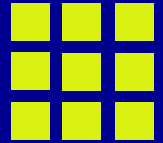




NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 8th September 2023



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Dear Families of Nine Acres

Welcome back to the new school year 2023/2024! The school is in full swing..... The Nine Acres Team have been working hard over the Summer Holidays painting, creating and resourcing our school ready for another year of excellence for every Nine Acres child. A huge thank you to the outstanding #TeamNineAcres!

Welcome to our new EYFS 2023 starters who joined us this week and all their families! What a fantastic group of children who have already shown us how independent, confident and respectful they all are. Thank you for supporting them to make a successful start to 'big' school! We are now opening up for tours for our next EYFS 2024 starters so if you know anyone who would like a tour to see us in action, please let them know to give the school office a call on 01983 522984 to book their slot. Places will fill up fast!

As we begin this new school year together, I want to take this opportunity to continue to ask for your parental support with your child's Attendance and Reading. We know that when children have odd days off or time away from school they miss so much both academically and socially and this results in them not feeling as successful as they should and can lead to further unnecessary absences. We do not want this for our Nine Acres children. Of course children may be poorly on occasions but we ask that you consider being absent from Nine Acres as the last resort. We miss your child when they are not with us and we know they don't want to miss out on all the opportunities we have on offer to them!

In addition I can not emphasise enough the importance of supporting your child's reading. This is a life skill and yet we have children in our school who have never shared a book or story with a family member. We make the commitment to you that we will hear your child read, we will teach them to read, we will help them to find books and stories they enjoy and we will dedicate our time to them but we cannot do this without you! We ask that you hear your child read at least 3 times a week and log this on Boom Reader. It can change your child's future! #Togetherforthechildren

Thank you to all our families for supporting us with uniform expectations. We know there has been a slight delay with suppliers. Our children are proud to belong to their school so having the correct uniform and PE uniform makes a difference to them. We continue to welcome any donations of logo items to support our second hand sales and for families in need. Just a polite reminder that children should not have dyed or extreme patterned/shaved hair cuts in term times as these are distracting to themselves and others and takes away from the exemplary role models we ask our children to be to others and our community.

As shared in my Summer Newsletter & with the children in assembly on Monday our focus areas for 2023/2024 will be:

- 1) Developing Our Nine Acres Music and Computing Curriculum
- 2) Our use of, exposure to and development of vocabulary (including ensuring our children speaking in full sentences)
- 3) Looking after our Environment and Resources so that every child can access what they need to be able to belong
- 4) A focus on reading in particular ensuring our children read for understanding and meaning

We will keep you regularly updated on our focus areas both through our newsletters and Facebook page.

Please see the Diary Dates section of the newsletter to pop those key dates in your diary over the academic year. Hopefully this will be useful to families to have these in advance. We will continue to update this when we have received confirmations of further events happening across the school.

Finally, this year is our year of #1%extra. If we all work together to put in just 1%extra of our time, support and effort in all we do then imagine just how incredible Nine Acres Primary could be not only for our children but also for our community, the Island and beyond. Nine Acres - let's make this our year of extra-ordinary!

#teamnineacres #1% #together #strivingforexcellence

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Dyer



Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Mrs Scott and her family on the birth of their little boy Taylor. We were delighted by the news on Wednesday this week of his safe arrival and can't wait to meet him!



Medical Appointments & Leave of Absence Requests

If your child has a hospital/dental appointment, please ensure you have notified the school office of the time and date and handed in a copy of the medical letter or appointment card.



Leave of absence request forms for are available upon request at the school office. These will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Individual Photographs

Our school photographers will be in all day on Monday 16th October & Tuesday 17th October 2023 to take individual photographs of the children.

You will be notified by text, of the day your child will be photographed in due course.

EV3 & Photograph Permission Forms


Thank you to those families who have completed their child's EV3 and Photograph Permission Forms for this academic year. We still have a few forms outstanding, so please return these to the office as soon as possible.

Additional forms are available to collect from the office if required.

ENRICHMENT CLUBS - AUTUMN TERM 1

The Enrichment Clubs for Autumn Term 1 begin this Monday 11th September 2023. We still have a few spaces left in certain clubs



 for children in Years 1-6 to join. Should your child wish to join a club, please speak to Mrs Teague in the school office or email enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk to book places. Thank you.

Development Days

— Friday 1st September 2023 —
4 more Development Days to be allocated.



Knowledge Organisers

The Autumn Term 1 Knowledge Organisers have been sent home with your child today, please take time to read through what your child will be focusing on in school.

THINK
POSITIVE
STAY
POSITIVE

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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



UNIFORM SUPPLIER

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.

Mental Health at Nine Acres

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 being active to improve mental health'.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/pshe-super-mood-movers-wellbeing/zpxc3j6>



Diary Dates

2023/2024



Mon 11th Sept 2023 - Autumn Term 1 Enrichment Clubs begin.

Wed 20th Sept 2023 - Christ the King College Open Evening for Year 6 Families 5.00-7.00pm.

Tues 26th Sept 2023 - Medina College Open Evening for Year 6 Families - 5.00-8.00pm.

Thurs 28th Sept 2023 - Carisbrooke College Open Evening for Year 6 Families - 5.00-8.00pm.

Mon 16th & Tues 17th October 2023 - Individuals School Photographs. (Class Days to be confirmed).

Mon 23rd Oct - Fri 3rd Nov 2023 - OCTOBER HALF TERM.

Tues 7th Nov 2023 - Flu Immunisations.

Wed 8th Nov 2023 - Year 1 Cinema Trip.

Fri 17th Nov 2023 - Year 2 Cinema Trip.

Wed 22nd Nov 2023 - Year 3/4 Cinema Trip.

Thurs 23rd Nov 2023 - Year 5/6 Cinema Trip.

Thurs 30th Nov 2023 - Year 1 Trip to The Mayflower Theatre to see Stick Man.

Wed 20th Dec - Mon 1st Jan 2024 - Christmas Holidays.

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

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

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

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

Mon 6th May 2024 - Bank holiday - School closed to pupils.

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

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

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

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

Cinema Trips

As part of National Schools Film Week we have secured films for Years 1-6 at Cineworld Cinema in Newport. Please see below for details of what your child will be watching and the date they will be attending.

All children will walk to the cinema on their chosen day and will need a waterproof coat for this trip.

Year 1 Cinema Trip

Wednesday 8th
November 2023 to watch
The Smeds and the
Smooos & Superworm.



Year 2 Cinema Trip

Friday 17th
November 2023 to
watch Paddington.



Year 3/4 Cinema Trip

Wednesday 22nd
November 2023 to
watch Early Man.



Year 5/6 Cinema Trip

Thursday 23rd
November 2023 to
watch Epic Tales.



Mr Toulson's Sports Bags

Each week, a child from every class is selected to take home a sports bag to use over the weekend. They can play with the equipment and design their own games making notes in the book.



Please send in your sports photos to: office@nineacrespri.co.uk

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.



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

School Attendance

Whole school attendance target 97%.
Dates: 01/09/2023 - 07/09/2023

| | Attendance | Lates |
|--------------|------------|-------|
| Carisbrooke: | 98.67% | 0 |
| Yarmouth: | 98.00% | 0 |
| Biggleswade | 98.33% | 1 |
| Corfe | 95.54% | 0 |
| Balmoral: | 97.08% | 0 |
| Windsor: | 99.57% | 0 |
| Arundel: | 98.67% | 0 |
| Bamburgh: | 96.12% | 1 |
| Kendal: | 99.17% | 0 |
| Warwick: | 99.12% | 0 |
| Edinburgh: | 93.53% | 1 |
| Stirling: | 100% | 0 |
| Durham: | 98.56% | 0 |
| York: | 93.33% | 0 |

Well done STIRLING CLASS!
Whole school attendance this week is: 97.56%

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.



Educational Visits at Nine Acres

Here at Nine Acres we are very proud to be able to offer your children a variety of brilliant educational visits. As part of their learning, we would like the children to explore museums, go to theatre shows and to enjoy overnight residential trips to inspire their work in school.

Our trips at Nine Acres are known to be amazing and are regularly commented on but we now take into consideration the rise in the cost of living and how we can maintain providing these wonderful opportunities for your children.

In the coming weeks, you will notice several trip letters being sent out to families. We feel it is vitally important that we book trips ahead of time, especially any mainland trips, which then gives you an extended period of time to make the payments required so these experiences can continue.

Please keep an eye on the newsletter for further trips to be added to the list below.

Educational Visits

Thursday 30th November 2023

Stick Man at the Mayflower Mast Theatre.

[Deposit Payment was due - Friday 4th September 2023](#)

[Full payment due by Monday 6th November 2023](#)



Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th June 2024

Year 6 Chessington Leavers Trip.

[Deposit Payment due - Friday 4th November 2023](#)

[Full payment was due by Monday 5th June 2023](#)

Please ensure deposits and full payments are made on time using ParentPay. Barcode letters to pay via Paypoint in a local shop are available on request at the office.

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:

- School Dinners
- Enrichment Clubs
- School Trips

Please ensure your account is activated.

Water Bottles, Suncream & Sun Hats!!

We ask that only water is supplied on a day to day basis in your child's water bottle. This is the healthiest option.



However we also know that children need to stay hydrated to learn! If your child refuses water, in agreement with your child's class teacher only, they may have very, very diluted squash or flavoured water to avoid any medical concerns however we ask that Parents/Carers take responsibility in ensuring good dental hygiene is in place for their child along with a continued approach to encourage drinking water.

As the weather continues to remain warm and sunny, please ensure your child arrives to school with sun cream already applied and brings a sun hat.



Nine Acres School Car Park

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!



Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 28 September 2023 | 5.00 - 8.00 pm



Corisbrooke College



Year 6 Open Evening

Tuesday 26 September 2023 | 5.00 - 8.00 pm



Medino College

Island children need local homes



IW Fostering

www.iwight.com/fostering or call 01983 823160



YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING



Christ the King College



Wed 20th Sept 2023 5-7pm For more information visit: christthekingcollege.co.uk

Boom Reader (Go Read)

Thank you to those families who have continued reading throughout the summer holidays. Please continue to log your child's reading on the Boom Reader (Go Read) app. It is an expectation that all children in Years 1-6 should be reading at home at least 3 times a week.



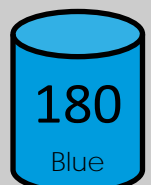
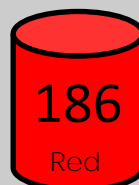
WELCOME

We would like to welcome Fawaz & Manar to Nine Acres Primary.



House Points Totals

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



Sally Saturday



Winter themed fun

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 10AM-1PM

SALVATION ARMY HALL, PYLE STREET,
NEWPORT

GLITTER TATTOS

Kids eat free

SNOW BALL MAKING

SNOW QUEEN

AND REAL LIFE HUSKIES DOGS

SKI COMPETITIONS

SLUSHIES

Please arrive early to avoid disappointment. Once the hall reaches capacity we will not be allowed to let any one else in

SCHOOL DETAILS

School Telephone Number

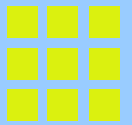
01983 522984

School Office Email

office@nineacrespri.co.uk

School Website

www.nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk



Dinner Price from Sept 2023

The price of a school dinner has risen to £2.60 per day, making the weekly price £13.00. If you think your child may be entitled to free School Meals, please pick up a form from the office, complete it and return it to us or alternatively apply online via the IOW council website.

Isle of Wight Family Information Hub

Helping families keep up to date with the information, support and advice that is available to them.

Visit www.familyinfohub.iow.gov.uk to find out more.



01983 823169

IWFFamilyInfoHub

familyinformationhub@iow.gov.uk



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
 Or
 We have forms to complete in the office.

PE DAYS

Week Commencing Monday 11th September 2023

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

NEW PE Days for each Year Group

EYFS - Monday = (Starting in November 2023)

Year 1 - Monday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 - Wednesday

Year 4 - Tuesday

Year 5 - Friday

Year 6 - Wednesday

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 Menu



Chartwells
So much more than fantastic food

WEEK 3 W/C: 01/09, 22/09, 19/09, 10/07, 11/09, 02/10

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|----------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
| NOT MAINS | Cheese and Tomato Pizza @ Served with Potato Wedges | Butter Chicken Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice | Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Cottage Pie @ Served with two vegetables | Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips |
| JACKET POTATO | Jacket Potato- Cheese, Beans and Tuna- Year3,4,5+6 only | | | | |
| | All main meals are served with two vegetables | | | | |
| DESSERT | Berry Flapjack with Fruit @ | Shortbread | Chocolate Brownie with Fruit @ | Ice Cream | Pineapple Upside Down Cake |

For children in Year 3 and above the school dinner price has increased from September 2023 to £2.60 per meal.

The cost for a weeks dinners will be £13.00.

HELPING HANDS PTA



Helping Hands Meeting

Thank you to those who have attended our meetings last academic year, our next meeting date is Friday 15th September 2023, at 8.45am, meeting in the school's front entrance. Thank you for your continued support if you would like to make contact or join the PTA please email:

helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk

Flu Immunisations

Our Flu Immunisations are due to be held on Tuesday 7th Nov 2023 during the school day. More details will be out soon.

We are a nut free school!!

Please may we remind you that Nine Acres is a no nut school. Nuts and nut products should not be brought into school.

