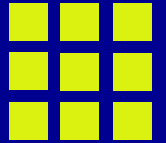


NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 24th March 2023



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Dear Families of Nine Acres,

This week we have been dodging the rain showers and making the most of our learning opportunities at Nine Acres.



Year 5 had the most wonderful time in London. They saw the sights, went on the London Eye and were captivated by the musical 'The Lion King'. What an incredible opportunity!! This experience not only opens their eyes to life beyond the Island but also brings a sense of reality and purpose to their learning particularly in English in this occasion. Thank you to all our families for supporting the last minute boat changes!! #community



When thinking about our children's future world, I have received an email from a member of our community concerned about the amount of litter around the outside of our special school. I was delighted to share that Eloise in Year 2 and her family had already been out and about helping to clear this and make it a more pleasant area for everyone and for the wildlife but our children are still concerned about this issue. They want us all to take responsibility for the area we live, work and enjoy. It is only when we all come together can we make those small changes that have a big impact on everyone. Let's continue to work together!

On this note, we can't wait to see you at Parents' Evenings next week - there is still time to book your appointment to come in and hear all about your child's learning and see for yourself their potential, their progress and just how dedicated they are in school.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Dyer



Go Read!!



Please continue to log your child's reading on the Go Read app. It is an expectation that all children in Years EYFS - 6 should be reading at home at least 3 times a week.

House Points Totals

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



Nine Acres Community Primary School

Explorer Awards

Corfe

Aleyna - History

Biggleswade

George - PSHE

Balmoral

Poppy - Languages

Windsor

Layla - PSHE

Arundel

Lily - Music

Bamburgh

Justin - Science

Kendal

Oliver - PSHE

Warwick

Oliver - History

Edinburgh

Stirling

Angelou - Geography

Durham

Ted - Science

York

Oscar - History

Well done everyone!!

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.



DRINKS

Please can we request that the fashion drink 'Prime' is not brought into school as this is causing issues with our children. Children should bring water to school in a named water bottle. In exceptional circumstances, children are welcome to bring in very diluted weak squash to ensure that they do stay hydrated but this must be in agreement with the class teacher.



Dinner Menu

Look out for our new Spring/Summer Menu for 2023. This will be emailed. We will begin on Week 1 after Easter.

School Attendance

Whole school attendance target 97%.
Dates: 17/03/2022 - 23/03/2023

	Attendance	Lates
Carisbrooke:	94.64%	1
Yarmouth:	95.36%	2
Biggleswade	96.55%	1
Corfe	94.83%	3
Balmoral:	93.33%	3
Windsor:	97.78%	0
Arundel:	96.67%	0
Bamburgh:	93.57%	1
Kendal:	97.41%	1
Warwick:	96.43%	1
Edinburgh:	93.85%	0
Stirling:	89.66%	0
Durham:	95.67%	0
York:	98.15%	0

Well done YORK CLASS!!
Whole school attendance this week is: 95.25%

STAFF CAR PARK

Please refrain from parking in the staff car park. This car park is for staff and agreed visitors to the school. Parking permits for Chapel Street car park are available from the school office.



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.

Diary Dates

2022/2023



Wed 29th March & Thurs 30th March 2023 -

Parents' Evenings.

Thurs 30th March 2023 - EYFS Superhero Day.

Thurs 30th March 2023 - Year 4 Overnight Space

Camp at Nine Acres from 6.00pm.

Fri 31st March 2023 - Early closing at 1.00pm.

Mon 3rd April - Fri 14th April 2023 - EASTER BREAK.

Tues 18th April 2023 - Swimming Lessons for Arundel Class begin.

Wed 19th & Thurs 20th April 2023 - Year 4 Parents' Evening.

Mon 1st May 2023 - Bank Holiday - School closed to pupils.

Thurs 4th May 2023 - Year 1 Trip to Marwell Zoo.

Mon 8th May 2023 - Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III - School closed to pupils.

Tues 9th - Fri 11th May 2023 - Year 6 SATS Week.

Mon 15th - Fri 19th May 2023 - Year 2 SATS Week.

Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June 2023 - HALF TERM.

Wed 7th June 2023 - Year 2 Roald Dahl Trip.

Tues 13th June 2023 - Swimming lessons for Bamburgh Class begin.

Friday 16th June 2023 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

Tues 20th June 2023 - Year 4 Trip to Kidzania in London.

Mon 26 & Tues 27th June 2023 - Year 6 Leavers Trip.

Thurs 29th/Fri 30th June 2023 - Sports Days.

NEW Week Commencing Mon 3rd July 2023 - Transition begins for all year groups.

Thurs 20th July 2023 - Last day of Summer Term.

Thurs 20th July 2023 - Early closing at 1.00pm.

Friday 21st July 2023 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

Mon 24th July - Thurs 31st August 2023 - SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

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

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

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>



House Point Winners - Mufti Day

The winners for the most house points this term is Green House (Celts).

Mufti Day will be held on Friday 31st March for Green House.

Well done!!

Online safety tips for parents of primary school children 6-10 Year Olds

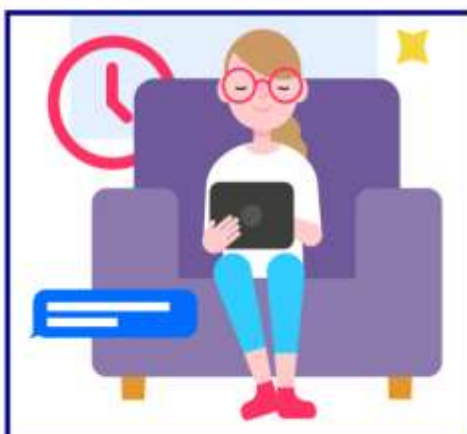


Know this stuff matters, but don't know where to turn?

Internet Matters is a free online resource for every parent in the UK. We'll show you the best ways to protect your children online - with information, advice and support on all the big online safety issues.




*Source: Ofcom Children and parents: Media use and attitudes report 2022



Scan below or visit [internetmatters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org) for more advice



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Agree on boundaries

Be clear about what your child can and can't do online - where and when they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

When you do give them their first device make sure that it is set up appropriately for them with the right parental controls in place. It's a good idea to **introduce tech-free meal times** and encourage them to **keep phones out of the bedroom at night** to help them build a healthy screen time balance.

Put yourself in control

Set parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. Set up a user account for your child on the main device they use and make sure other accounts in the household are password-protected so that younger children can't access them by accident.

Explore together

The best way to support your child online is to **talk to them about what they do online** and what sites and apps they like to use. Be inquisitive and ask them to show you their favourites to check they're suitable.

Stay involved

Encourage them to use their tech devices in a shared space like the lounge or kitchen so you can keep an eye on how they're using the internet and also share in their enjoyment.

Learn about it:

Teach your child some simple rules

- Make sure your child knows **not to share personal information** like their phone number or email address online.
- Encourage them to **only talk to real-life friends or family** if they are on sites with a social media or chat element like Roblox.
- **Use privacy settings** wherever they exist to keep their information private - help your child to set these up. Remember that the default on many sites is public.
- **Be a good online friend** and don't say nasty things even if it's just a joke.

Dinner Menu for Week Commencing 27th March 2023

Monday 27th March 2023

Red Option - Macaroni Cheese served with two vegetables.

Green Option - Vegetarian Sausages served with Mashed Potato and Gravy.

Dessert - *Vanilla Ice Cream*

Tuesday 28th March 2023

Red Option - Chicken Pie served with Mashed Potato.

Green Option - Cheese and Tomato Pizza served with 2 vegetables.

Dessert - *Jelly with fruit slices*

Wednesday 29th March 2023

Red Option - Roast Turkey served with Roast Potatoes, seasonal vegetables and Gravy.

Green Option - Vegan Sausage Casserole served with seasonal vegetables and Gravy.

Dessert - *Mini Egg Chocolate Muffin Cake*

Thursday 30th March 2023

Red Option - Fish Fingers and Chips served with vegetables.

Green Option - Quorn Nuggets and chips served with vegetables.

Dessert - *Shortbread Biscuit*

Friday 31st March 2023

Red Option - Hot Dog with wedges served with carrot and cucumber sticks.

Green Option - Veggie Hot Dog with wedges served with carrot and cucumber sticks.

Dessert - *Easter Biscuit*

All school dinners are charged at £2.37 for children in Years 3/4/5/6 and are payable on ParentPay.

Please ensure all outstanding dinner money is paid by the end of term.

Thank you

Educational Visits at Nine Acres

Thurs 30th March 2023

Year 4 Overnight Space Camp at Nine Acres.

Payment was due - Friday 10th March 2023



Thursday 27 & Friday 28th April 2023

Re-arranged date for Bamburgh's Overnight Trip to the Novium Museum.



Thursday 4th May 2023

Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip.

Payment due - Friday 24th March 2023



Wednesday 7th June 2023

Year 2 Roald Dahl Trip.

Payment due - Friday 12th May 2023



Tuesday 20th June 2023

Year 4 Trip to KidZania.

Deposit Payment due - Monday 17th April 2023

Full payment due by Monday 22nd May 2023



Thursday 26th & Friday 27th June 2023

Year 6 Leavers Trip.

Deposit Payment was due - Friday 4th November 2022

Full payment due by Monday 5th June 2023



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

Development Days

Friday 30 September 2022

Friday 10th March 2023

Friday 16th June 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

*** 1 more date to follow ***



PE DAYS

Week Commencing Monday 27th March 2023

All children should come to school in their 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 - Thursday
- Year 6 - Tuesday

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.



Enrichment Clubs

Clubs for Summer Term 1 2023, have been allocated and are available to make payment on ParentPay.

Payment was due by 23rd March 2023.

To book places, please email

enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk



HELPING HANDS PTA

Last year, we held our first Easter Colouring Competition and were overwhelmed by the creativity of the entries we received.

This year, we would like to make it even bigger and better!

'Easter' Art competition - for £1.00 - children can enter art, using any media (textiles, sculpture, colouring, painting, printing, collage etc.) that represents Easter to them. Entries will be welcomed on Friday 21st April, where they will be judged with winners and runners-up prizes awarded for each year group.

We can't wait to see them!!

Our next meeting, which is on Friday 31st March 2023, 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

Helping Hands

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

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

EYFS Superhero Day

Thurs 30th March 2023



Children in EYFS can come

dressed to school as their chosen superhero on this day. They can of course make up their own superhero if they want too.

"Remember not all heroes wear capes"

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Mrs Shaw and Miss Chiverton - Thank you for your support!



Online Safety

We have recently had several reports that children are talking about a character called 'Choo Choo Charles'. This is a character from a horror game, however children are watching videos related to it on YouTube. Sometimes these videos start with Thomas The Tank Engine, leading children to believe that they are safe.

Please could we ask that you check the parental controls on devices and ensure that the content your child is accessing is age-appropriate. We have included some advice on online safety in this newsletter but if you would like support, please speak to Mrs Hussey.