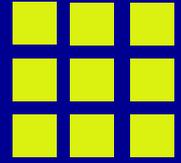


NINE ACRES NEWS



'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 5th April 2019

Nine Acres Community Primary School, South View, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 1QP

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Feedback from Parent Questionnaire March 2019

Questions asked...	Number of Parents (106 replies)		
	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree
My child is happy at this school....	95%	2%	3%
My child feels safe at school...	92%	4%	4%
My child makes good progress at this school...	95%	1%	4%
My child is well looked after at this school...	90%	9%	1%
My child is taught well at this school...	98%	1%	2%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age...	90%	5%	5%
The school ensures the pupils are well behaved...	80%	15%	5%
The school deals effectively with bullying...	50%	42%	8%
This school is well led and managed...	90%	7%	4%
The school responds well to any concern I raise...	75%	16%	8%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress...	89%	3%	8%
I would recommend this school to another parent ...	Yes: 102 parents		No: 4 parents

You said....	We will....
Great school, so glad we made the decision to move here.	Thank you! Please continue to spread the word about our amazing school. We will continue to make dedicated time available to meet new families who are considering us as THE school for their child.
Amazing school with amazing morals. Only wished I had moved my children to Nine Acres sooner.	We are so pleased to be part of your child's educational journey. Thank you! We will continue to work hard on developing our curriculum and opportunities for the children as they learn with us.
Great EYFS setting.	Thank you. We are very proud of our EYFS provision. We will pass this comment on to the EYFS staffing team as I know they are always keen to hear your feedback.
Absolutely rate this school to the highest standard. Any problems that have arisen in the past have been dealt with efficiently. All staff are approachable and welcoming. My child has made great progress in the last two years due to the hard work the staff put in and the unique approach to all learning needs.	Thank you. We will continue to provide high quality and national level professional development for all our staff so the children receive the very best education. Our staff are a credit to our school.
My son has been teased by older boys a couple of times in the playground but his teacher had handled this excellently. I think the EYFS staff are brilliant and the school as a whole is fantastic.	We are sorry to hear this. We talk to the children about our Value of Respect regularly both in assemblies and in class. We are glad that the teacher followed the procedures and the matter was dealt with. We will continue to provide support to the staffing team to ensure issues are resolved quickly and sensitively. We will continue to monitor behaviours and liaise with families to support children.
An amazing school fantastic teachers and all very supportive.	Thank you! The team are incredible and work very hard for all the children. They believe in the vision and are determined to support each child to be their very best. We will continue with our 'Meet the Teacher/Staff Member' as part of our regular newsletter feature so you can get to know everyone.
Very happy child in Y1 always wants to go to school and eager to learn both at home and at school which is lovely.	This is lovely to hear. We will continue to support pupils with their home learning through our free homework club. We will continue to celebrate pupils' achievements weekly both inside and outside of school, as we are very proud of their dedication to their learning.
Staff are always happy to help with any concerns.	Thank you! We will continue to ensure that we are all as accessible to you as possible. Please contact the office for an appointment with the class teacher in the first instance if you need to discuss anything.
I feel that this school provides my children with a very positive educational experience	Thank you. We will continue to visit other excellent schools including schools on the mainland to make sure we are keeping up to date with the best practice.

Your comments continued.....	We will...
Both my girls are very happy at this school and we are very happy with their progress.	Great news! <u>We will</u> continue to encourage our parents to attend the parents evenings and events so they can see their child's progress and share in their child's learning.
Allow the children to use the toilet when they need to.	We encourage the children to use the toilets in the break and lunchtimes so they do not disturb their learning or the learning of others during lessons. However if they are really desperate we do of course let them use the toilet when they really need to. <u>We will</u> review this in classes with staff and children again.
Trip opportunities are brilliant, well organised and relevant. The job scheme is also a fantastic opportunity.	We love our Nine Acres Economy. <u>We will</u> review the process with the children and get their feedback on the job scheme. <u>We will</u> continue to look for trips that enhance each child's experience. Thank you for your support with them!
There needs to be some kind of management over misplaced uniform.	We have our lost property area that the children are aware of and do encourage the children to take responsibility for their belongings including making sure items are named! <u>We will</u> always pop something in the newsletter if you let us know so everyone can keep an eye out for any missing items. Our staff will also keep a look out!
The school provides lots of extra-curricular experiences and opportunities, which is a real strength.	This is great to hear. We try to offer a variety of experiences. <u>We will</u> continue to listen to the children about what they would like to do at their school to enhance their experiences.
I am very pleased with how my child has improved since last year and is really grasping the willingness to learn.	Well done! We provide all the staff with regular professional development so they are highly trained in supporting pupils progress. <u>We will</u> continue to celebrate pupil's individual success' with you.
I have total faith in the school and my children are doing really well and if there has been any issues I have always felt I can approach the teachers and know I have support. Also learning issues that may have arisen have also been seen to and sorted. We are so proud to be part of it.	Thank you. We are lucky to have such wonderfully supportive families and pupils who really care about their education and enjoy their experiences at school. <u>We will</u> continue to celebrate the uniqueness of Nine Acres with the whole Island community!
An amazing school that not only provides excellent teaching but provides so many wonderful opportunities for all the children. I am so pleased my son is having this experience of Primary School, thank you Nine Acres.	This is lovely - thank you. <u>We will</u> always be 'Striving for Excellence' for all our pupils!
I am concerned that the children did not get to participate in Global Rock this year and I am deeply concerned that they will be the first group not to attend the residential in Wales.	We wrote to our Y5 families at the time as due to the rising costs the school could not continue to subsidise Global Rock by the cost of £3000 and Wales by £2500 in this national financial climate. We did however provide an alternative opportunity which they thoroughly enjoyed. <u>We will</u> be looking for an alternative to Wales for the next Y6 pupils for the Summer Term. Any ideas would be gratefully received!
Both my children started in Reception, and are now in Y5 and Y6. The school have always worked with the children's interests at the heart. Looked after and taught them well. In my opinion it is the best primary school, and will be very sad when my children leave. Such a nurturing environment. Highly recommend.	We are really delighted to hear this. Your child's journey through Nine Acres is important to us. <u>We will</u> continue to provide our nurture for all our pupils in every class and review our teaching and learning so it engages everyone.
My son has told me a few times about other kids playing rough. He said he has told an adult but nothing has been done about it. He also told me on a few occasions that he has not received house points that he had been given.	We are sad to hear this. We have clear procedures in school which are followed by staff and monitored by members of the Senior Leadership Team. <u>We will</u> review procedures with all staff in our next staff meeting time. <u>We will</u> also be looking at how our Sports Coaches support play at lunchtimes for all children. Our children love their House Points tokens! I am sorry if he had not received them at the time and <u>we will</u> remind staff to ensure they are well stocked with tokens in the classrooms so they are easily accessible at that time and not forgotten!
The office need to communicate better with teachers by passing on messages or letting teachers know about upcoming event days.	Nine Acres Primary is very much one school and the office team are integral to this. They routinely communicate with staff through face to face discussions, emails and briefings. <u>We will</u> continue to reflect on your comment and review our processes. Please let us know if this happens again!
Communication can sometimes be an issue, sometimes parents are not given enough notice for trips, school/ parent activities .	We currently communicate through a variety of mean for example; text messages, weekly newsletter, phone calls, curriculum leaflets, Facebook, twitter and letters home to name just a few. We will continue to plan ahead so communication is timely to support parents.
Nine Acres is an excellent school.	Thank you! <u>We will</u> continue to welcome new families to our community who regularly choose Nine Acres as the school of choice.
OUTSTANDING EYFS provision.	Thank you! We were so proud to have received this recognition by Ofsted. <u>We will</u> continue to develop our provision to meet the needs of the children and very much value your partnership in their educational journey.

Diary Dates 2018/2019



Fri 5th April 2019 Helping Hands Easter Disco.

Mon 8th April - Mon 22nd April 2019 End of Term/Easter Holidays.

NEW Tues 23rd April 2019 First day of Summer Term.

NEW Tues 23rd April 2019 Summer 1 Enrichment Clubs begin.

Thurs 25th April 2019 'Alnwick' Mayflower Theatre Trip.

Tues 30th April 2019 Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip.

NEW Mon 6th May 2019 BANK HOLIDAY School closed to pupils.

W/C Monday 13th May 2019 Year 6 SATS Week.

W/C Monday 21st May 2019 Year 2 SATS Week.

NEW Fri 24th May 2019 Summer 1 Enrichment Clubs finish.

Mon 27th - Fri 31st May 2019 HALF TERM.

Thurs 6th June 2019 Year 2 Roald Dahl Trip.

Mon 17th June 2019 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Mon 8th July 2019 KS2 Sports Day.

Tues 9th July 2019 EYFS & KS1 Sports Day.

Mon 22nd July 2019 Last day of the summer term.

Tues 23rd July 2019 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

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

Isle of Wight Sports Awards

We were privileged to attend the Isle of Wight Sports Awards on Thursday evening where we were nominated as Primary School Sports finalists. Thank you to Mr Ballard and Miss Moseley for all their encouragement and support.



Year 3 Swimming Lessons

Tuesday 30th April

Tuesday 11th June

Tuesday 7th May

Tuesday 18th June

No swimming 14th May

Tuesday 25th June

No swimming 21st May

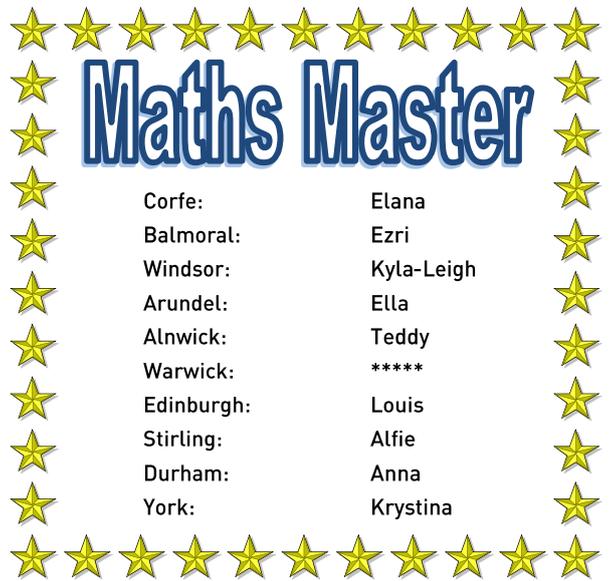
Tuesday 2nd July

Tuesday 9th July

Tuesday 4th June



Year 3 swimming lessons have begun - children will leave on the coach at 9.00a.m. prompt. All children require a swimming costume/swim shorts, a pair of goggles, a named towel and a bag for wet items. Children with verrucas will need to wear a verruca sock and children with long hair should have it tied up or wear a swimming cap.



Maths Master

Corfe:	Elana
Balmoral:	Ezri
Windsor:	Kyla-Leigh
Arundel:	Ella
Alnwick:	Teddy
Warwick:	*****
Edinburgh:	Louis
Stirling:	Alfie
Durham:	Anna
York:	Krystina

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.

Thank you.

Lining up Procedures for Years 1-4 in the morning

Please ensure your child is on the playground in their line by 8.45 a.m. Classes will then be brought in by their teacher or LSA.

Thank you for support!!

Attendance

Whole school attendance target **96.0%**.

Dates: **29/03/2019 - 04/04/2019**

	Attendance	Lates
Carisbrooke:	98.80%	3
Yarmouth:	97.14%	7
Corfe	88.37%	4
Balmoral:	97.86%	3
Windsor:	96.30%	3
Arundel:	97.00%	3
Alnwick:	97.10%	4
Warwick	93.57%	2
Edinburgh:	93.91%	0
Stirling:	100%	1
Durham:	93.00%	4
York:	92.00%	1

Whole school attendance this week is: **95.04%**

Well done Stirling!!

Meet the Teacher



Miss McDonald

A bit about me ...

My family (my mum, dad and 3 sisters) and I moved to the Isle of Wight from London when I was 8. At 18, I went to university in London to study one of my favourite subjects: history. Teaching is something I always wanted to do as a child and after volunteering at a local primary school in London, and then supporting at my local youth group when I was back on the Island during the summer, I went on to complete my teaching degree in Southampton. After living on the mainland from the age of 18–26, I decided to move back to the Island and currently live in West Wight.

I have been teaching for nine years; throughout my career so far I have had a number of different leadership responsibilities including: English leader, Maths leader and Year leader.



Why I enjoy being part of the Nine Acres Team

From the moment I walked into Nine Acres, I felt the amazing atmosphere of learning and positivity. The pupils are an absolute pleasure to teach and be around on a daily basis. I love the way the pupils of Nine Acres always push themselves and work so hard and also how brilliant they are in supporting each other throughout the school.

My Education

Field End Infant & Junior school (London)

St. Saviours Primary School

Archbishop King Middle School

Carisbrooke High School

BA Hons History Degree (Roehampton University, London)

PGCE Qualification (Southampton University)

NPQSL (Winchester University)

My Favourite Things

I really enjoy watching detective films and series and reading crime novels. Sherlock Holmes is one of my favourite all time characters.

I have a bit of an obsession with shoes, particularly high heels, and at one point I had 63 pairs!

I love dogs and would really like to have one of my own to bring on long walks; until I am able to get one, I go and borrow my parents' dog Molly.

Things I am learning to help the children

I am learning new ways to help our pupils develop their life long aspirations. Helping them to achieve their work targets within school but also helping them to think into their successful futures.



Development Days

so far.....

~~Monday 3rd September 2018~~

~~Friday 23rd November 2018~~

~~Friday 21st December 2018~~

Monday 17th June 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019



HELPING HANDS

Easter Disco – Friday 5th April.

5.30 - 7.30pm

The big day has arrived and we are all very excited about the disco tonight. We can't wait to see the fabulous costumes (fancy dress is optional and there is no them) and have some fun. We are hoping to have a few more opportunities available so as well as the usual refreshments, raffle and colouring there will also be face painting and nail varnishing on offer!! Please remember, as in previous events, all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and every person attending needs a ticket regardless of age.



*****NEW*** May Fayre – Friday
3rd May 2019 3.20 – 5.20pm**

We are very pleased to announce the date of our May Fayre, which we have been busily planning for a while. Stalls will include Face painting, sweet tombola, raffle, cake sale, refreshments, Paint a rock, and Bouncy Castle. The event will start with a display of Maypole Dancing and we hope to see you all there – so save the date!! We would also like to announce that there will be pony rides available again this year! Look forward to seeing you all there



NEXT MEETING - Monday 6.5.19

Dates for your Diary

New Date – Easter Disco – Fri 5th April 5.30 - 7.30pm

NEW May Fayre – Friday 3rd May 2019 3.20 – 5.20pm

NEXT MEETING – Monday 6th May 2019

Open Maths Mornings

Parent Feedback

We were thrilled to see so many parents/carers attend our Open Maths Mornings over the last couple of weeks.

'The Maths morning was very fun and interesting. It was nice to see how much they have learnt and how far they have come. Alfie loved filling the piggy bank working out the correct coins to go in it.'

'Good variety of problem solving games. Great way to get the parents involved with children's learning'.

'I had a fantastic time seeing how well Caleb is coming along in his Maths. It also gave me ideas for ways to teach him at home. Thank you'.

'What amazing number skills, brilliant learning. We had loads of fun working out what money he would need and what coins to use to make the sums up. Thank you for a wonderful morning'.

'Enjoyable time spent. Children seemed to enjoy the activity'.

'I loved how relaxed and fun it was and how the children have their own independence. It was a really creative way to teach about money'.

Class Led Assemblies



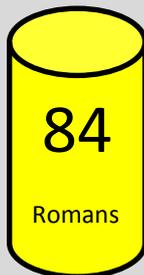
Please find details below for the class led assemblies, each class will lead an assembly where families are invited in to watch.

Please sign in at the office at 9.15 a.m.

Date	Time (Hall)	Class
07/05/18	9:15-9:45 am	Warwick
09/05/18	9:15-9:45 am	Arundel
21/05/18	9:15-9:45 am	Corfe
04/06/18	9:15-9:45 am	Edinburgh
11/06/18	9:15-9:45 am	Stirling
18/06/18	9:15-9:45 am	Alnwick
25/06/18	9:15-9:45 am	Windsor
26/06/18	9:15-9:45 am	Balmoral
10/07/18	9:15-9:45 am	Carisbrooke
11/07/18	9:15-9:45 am	Yarmouth

House Points

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



Schools Walk the Wight with Mountbatten

THE £20 CHALLENGE!

FUNDRAISE OVER £20 TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE OF WINNING ONE OF 20 TOP PRIZES

THE NEEDLES LANDMARK ATTRACTION - A FAMILY DAY OUT

SUPERBOWL - A BOWLING PARTY + LASERQUEST FOR 30 CHILDREN

TACKT-ISLE - A FAMILY KAYAK SPLASH SESSION

ROBIN HILL/ BLACKGANG CHINE - 2 JOINT PARK FAMILY PASSES

PLUS PRIZES FOR TOP FAMILY DAYS OUT

FOR FULL DETAILS : MOUNTBATTEN.ORG.UK

	ONE 22 Apr, 19 May, 10 June 1 July, 25 July	TWO 29 Apr, 20 May, 17 June 8 July	THREE 6 May, 3 June, 24 June 13 July
MONDAY	Spaghetti Bolognese Wholesome Pasta, Neopasta with Spinach Carrot & Garden Peas Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Flatter	Beef Burger in a Bun with Baked Jacket Wedges Cheese Burger in a Bun with Baked Jacket Wedges Mixed Green Salad & Coleslaw Chocolate & Banana Square Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Salad	Wholesome Beef & Red Pepper Pizza with New Potatoes Wedges Wholesome Cheese & Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes Wedges Sweetcorn & Tomato Salad Mixed Fruit Crumble with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Salad
TUESDAY	Sausages with Baked Potato Wedges & Gravy Cheese Sausages with Baked Potato Wedges & Gravy Sweetcorn & Green Beans Chocolate & Biscuits Brownie Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Flatter	BBQ Chicken with 50/50 Rice Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice Green Beans & Carrots Lemon Drizzle Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Flatter	Beef Meatballs with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Vegetable Cottage Pie Green Beans & Sweet Corn Vanilla Shortbread Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Flatter
WEDNESDAY	Roast Pork with Roast New Potatoes & Gravy Creamy Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Fresh Mixed Seasonal Vegetables Apple Flapjack Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Salad	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Creamy Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Fresh Mixed Seasonal Vegetables Peach Upside Down Cake with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Salad	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli & Cauliflower Apple Pie with Ice Cream Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Salad
THURSDAY	Chicken & Vegetable Wrap with Rice Mashed Cheese Grated Carrot Salad & Mixed Green Salad Lentil Sprouts Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Salad	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread Vegetarian Fajitas with 50/50 Rice Broccoli & Sweetcorn Sliced Cheese, Apple & Biscuits Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Flatter	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice Vegetable Breadcrumbs Tomato & Onion Salad & Diced Cucumber Chocolate Cocoa Cookie Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Flatter
FRIDAY	Salmon Fish Finger / Fish Fingers, Chips & Tomato Sauce Cheese & Pepper White with Chips Baked Beans & Garden Peas Fruit & Yoghurt Station	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce Cheese & Pepper White with Chips Baked Beans & Garden Peas Fruit & Yoghurt Station	Fish Fingers, Chips & Tomato Sauce Red Pepper & Cheese Potatoes with Chips Chicken Peas & Baked Beans Fruit & Yoghurt Station

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY...

Bread
family baked on site daily

Daily salad selection
there will be a selection of salad items available daily

Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt
available daily

WE USE LOCALLY SOURCED INGREDIENTS WHEN AVAILABLE AND IN SEASON

All our menus are nutritionally analysed to ensure they meet and in some cases exceed the School Food Standards. We hope your child enjoys our food menus.

Menus could be subject to local change, please check your child's school for any late/quick change.

Vegetarian option

City link

Marine Stewardship Council details: www.msc.org
Chain of Custody Registration Code: MMTL C 3009

MARINE PROTECTION EVENT

SANDDOWN DINO ISLE SANDHAM GARDENS

BEACH ACTIVITIES

POSE WITH THE DINOSAURS (BRING A PLACARD)

FRIDAY 12TH APRIL 11AM

IN SUPPORT OF YOUTH STRIKE

Reach for the stars this Easter holiday!

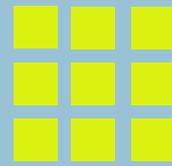
Listen to the magical story, **Jacob Starke Loves the Dark** at Waterstones, Newport on Wednesday 17 April, at 3.30pm, read by the author & illustrator Peta Rainford

Make your own planet bookmark!

'It's difficult to convey what a triumph I think *Jacob Starke Loves The Dark* is. It's a wonderful book and I cannot recommend it highly enough.'

★★★★★
Linda's Book Bag

Sports News!



This week in PE...

EYFS – Cricket

Year 1 – Cricket

Year 2- Cricket

Y3, 3/4 & 4 - Hockey/ Netball

Year 5 & 6 - Hockey/ Table Tennis

Year 3 and 4 Girls Football Tournament

On Wednesday the Year 3 and 4 Girls football team travelled to Newport C of E Primary School for a friendly football tournament. All of the girls played incredibly well and showed how much they had improved over the last few weeks. They also showed great team work and sportsmanship. Well done girls!



Upcoming events

NEW Year 6 Interhouse Hockey Competition

26th April Year 5 and 6 Handball Competition

29th April Year 5 and 6 Handball Competition

30th April Year 2 Cricket Festival

30th April Year 5 Cricket Festival



Year 5 Inter-house Hockey

On Tuesday all children from year 5 participated in an inter-house hockey competition. Miss Moseley and Mr Ballard were really impressed with how the children put into practise the skills they had been learning in previous lesson as well as working as a team.

Stirling – Red, Yellow, Green, Blue
Edinburgh – Red, Green, Blue Yellow
Well done to everyone who took part!

Mr Ballard and Miss Moseley would like to say well

done to all pupils this term you have all done amazing! Keep up the hard work for next term!

Over the Easter Holiday try and stay active, get outside and enjoy some time playing sports!

Keep on Practicing!