

# NINE ACRES NEWS



'Striving for Excellence

#### Friday 15th September 2023

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Dear Families of Nine Acres,

Another great week with another amazing attendance alert, 97% whole school attendance and 7 classes reaching 100% attendance on Thursday this week. Well done #teamnineacres



By now, your child should have brought home their knowledge organiser which gives you an insight into their curriculum learning this half term. Do take a look and we welcome any extra learning from home to celebrate and share in school.

On this note we had a wonderful Friday celebration assembly with brownie awards, swimming certificates, sailing experiences, beach football celebrations and home learning. Congratulations to them all!! Don't forget to check our Facebook page so you can also join in those celebrations of our children #1%extra.

We are looking forward to welcoming our EYFS families to our phonics sessions on Thursday 21st September 2023. These sessions will help you in understanding how we teach your child to read - it is important to us and your child that you attend so we can work together.

In addition, we will be holding an early Year 6 SATs meeting on Wednesday 27th September 2023 for our families in Year 6 as we want to share with you just how high the expectations are in ensuring your child is ready for Secondary School. We had a fantastic turn out for our Year 6 challenge sessions after school on Tuesday which demonstrates a great **commitment to the children's future success.** 



On Friday 22nd September 2023 we will be holding an afternoon of representation, acceptance and appreciation of different cultures in our community. Families will receive a letter to share which country and culture their class or year group will be celebrating. On our Nine Acres Culture Day there will be fun activities for the children to participate in including learning new languages and the opportunity to learn and respect other people's cultures from our very own Nine Acres community. This is not a mufti day but children who have traditional dress from the countries studied on this day are welcome to come in to school in these. The aim is to make

everyone feel proud of who they are and what they represent but know we all belong to the Nine Acres family.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Dyer

**Development Days** 

Friday 1st September 2023 - DEVELOPMENT DAY Tuesday 2nd Jan 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY Friday 21st June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY Friday 26th July 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

1 more Development Day to be allocated.





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



#### <u>SEPTEMBER 2023</u>

Wed 20th Sept 2023 - Christ the King College Open Evening for Year 6 Families 5.00-7.00pm. NEW Thurs 21st Sept 2023 - EYFS Phonics Sessions. NEW Fri 22nd Set 2023 - European Languages Day. Tues 26th Sept 2023 - Medina College Open Evening for Year 6 Families - 5.00-8.00pm. NEW Wed 27th Sept 2023 - Year 6 SATS Information Session. Thurs 28th Sept 2023 - Carisbrooke College Open Evening for Year 6 Families - 5.00-8.00pm. <u>NEW Wed 4th Oct 2023</u> - Ryde Academy Open Evening for Year 6 families - Presentations begin at 4.30pm & 4.45pm followed by tours of the school. <u>NEW Thurs 5th October 2023</u> - The Bay C of E Open Evening for Year 6 families 5.00-7.30pm. 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. <u>NEW Fri 1st Dec 2023</u> - Mufti Day for the Christmas Fayre. <u>NEW Fri 8th Dec 2023</u> - Christmas Fayre. <u>NEW Tues 12th Dec 2023</u> - EYFS Nativity - Afternoon Performance. NEW Wed 13th Dec 2023 - EYFS Nativity - Morning Performance. <u>NEW Wed 13th Dec 2023</u> - KS1 Nativity - Afternoon Performance. NEW Thurs 14th Dec 2023 - KS1 Nativity - Morning Performance. <u>NEW Tues 19th Dec 2023</u> - Early Closing at 1.00pm Wed 20th Dec - Mon 1st Jan 2024 - Christmas Holidays. Tues 2nd Jan 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

# Diary Dates 2023/2024 Continued

#### FEBRUARY 2024

Mon	12th	Feb	_	Fri	16th	Feb	2024	_	February	Half
Term										

#### MARCH 2024

<u>NEW Thurs 7th March 2024</u> - WORLD BOOK DAY.

<u>NEW Thurs 28th March 2024</u> - Early closing at 1.00pm.

<u>Fri 29th March 2024</u> - Good Friday - School closed to pupils.

<u>APRIL 2024</u>

<u>Mon 1st April 2024</u> - Bank Holiday Monday - School closed to pupils.

<u>Mon 1st April - Friday 12th April 2024 - Easter</u> <u>Holidays.</u>

#### MAY 2024

<u>Mon 6th May 2024</u> - Bank holiday - School closed to pupils.

<u>NEW Week commencing 13th May 2024</u> - KS2 SATS. <u>NEW Week commencing 20th May 2024</u> - KS1 SATS. <u>Mon 27th May 2024</u> - Bank Holiday - School closed to pupils.

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

<u>NEW Thurs 20th June 2024</u> - Summer Fayre. Fri 21st June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

<u>NEW Mon 24th June & Tues 25th June 2024</u> - Year 6 Leavers Trip.

#### JULY 2024

<u>NEW Thurs 4th July 2024</u> - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day. <u>NEW Fri 5th July 2024</u> - KS2 Sports Day.

Fri 26th July 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

<u>Mon 29th July 2024 - Fri 31st Aug 2024 - Summer</u> <u>Holidays.</u>

New dates will be added - Please check the box for <u>NEW</u> to see any added dates.

# SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2024

This week, secondary school application letters have been sent by email to families of children in Year 6. In this letter, you will find the details for making an application online for September 2024.

Please ensure your application is submitted by midnight on Tuesday 31st October 2023.





# Believe - Inspire - Excel



# Year 7 Open Evening

THE BAY CE SCHOOL

## Thursday 5th October 2023, 5.00-7.30pm

Presentation at 5.00pm and 6.00pm followed by tours of the Secondary School



Open Morning: Tuesday 10th October, 9.00-11.00am, please call to book an appointment

Contact us for more information; Telephone: 01983 403284 Email; office@bayceschool.org Website: bayceschool.org

## Have you moved house or

## have a new number?

Have you moved house recently or do you have a new mobile phone number. It is vitally important that we have the correct

information on file in case we need to contact you during school hours.







We look forward to welcoming you on the evening.

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contactus@irydeacademy.org



www.rydeacademy.org



On Wednesday, the staffing team underwent training from the new Primary Behaviour Service on recognising children's different behaviours and reflecting on strategies to support emotional regulation in school. We know that we have to be flexible to meet the needs of our individual children.

It was interesting to hear the effects on children's behaviour when they have spent the morning <u>before</u> coming to school on a mobile or tablet playing games. This meant that the children's brains were already over stimulated and highly over loaded which then means they struggle to begin their day focussed and in a place ready to learn. I wonder if we could work together in partnership with you to trial limiting screen time <u>before</u> coming into school and see if that helps our children settle so they can access learning. I know mornings can be very busy but having a positive conversation with your child about their day and what they are looking forward to may really help your child's mind-set and well-being.





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.



We would like to welcome Danish to Nine Acres Primary

SCHOOL DETAILS

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.

# **Individual Photographs**

Our school photographers will be in all day on <u>Monday 16th</u> <u>October & Tuesday 17th October 2023</u> 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.

# 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.

# **ENRICHMENT CLUB**



The Enrichment Clubs for Autumn Term 1 began on <u>Monday 11th September</u>

<u>2023</u>. 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 <u>enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk</u> to book places. Thank you.



# 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 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

## <u>Year 5 and Year 6</u>

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 <u>Summer Term</u> 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



### 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.



For children in Year 3 and above the school dinner price has increased from September 2023 to  $\underline{F2.60}$  per meal.

The cost for a weeks dinners is £13.00.



<u>An introduction to Helping Hands</u> (Nine Acres Parent Teacher Association).

Studies show that there is a direct link between parental involvement and how well children do, so why not get involved from the start!

#### Why do we have a PTA?

It is an integral part of the school community - raising money which is spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's educational experience.

However, Helping Hands is about much more than simply fundraising – it also exists to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff and families together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal.

#### How we raise money

Like most PTAs, the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run. Some of our most popular events are Pumpkin Carving Competition, Halloween Disco, Christmas Fayre, Valentine Disco and Summer Fayre.

#### How we spend the money we raise

Funds are typically spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting. Some of the items we have recently donated to the school are ... new reading books, gazebos, art trolley, PE equipment, musical instruments, a contribution towards the back playground (equipment and markings) as well as every year, providing a chance for every child to visit Santa and receive a Christmas present and a Celebration for our Year 6 children when they are leaving.

More communications from us can be found weekly in the school newsletter and every parent is welcome to join us at our monthly meetings. If you would like to know more, please contact us via email on <u>helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk</u> or leave a message for us at the school office.

> We look forward to seeing you soon! Helping Hands

#### Helping Hands Meeting

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

# SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S ENTAL HEA 10 Conversation Starters for Parents ig about mental health to children is sometimes hard. To the point that we can put off g the subject, not wanting to unearth problems or raise overwhelming subjects that reelve our child is too young or not ready for. But rather than keeping children in the this guide is designed to help you confidently talk about mental health, so they feel rtable talking about their own worries and end any stigma before it begins. National Online NOS #WakeUpWednesday 6 TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH NATURALLY LISTEN EMPATHISE ASK TWICE 7 Are you sure? THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A STUPID QUESTION HELP YOUR CHILD FEEL SAFE MIND YOUR LANGUAGE **BE OPEN AND HONEST** %!#6 KNOW WHEN TO SEEK HELP IT IS OK TO SAY 'I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO NEXT' of that it is likely they wi Sources of Information and Support Meet our expert www.nationalonlinesafety.com Twitter - @natonlinesafety Facebook - /NationalOnlineSafety Users of this mulde do so at

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.



Flu Immunisations

Our Flu Immunisations are due to be held on

<u>Tuesday 7th Nov 2023</u> during the school day. More details will be out soon.



# **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

<u>Wednesday 8th</u> <u>November 2023</u> to watch The Smeds and the Smoos & Superworm.



Year 3/4 Cinema Trip

Wednesday 22nd

November 2023 to

watch Early Man.

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#### Year 2 Cinema Trip

<u>Friday 17th</u> <u>November 2023</u> to watch Paddington.



Year 5/6 Cinema Trip

<u>Thursday 23rd</u> <u>November 2023</u> to watch Epic Tales.



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.





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



Whole school attendance target 97%. Dates: 08/09/2023 - 14/09/2023

#### Attendance Lates

Carisbrooke:	99.00%
armouth:	98.67%
Biggleswade	95.33%
Corfe	96.43%
Balmoral:	96.00%
Windsor:	97.59%
Arundel:	97.86%
Bamburgh:	98.97%
Kendal:	98.67%
Warwick:	97.99%
Edinburgh:	95.17%
Stirling:	98.62%
Durham:	99.62%
/ork:	92.90%

Well done <u>DURHAM CLASS!</u> Whole school attendance this week is: <u>97.31%</u>

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.



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# **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. Barcodes letters to pay via Paypoint in a local shop are available on request at the office.



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-supermood-movers-wellbeing/zpxc3j6



Nail Varnish in school

A reminder that nail varnish is not acceptable or suitable for school. Please remove this before the school week begins.

## 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.



If there are any parents or friends of Nine Acres who would be willing to help us paint our school hall to help make this a better environment for our children particularly for lunchtime use please let the office know. We need our community for this project!

# 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.



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.





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!