leavers Trip.

Thurs 4th July 2024 - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day.

Fri 5th July 2024 - KS2 Sports Day.

Fri 26th July 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

Mon 29th July 2024 - Fri 31st Aug 2024 - Summer Holidays.

New dates will be added - Please check the box for $\underline{\text{NEW}}$ to see any added dates.

Enrichment Clubs

Enrichment Clubs are in full swing for Spring Term 1. The club form for Spring 2 was emailed to families and spaces have been allocated. Families have been informed of club spaces by text.

Please send an email to enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk to book spaces. Thank you.







Social Media

Do you follow us on Facebook? Scan the QR

code to see our page on Facebook!!





Boom Reader (Go Read)

Please continue to log your child's reading on the Boom Reader (Go Read) app. It is



an expectation that all children in Years EYFS – Year 6 should be reading at home at least 3 times a week.

We are a nut free school

Please may we remind you that Nine Acres is a nut free school.

Nuts and nut products should not be brought into school.



NINE ACRES PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our Nine Acres Uniform is available from Kids and Co in Ryde. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and PE kit and sensible black school shoes.

EYFS - Year 4

<u>Autumn/Spring/Summer Term</u>

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

<u>Summer Term</u>

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/Summer 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





FOODBANK VOUCHERS



Many families are struggling more than ever with rising household costs and we want to be able to support you however we can. We continue to provide our families with vouchers to the Island's Food Banks. If you would like some more information or are in need of a voucher, please speak to Mrs Hussey. Referrals can be made to any of the Island's Food Banks for your convenience or confidentiality. There are currently Food Banks in Newport, Freshwater, Cowes, Ryde and Shanklin.

AutumnWinter School Dinner Menu



Week Commencing Monday 19th February 2024

For children in Year 3 and above the school dinner price is <u>£2.60</u> per meal.

The cost for a weeks dinners is £13.00.



Respectful Communication with School Staff

We want to emphasize the importance of treating our school staff with kindness and respect both in person and online. They work hard to help our children learn and grow every day, so it's essential to communicate with them in a positive way.

Here are a few simple tips to keep in mind:

<u>Listen and Understand</u>: ** When you have questions or concerns, approach conversations with an open mind and a willingness to listen. Understanding each other helps solve problems better.

<u>Be Polite</u>: ** Remember to be polite and respectful in all your interactions, whether in person or online. Treat others the way you want to be treated.

<u>Work Together</u>: ** We're all part of the same team. By working together with school staff, we can create a positive and supportive environment for our children to learn and thrive.

<u>Say Thank You</u>: ** A little appreciation goes a long way. Take a moment to thank the teachers and staff for their hard work and dedication.

Let's show our appreciation and support for our amazing school staff by speaking to them with kindness and understanding.

Thank you for your cooperation!









Educational Visits

Wednesday 27th/Thursday 28th March 2024

Year 4 Overnight Space Camp Payment due by Friday 1st March 2024



Space Camp

Thursday 25th April 2024



Year 4 Winchester Science Centre

Deposit Payment due by Friday 9th Feb 2024 Full payment due by Monday 4th March 2024

Friday 26th April 2024

Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip. Deposit Payment due - Friday 9th February 2024 Full payment due by Friday 12th April 2024





Wednesday 8th May 2024

Year 5 London Trip. Deposit Payment was due - Friday 2nd February 2024 Full payment due by Friday 19th April 2024

Wednesday 5th June 2024 Year 2 Roald Dahl Trip. Deposit Payment due - Friday 1st

March 2024 Full payment due by Friday 17th May 2024





Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th June 2024

Year 6 Chessington Leavers Trip. Deposit Payment due - Monday 6th November 2023

Full payment due by Monday 3rd June 2024

Please ensure deposits and full payments are made on time using ParentPay. Barcodes letters to pay via Paypoint in a local shop are available on

request at the office.

Keep checking this box for further trips being announced in the coming months. Lots of exciting opportunities to look forward too!!



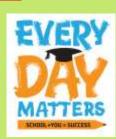
Dates: 02/02/2024 - 08/02/2024

Attendance Lates

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Carisbrooke:	93.67%	1
Yarmouth:	98.00%	1
Biggleswade	88.28%	4
Corfe	99.63%	0
Balmoral:	97.00%	0
Windsor:	96.33%	0
Arundel:	100%	0
Bamburgh:	90.00%	5
Kendal:	95.67%	1
Warwick:	96.67%	2
Edinburgh:	95.00%	2
Stirling:	98.67%	1
Durham:	94.07%	1
York:	98.28%	5

Well done **ARUNDEL CLASS!!** Whole school attendance this week is: 95

Good attendance ensures that children can develop at the right pace, gain confidence as they make progress, and ultimately enjoy school as they see themselves succeed





ParentPay is our only method of making payments.

Are you signed up to ParentPay? We no longer accept cash at the office. All items that require payment will be available on ParentPay.



Please do not use the school car park unless you have a school permit. We will continue to share the license plates in our newsletters and ask our community to also let us know if they see families using the car park without a school permit.

This is to support us in helping all our dedicated staff get to school on time to teach your children!



DON'T HISS THIS FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL **DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM!**

Thursday 15th to Saturday 17th February

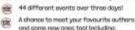


Tiplants are now on sale for the NI Story Firstival at Quay Arts during February half tarm from www.quoyarta.org. It's a chance to most wall-known performers and writers like the creator of the **Harrid Henry** stories, **Francesco Sireos** (pictured on the left), who will be with us on Saturday 17th Feb. Bid you enter our Charles Dialers short story competition? Hoor the winners ed by his great Friday 16th Fobl

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EXTRA PERFORMANCE

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Pathak, Alasdair Beekatt-King, Kie al Layton, Buto Veston and Simon V



There are performances too: Horsets Theatre returns with an adaptation of Jul Marriner's Vincent and the Rermald, and Pini Cow/Apolio Youth Theatre is back with a furny new production for younger childrens new production for younger childrens the interactive Decharted Cinema, Asion damos and a furnique of based on The King's Parts

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More information from: www.iwstoryfestival.com

WE WANT YOU!

Looking for a friendly & fun club to play cricket? Just starting out and want to give it a go?



RRETON



Everyone welcome age 5+

ECB trained coaches. equipment & great opportunities.









information please contact us at 07837 664010 www.facebook.com/arretonce

All-stars age 5-8 Dynamos age 8-11 U11 teams, U13 teams, Ut5 teams, mens & womens

Swimming lessons 5 day week £36.50

Learner Pool

0900-0930 - Stage 1 - Non-swimmer - Happy to go in the water in armbands.
0930-1000 - Stage 2 - Ready to swim without armbands.
1000-1030 - Stage 3 - 5-10m - Water confident, can swim 5-10m on front and back.

Main Pool

9900-9930 - 10m+ Can Swim 10m on front and back and happy to put face in water.
9900-9930 - 25m+ Can swim 25m on front and back using a recognisable stroke.
9930-1000 - 50m+ Can swim 50m using good front crawl, back crawl and breaststroke.
9930-1000 - 100m+ Can swim 100m using good front crawl, back crawl and breaststroke.

Monday 12th February

Kayaking – 1000-1100 – 8-11 years – £8 – An introduction to kayaking through fun and games. Must be able to swim at least 25m.



Climbing - 1300-1400 - 7-12 years - £15 - A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

Climbing - 1400-1500 - 7-12 years - £15 - A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed

Youth Football – 1800-1900 – 13-15 years – £4 – Opportunity to play football under the guidance of an FA coach.

Tuesday 13th February

Snorkelling - 1000-1100 - £5.50 - Must be able to swim at least 25m

and be happy under the water.

Climbing - 1200-1300 - 7-12 years - £15 - A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

Climbing - 1300-1400 - 7-12 years - £15 - A fun session suitable for all

abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.



Wednesday 14th February

Raft Racing = 1000-1100-6yrs + -55.50 – Fun and games in teams racing on our specially built rafts. Must be able to swim at least 50m.

Thursday 15th February

Youth Pickleball – 0930-1030 – 10-15 years – £5.50 – Try this growing paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis.

Diving – 1000-1100 – £8 – Must be able to swim at least 25m, be happy underwater and be able to perform a head first entry into the pool.

Climbing – 1500-1600 – 7-12years – £15 – A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

Climbing – 1600-1700 – 7-12years – £15 – A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

Friday 16th February

Soft Archery - 1000-1100 - 7-11 years - £5.50 - An introduction to archery through games, using soft arrows.

Mermaids Main Pool – 1000-1030 – £5.50 – Must be able to swim

25m+ and happy under the water.

Mermaids Small Pool – 1030-1100 – £5.50 – Must be able to swim 10m+ and happy under the water.



Rookie Lifesaving - 1000-1100 - 8-12 years - £8 - Must be able to swim at least 50m and tread water. Teaches self-rescue and casualty rescue techniques. Bring an old t-shirt to wear in the water over normal swimwear.

Open Swim Sessions

No lanes, diving boards in use - great for a family swim session Adults £5.50, Children/under 20's £3. Mon 12th-Sun 18th February



Fun Hours 🐣 🦠

Fun and floats in our pool. Under 8's MUST be accompanied in the water. £4. Mondays-Fridays – 1100-1200

Saturdays and Sundays - 1000-1100





- 1400-1500